

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

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 members, Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, Town Administrator, Amanda Campbell, and Finance Director, Mary MacDonald, 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 October 11, 2022 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.

- Tax commitment information was reviewed and discussed. The Selectboard set the mil rate at 8.84 for the 2022-23 tax bills
- A workshop was scheduled for November 28 at 7pm at the request of the GVFD. The proposed agenda will include discussion of the 3-5 year plan that is under consideration, review and discussion of the latest draft MOU, and a report from the finance director
- All other items were tabled until the next Selectboard meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Planning Board	Wednesday November 2	7pm HYBRID
Shellfish Committee	Thursday November 3	7pm OFFICE
Select Board	Tuesday November 8	7pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday November 10	7pm ZOOM
Conservation Commission	Monday November 14	6:30pm HYBRID
TOPMB	Tuesday November 15	4pm OFFICE
School Committee	Wednesday November 16	5pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday November 16	7pm HYBRID

Meeting with Committee Chairs Wednesday November 9 7pm HYBRID

ELECTION DAY 11/8 – POLLS WILL BE OPEN 8AM-8PM & THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 11/23-24 FOR THANKSGIVING

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 8. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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From: James Peavey
Age Friendly Georgetown
Subject: Broadband "Lighting Up" Celebration Wednesday,
Date: November 2, 2022 4:47:30 PM

A very nice event this afternoon at the Town Office to celebrate Georgetown's amazing accomplishment of getting a broadband program up and running. A team of many people has been working on this for well over 5 years and that accomplishment was recognized and appreciated. The Georgetown model has shown that a community can make great things happen when they come together. There is now a 60% "take rate" and they believe it will go to 70% by the time the installs are done. Axiom described that as "unheard of". Our town is very fortunate to have had this group who made it happen.

Jim



From: [James Peavey](#)
To: [James Peavey](#)
Bcc: alf@alf.im
Subject: Gleaning Program
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:24:32 AM
Attachments: [Food Sharing Tables.png](#)

Recently, our 2022 gleaning program came to a close. We had a very successful year, with an average of 30 participants each week. The Merrymeeting Gleaners provided an amazing array of fresh local vegetables each week. That was wonderfully supplemented by generous donations from several of our friends and neighbors sharing the bounty of their Georgetown gardens. Thanks to the volunteers that make this work so well, week after week. We'll look forward to starting up again in the spring, once the early crops start to produce produce. In the interim see the second image below. They Gleaners continue to deliver items to a number of Sharing Tables, two of which are in Bath. Jim

The Georgetown Gleaning Table



Sharing Tables

'22-'23 winter schedule

Brunswick - Curtis Memorial Library

Tuesdays, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Bath (2 Locations)

Patten Free Library - Tuesdays, 12pm - 12:30pm

Bath YMCA - Thursdays, 9am - 12pm

Topsham - Topsham Public Library

Wednesdays, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

The Sharing Tables are unmanned tables of free produce available for anyone to take from anonymously.

Please take whatever you can use!

MCHPP offers a variety of food assistance services that are **open to all**. Visit www.mchpp.org for more information!