

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of August 15, 2023

Prepared by Alison Freeman

Note: These are not official minutes -- -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site following Board approval at the next meeting.

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The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard member Jon Collins, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald, were together in the Town Office. Selectboard member Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 6 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of July 25th, 2023, were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

Most Important/Interesting Items: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- Harbormaster Hanstein provided an update on the derelict vessel, S/V Whisper. The vessel will remain on the ledge where it is only visible at low tide. The mast was removed and the offer of a lower cost “training” option for removal was withdrawn. There are no options available for reimbursement or grants for the \$30-50K cost of removal and disposal. The Harbormaster has spoken to many entities, including BIW, in an effort to find someone to remove the derelict vessel
- The Tier Two Cultivation License Renewal for Lighthouse Farms LLC, Sarah Valencik, was approved
- The Town Administrator reported on a letter from Dave Polito regarding First Church. The full letter will be appended to the meeting minutes when the minutes are approved and posted on the Town website.
- The Selectboard approved a proposal from the Town Administrator to create a Town of Georgetown YouTube channel. Future Zoom meetings, hearings, and presentations will be recorded and posted to the YouTube channel so people may watch them anytime
- Maine Audubon sent an invitation to volunteer at Newman Sanctuary from 9am to noon on 8/29/2023 to remove invasive plants
- Franklin McDonald was reappointed to the Recreation Committee
- Assessor Pat Dow is still working in Town on pre-commitment pickup work

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Conservation Commission	Monday August 14th	6:30pm ZOOM
Planning Board	Wednesday, August 16th	7pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, August 29th	7pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 29th The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day.

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Community Cupboard

Thanks to, and due to, the generosity of others, the Georgetown Community Center is able to offer a monthly food pantry to all town members.

The pantry will be held at the Community Center and open the last Monday (usually!) of the month, from 3 PM til 5 PM.

Limited items available will include:

- Bread
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Rice
- Beans
- Cheese
- Snacks and more.

We encourage and welcome anyone from Georgetown in need to come to our pantry.

*No income verification necessary.

We will begin August 28th.
September 25th
October 24th



FALL FROLIC & *Art Show*

SEPTEMBER 16TH 9AM - 2PM

**REID STATE PARK
East Beach/Group Pavilion**

9:30am Fun Run

10:00am Beach Walk

10:30am Yoga

10am-2pm Art Show (door prizes)

Kids Art Studio, Lawn Games, Lots
of Food and Drinks

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL GEORGETOWN RESIDENTS

Tickets available starting September 1st at
multiple locations including Transfer Station,
Town Office & Rec Com Members.



Georgetown

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPAGHETTI

DINNER

Sponsored by the

Georgetown Fire Department Auxiliary

Saturday, October 7, 2023

5:00 to 6:30 pm

Adults: \$6.00 Children under 6: Free

Georgetown Community Center

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Hybrid meeting held via ZOOM for public and at the Town Office for SB Members who wish.
Please email gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM login info.

*indicates copy provided to Selectmen

***INDICATES THE NEED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE**

Call to order:

Public comment:

Items to be added to agenda (if approved by chair and board):

Scheduled appointments:

- Harbormaster Hanstein re: Whisper (*see Old Business*) @ 7:15pm
- Lighthouse Farms LLC, Sarah Valencik re: Tier Two Cultivation License Renewal (*see New Business*) @ 7:30pm

Minutes:

- Minutes of July 25th Meeting for review and approval* *****

Review:

- Sagadahoc County Dispatch Numbers*

Assessing items:

- Update – Pat Dow is still working in Town on pre-commitment pickup work.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Dave Polito re: First Church*
- Invite to volunteer at Newman Sanctuary from Maine Audubon*
- Letter from Dept. of Environmental Protection re: Sand Dunes*
- Bulletin from the Georgetown Community Center re: Community Cupboard*
- Bulletin from the Age Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec re: Opportunity*
- Email from LIPHEAP requesting meeting space*
- Agenda for August 16th School Committee Meeting*

Other Correspondence: None

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping: None

Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications :

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals* :

PBR / NRPA : none

Town Administrator Update

Finance Director Update

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- July 6 Recreation Committee Meeting*

Membership:

- Reappoint Franklin McDonald to the Recreation Committee*

Liaison Updates:

Board Member Updates:

Mr. Donaldson:

Mr. Collins:

Ms. Tudor:

Old Business:

- S/V Whisper update – Email from Harbormaster*
- Code Enforcement Officer Update
- Ordinances back from legal for review – nothing to report
- FEMA Grant Update
- Gulf of Maine Research Lease Question – follow up discussion*
- Ordinance Fee Schedule Discussion

New Business:

- Tier Two Cannabis Cultivation License Renewal, Lighthouse Farms LLC*
- Proposal From Fire Chief Whalen to Purchase Squad Truck*
- Zoom Proposal from Town Administrator*

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session: *Under 1 MRS §405(6)(if needed)*

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

Conservation Commission	Monday August 14 th	6:30pm ZOOM
TOPMB	Tuesday, August 15 th	4pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, August 15 th	7pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, August 16 th	7pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, August 29 th	7pm HYBRID