

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday October 29, 2024

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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These notes, and the full agenda for the meeting, are available at SingingBridge.net as a PDF.

Recordings of Selectboard meetings are available on the Town's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>

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 Members Bronwen Tudor and Aria Eee were on Zoom. There were 15, members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2024 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.

- 7:05pm – Meeting with the Town-Owned Property Management Board regarding Working Waterfront Resiliency Grant. The Selectboard authorized funds to be withdrawn from the reserve fund for restoration of the south shore. The funds will be returned to the reserve fund when the grant funds are received
- The November and December Meeting Schedule was revised (see below)
- Fire Chief Whalen gave an update regarding equipment status and the high volume of calls. One recent ambulance call was handled by Bath because no responders were available from GFD. Talks between the GFD and Selectboard are ongoing regarding the challenges of maintaining enough responders. This is not a problem unique to Georgetown.

Correspondence:

The Town Administrator reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

Members of the public may come to the Town Office to read the correspondence items listed here.

The most interesting items were:

- State of Maine – DOT - Municipal Resiliency Grant Agreement (Town)
- State of Maine – DOT - Municipal Partnership for Resiliency Grant Agreement (Co-Op)
- State of Maine – MEMA – Hazard Mitigation Officer leaving
- Town of Georgetown – GVFD – Email from Chief re: Ambulance backup
- Citizen – Letter from Bill Webster re: Town Governance
- CMP – Email Update re: Old Schoolhouse Road Poll 2
- Funding Request – Spectrum Generations

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Recreation Committee	Monday, November 4th	6:00pm HYBRID
Election Day	Tuesday, November 5th	8:00am to 8:00pm IN PERSON
Please note that the Town Office will be closed on Election Day.		
Planning Board	Wednesday, November 6th	7:00pm HYBRID
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11th	Office Closed
Select Board	Tuesday, November 19th	6:00pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, December 3rd	7:00pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, December 17th	6:00pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, November 19th. 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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2024 NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION:

Maine Absentee Ballot Request

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN CLICK ABOVE LINK TO REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOTS?
ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE SENT OUT ON OCTOBER 7. THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN
ABSENTEE BALLOT IS OCTOBER 31.

Want to know more about the upcoming Referendum Questions? Click this link for the Secretary of State's
Citizen's Guide: Citizens Guide 11.5.2024 FINAL.pdf (maine.gov)

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, October 29, 2024 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:

- 7:05pm – Meeting with the Town-Owned Property Management Board regarding Working Waterfront Resiliency Grant*

Minutes:

- Minutes of October 15th Meeting for review and approval*

Review:

- September Financials*
- September Hauling Numbers*

Assessing items:

- State of Maine - Sales Analysis Return – notice received*
- Mapping completed and inbound

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Other Correspondence: none

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping:

Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications:

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*:

PBR / NRPA :

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- TOPMB Minutes

Membership:

Liaison Updates:

- Mr. Collins:
- Ms. Tudor:
- Ms. Eee

Board Member Updates:

- Mr. Collins:
- Ms. Tudor:
- Ms. Eee

Town Administrator Update

Finance Director Update

Fire Chief Update

Old Business:

- Determinations (and prioritizations) on Energy Audit Projects for ARPA Funds

New Business:

- Setting the November and December Meeting Schedule
- Any appropriate action from joint meeting with the TOPMB

Items For Signature:

- Tax Anticipation Note Documents
 - Note – We will need full Select Board to sign.

Public comment:

Executive Session:

- Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(C) – Executive Session pursuant to Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

Town Owned Property Manag	Tuesday, October 29 th	6:30pm IN PERSON
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It's Happening....
Our Annual Pumpkin Carving!

If you like carving pumpkins, this is your chance! Please join us on **Halloween from 12-3:00** (or until the pumpkins are gone) and carve pumpkins for our lighted display. It is free and all for fun and to delight the Trick-or-Treaters as they make the crazy candy dash. If you can (not required) please bring treats to add to the basket for the kiddos. **Bring tools to carve with** and put your carving hat on! If possible please let me know if you can make it so I can gauge the number of pumpkins.

Where?

Five Islands Farm
1375 Five Islands Rd.
Georgetown, ME

When?

Thursday October 31st



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

This fall at GCC!

19 Old Schoolhouse Road

Stuff-Your-Own-Scarecrow Party!

Saturday October 19th, Rain Date October 20th

1-3 PM

**Clothes and hay/leaves provided OR bring
your own outfit!**

Doughnuts & Cider

Pizza & Trick-or-Treat

**Thursday October 31st at 5 til we
run out!**

Pizza, etc, and CANDY!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A TRICK-OR-TRUNKER
AROUND THE SQUARE IN FIVE ISLANDS, PLEASE EMAIL the
Rec Committee at georgetownmainerecreation@gmail.com.

Join us at GCC for a WICKED good time!





GEORGETOWN YOGA

FREE TO RESIDENTS

Join local instructor Andrea Reazer for a free monthly yoga class the second Sunday each month for the rest of the year!

Sept 8th
Oct 13th
Nov 10th
Dec 8th

Always at 1pm
GCS Gym
Please bring your own mat,
towel and water

Sponsored by the Georgetown Recreation Committee

Donations Welcomed

OPERATION PREPARATION: STORM READINESS IN GEORGETOWN



Wednesday, November 13th
at 7pm on ZOOM



HOSTS: The Georgetown Conservation Commission and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT)

INVITEES: EVERYONE who would like to learn how to best prepare for storms in mid-coast Maine

LOCATION: ZOOM Presentation, register at link below

PRESENTATION: Emily Setser, a specialist and meteorologist from NOAA's Disaster Preparedness team, will share her presentation Operation Preparation: Georgetown. This presentation will be recorded and sent out to all who register. We look forward to learning together about ways that we can prepare for our next mid-coast storm.

Register at this link:
<https://bit.ly/stormreadiness>

Georgetown Community Center, Inc.

Have you heard about the Community Cupboard at GCC?

Open to any Georgetown resident, we are offering these staple items on a once monthly Monday afternoon. Help us get the word out!! When you come to the Community Cupboard, a sheet is available with the list below and you can choose the items you'd like in the bag. It is 100% confidential. We do not ask for your name or address or any financial info. Can't get to us? Send an email to Tiffany at Thetiffanystudio@yahoo.com and we will make arrangements to get a bag to you.

Number in Household _____

Please Check or Circle Items you would like below:

- Skippy Peanut Butter
 - Creamy
 - Chunky
- Smucker's Jelly
 - Grape
 - Strawberry
- Box Cereal
 - Honey Nut Cheerios
 - Cinnamon Toast Crunch
- 1 lb Box of Spaghetti
- Prego Italian Sauce
- Box Shells w/ Cheese
- White Minute Rice
- Quaker Instant Oatmeal
- Complete Pancake Mix
- Maple Syrup
- White Bread

Canned Items

- Green Beans
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Sweet Peas
- Bush Baked Beans
- Bush Black Beans
- Bumblebee Tuna
- Spaghetti O's w/Meatballs
- Campbells Tomato Soup
- Campbells Chicken Noodle Soup

Community Cupboard



*LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!

August 26th

September 30th

October 28th

November 25th

December 30th

3-5 PM

CHOCOLATE CHURCH ARTS CENTER

**HAUNTED
RACTIME
HALLOWEEN**

- **COSTUMES**
- **HAUNTED PHOTO BOOTHS**
- **SWING DANCE LESSONS**
- **CONCERT AND DANCING**
- **FOOD TRUCK**
- **DR. GASP**

**NOVEMBER 1ST
FROM 5:30PM - 10PM**

804 Washington St. Bath, ME
chocolatechurcharts.org



SUSTAINABILITY CAFE

Do you want to live more sustainably - but feel overwhelmed or confused about how to do so? We're excited to help! Sponsored by Brunswick's Sustainability Committee, the Sustainability Cafe is available for free, drop-in counseling to answer questions about:

Home energy bills
& household
energy efficiency



Composting,
Recycling, &
Reducing
waste



Renewable
technologies:
solar, heat
pumps, EVs, etc



Native
landscaping
strategies &
Rewilding



Ways to get
engaged with
sustainability
actions



Public resources or
subsidies to pay for
sustainable actions



If you have a question we can't answer, we can research for you!

Please drop in to our next cafe on:

**2nd Saturday of each month, 10am-12pm in
room 206 Curtis Memorial Library**

For any questions, please contact: abby.westberry@nyu.edu