

## Report on the Selectboard Meeting of November 20, 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.

Please email me at [news@singingbridge.net](mailto:news@singingbridge.net) with any questions, comments, or requests to subscribe to the list. To unsubscribe, simply follow the instructions at the bottom of this email.

These notes, and the full agenda for the meeting, are available at [SingingBridge.net](http://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 Rich Donaldson were on Zoom. There were 12, members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 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.

- This meeting was rescheduled from 11/14 when the meeting was disrupted by a power and internet outage shortly after the meeting began
- Bill Van Tuinen, Assessing Agent, provided an update to the Board at 7:15pm regarding the proposed paper valuation. He explained what the coefficient of dispersion is and why the diversity of properties in Georgetown makes it difficult to reach the goal of 20 in the current valuation, the proposed paper valuation, or a full reevaluation. *Recordings of Selectboard meetings are available on the Town's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>*
- After much discussion the Selectboard (SB) approved a motion to keep the current property valuation and include a note with the property tax bills explaining that the valuation will be adjusted in 2024. The SB will set the mil rate at the 11/28 meeting. The SB understands this is a very complex subject and intends to hold an informational session in the new year. It was mentioned several times that at Town Meeting the citizens approved a 2023-2024 Town Budget that increased after many years of a flat budget. Property taxes will show an increase this year to cover the approved budget whether using the current property valuation or if the paper valuation had been used
- Ole Jaeger has stepped down as the chair of the Board of Appeals. Aria Eee will take over as chair. The Selectboard expressed their gratitude to Ole for his years of service

### Correspondence:

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

The most interesting items were:

- Letter from FEMA re: upcoming risk mapping assessment in St. George / Sheepscot Watershed
- State of Maine Revenue Svcs. – Certified Letter re: Personal Property Taxes\*
- October Incident Report from Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office\*
- Maine Municipal Health Trust – Letter updating rates\*
- Funding Requests
  - Letter from LifeFlight of Maine requesting funding
  - Letter form NewHope of MidCoast Maine requesting funding
- Tedford Housing's Fall 2023 Newsletter

Public Comment:

- Pamela Gunnell expressed concern about the fairness of Georgetown's property valuation. Her comment was well researched and complex. It can be seen in full on the recorded meeting on the Town's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>
- Alison Freeman spoke regarding an incident that occurred at the Transfer Station (TS) in October. She referenced a letter the Solid Waste Committee (SWC) sent to the Selectboard (SB) to express their dismay that the SB did not show more support for the staff at the TS in a letter the SB sent to the citizens involved in the incident. Alison said "If we allow angry, aggressive behavior to stand without reprisal it will become the norm. Let us instead nurture the kindness and respect shown by the TS staff in an effort to resolve the situation when it began." (the SWC's letter will be included in the minutes from this meeting when they are approved and posted)
- Aria Ee thanked Sharon & Bob Trabona for the gift of a Christmas tree for the 12/16 harbor event
- Bob Trabona expressed gratitude for Ole Jaeger's years of service to the Town. He also expressed concern that the Selectboard's decision to hold off on revaluation would result in a reduction in homestead and veteran's exemptions in a year when taxes will increase because of the increase in the Town's budget
- Chris Martin thanked the Selectboard for their due diligence on the property tax valuation issue

Upcoming Events/Dates:

TOPMB	Tuesday, November 21	4:00pm IN PERSON
Select Board	Tuesday, November 28	7:00pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 28. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. E-mail [gtwnme@hotmail.com](mailto:gtwnme@hotmail.com) for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day.

Prepared and distributed by Alison Freeman



# Georgetown recreation department



Nov 1 at 12:09 PM · 🌐

Pickleball will be moving indoors starting this weekend on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 AM - 11 AM, unless otherwise notified. We'll tape lines on the Central School gymnasium floor and the net will be setup for your enjoyment. Rackets and balls will be provided.

Pickleball has become a great social event for our town. Skill level and age make no difference. It's truly a game for all skill levels and ages. Take a look at this video to learn a little bit about the game and come and have fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqLRRNOpe8U>



Pickleball





# GCC HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

**SHOP LOCALLY!**

LOCAL CRAFTERS WILL BE SELLING A  
GREAT VARIETY OF HOMEMADE GIFTS,  
PHOTOGRAPHS, TREATS AND MORE!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH  
11AM - 2 PM  
19 OLD SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD  
GEORGETOWN**





# 2023 Winter Holiday Resources



United Way  
of Mid Coast Maine

Sagadahoc County, Brunswick, Harpswell & Freeport

**Berean Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas;** Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 23rd at noon. Call **725-2648** for a reservation by the 17th.

**Bath Area Food Bank; Thanksgiving Meal Box;** Certificates and boxes will come directly from the food bank. These boxes are for families of 2+. Certificates are available November 7th through the 16th. Boxes must be picked up Friday, 11/17 (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). Please do not pick up a certificate if you can't pick up on the 17th. We are only giving out 200 boxes... first come first serve. We are located at 807 Middle Street in Bath.

**Freeport Community Services Thanksgiving Meal – all welcome.** FCS hosts a community Thanksgiving Day meal at the Freeport Community Center with many wonderful volunteers serving hot delicious meals prepared by one of our local restaurants. Thanksgiving boxes complete with a turkey and lots of fixings are provided to those families who wish to prepare their meal at home. Hot Thanksgiving meals are delivered to our neighbors who are housebound to help them celebrate Thanksgiving Day. To sign up for a box or dinner, please contact FCS Director of Programs, Amy Liechty **865-3985 x205** or **aliechty@fcsmaine.org**.

**Harpswell Santa Fund for Harpswell Children's clothing & toys;** For Harpswell communities only (Cundy's Harbor, Great Island, Orr's Island, Bailey Island, Harpswell Neck). Asking for help is 100% confidential. Send requests to: **harpswellsantafund2019@gmail.com**. Please include your name, phone number, address, children's names, ages, clothing and shoe sizes and possible gift ideas.

**Mid Coast Hunger Prevention; Thanksgiving Meal Kits;** Thanksgiving meal kits are available to each household once during November. Pick up times in the month of November are Tuesdays (12:00-6:00 p.m.), Wednesdays (12:00-3:00 p.m.), Fridays (12:00-3:00 p.m.), and Saturdays (1:00-4:00 p.m.). The meal kit includes a \$10 gift card to a local supermarket and options for canned beans, canned corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, carrots, potatoes, and sweet potatoes. No need for pre-registration, just complete the required Food Pantry intake process. Also available through OrderAhead and for any family participating in MCHPP's grocery delivery program. Email MCHPP at **pantry@mchpp.org**, call **(207) 725-2716**, or visit us at **[www.mchpp.org/find-food](http://www.mchpp.org/find-food)**. We serve Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and Waldo Counties.

**Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association; Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner;** Thanksgiving Dinner served free of charge to residents of the Phippsburg and Bath area, on Thanksgiving Day, 11/23 (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). We will be doing delivery from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and pick-ups from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You can either call ahead for pick-up or come during the day of the dinner. We will be taking calls between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., from 11/16-11/22 to arrange rides, delivery and pick-up orders. Call Norma at **(207) 504-1227**. We are located at 272 Main Rd. in Phippsburg.



**The Press Herald Toy Fund in the Spirit of Bruce Robert;** The Fund has been active since 1949. We serve the counties of York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Lincoln, and Knox. We serve an average of 3500 children each year and cannot make exceptions to the county lines. The application deadline is December 1st, though best to apply sooner than later. Applications are accepted digitally at: <https://www.pressherald.com/2022/09/13/toyfundapplication/>. All information requested needs to be complete. We serve each child only once. If there are multiple applications for a child, our processors will make the decision on which adult receives the gifts. Pick up is in December in South Portland. Applicants will receive a letter with details.

**The Salvation Army Angel Tree; Bath-Brunswick;** For children ages 0-18 and still in high school. Please bring the following paperwork: photo id, birth certificate or Mainecare card, proof of income, and proof of all expenses. Additional information to bring: pj sizes, shoe sizes, and 3 gift suggestions under \$50 for each child. Appointments are available Mondays, 10/23 and 10/30, Wednesdays, 10/18, 10/25, and 11/1, and Thursdays, 10/19, 10/26, and 11/2, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CADAC22A2F49-44321085-2023?useFullSite=true#/>

## Lincoln County

**Boothbay Region Food Panty;** Food vouchers for the Boothbay Harbor Hannaford will be handed out at the pantry for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays this year. You'll need to be a pantry member in order to receive vouchers so be sure to join us right away! The vouchers are printed in advance! Thanksgiving voucher distribution: Saturday, November 11th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Christmas voucher distribution: Saturday, December 16th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Boothbay Region Food Pantry is located in the Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor. Open hours are on Fridays (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) to receive food and sign up for pantry services.

**Boothbay Region Food Pantry and Garden Club;** Christmas Trees. Sign up at the food pantry during open hours starting in November or by calling **207-350-2962**. Information needed will be your name, address, telephone #, artificial or real tree, # of children, and whether you need decorations, lights, and a tree stand.

**Caring for Kids Holiday Program for Bristol and South Bristol;** Toys, clothes, and books available. Call **677-3300**.

**Central Lincoln County Y - Community Giving Tree;** This program is a community-wide collaborative effort by local businesses, non-profits, and churches for residents in Damariscotta, Newcastle, Bristol, South Bristol, Jefferson, Whitefield, Nobleboro, Bremen, Friendship and Waldoboro. Applications are available at the Central Lincoln County YMCA and partner agencies. Please complete the form once for 2023 and return it to the Central Lincoln County YMCA or the partner agency where you received this form. Deadline is Saturday, November 18th.

**St Philip's Help Yourself Shelf-Wiscasset;** Thanksgiving pantry November 16th (2:30-5:30 p.m.); Christmas pantry December 21st (2:30-5:30 p.m.). Bags will include a variety of foods for the holiday meal. FMI **882-7184** or [helpyourselfshelf@gmail.com](mailto:helpyourselfshelf@gmail.com).



**Ecumenical Food Pantry; Thanksgiving Baskets;** If you live in Alna, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Newcastle, Nobleboro, South Bristol, Waldoboro, or Whitefield, please visit your town office by Tuesday, 11/9 to sign up.

**Nobleboro Fire Department: Toy Drive;** For residents of Nobleboro. Applications accepted from November 1st through December 1st. Provide child's name, age, and address. Call **563-8816**.

**Town of Waldoboro Emergency Services Departments – Annual Toy Program;** You can request toys or winter coats and boots by calling Tanya at the Town Office at **(207) 832-5369 ext. 0**. Requests must be in by 11/3. Pickup on Tuesday, 12/19 (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.).

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**Town of Waldoboro - Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets;** One request will cover both baskets. Submit your request at: [https://www.waldoboromaine.org/departments/community\\_navigation\\_assistance/thanksgiving\\_baskets.php](https://www.waldoboromaine.org/departments/community_navigation_assistance/thanksgiving_baskets.php) You can also call Tanya at **832-5369 ext. 0**. Requests must be made by November 3rd. Thanksgiving basket pick-up will be November 21st at the Town Office (12:00-6:00 p.m.). Christmas basket pick-up will be December 21st at the Town Office (11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).

**Tree of Giving Boothbay Region YMCA;** This program is a community wide collaborative effort by local businesses, non-profits, and churches. For children 18 years or younger. Request form is available at: <https://boothbayregionymca.org/treeofgiving.html>. Applications are available October 30th through November 13th. The deadline for returning applications is Tuesday, November 14th. For more information, contact Lindsey at [lsenecal@brymca.org](mailto:lsenecal@brymca.org) or **633-2855 ext. 250**.



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**Thomaston Inter-Church Fellowship Food Pantry;** Thanksgiving baskets are available to Thomaston residents who are signed up at the food pantry.

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# BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Monday, November 20, 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](mailto: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:**

- 7:15pm Update from Bill Van Tuinen, Assessing Agent (see Assessing items)

**Minutes:**

- Minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting for review and approval\***\***

**Review:**

- October 31 Financials\*

**Assessing items:**

- Bill Van Tuinen will provide an update to the Board at 7:15pm (see scheduled appointments above)

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from FEMA re: upcoming risk mapping assessment in St. George / Sheepscot Watershed
- State of Maine Revenue Svcs. – Certified Letter re: Personal Property Taxes\*
- October Incident Report from Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office\*
- Bulletin from MMA re: General Assistance Training
- Maine Municipal Health Trust – Letter updating rates\*
- Funding Requests
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**Other Correspondence:** none

**Continuing Items:** Nothing to report as of now.

**Town Administrator Update**

- Site Visit 11/9
- Site Visit 11/14
- MacMahan Update
- Town Website Update
- Town Calendar Update

- Election Update
- Other / TBD

**Finance Director Update**

**Committee Updates:**

Minutes:

Membership:






Liaison Updates:

- Mr. Collins:
- Mr. Donaldson:
- Ms. Tudor:

**Board Member Updates:**

- Mr. Collins:
- Mr. Donaldson:
- Ms. Tudor:

**Old Business:**

- Decision of whether to complete the paper revaluation\*
  - If yes to the above item, set date for special meeting to set a mil rate and commit taxes
  - If no to the above item, decision to set a mil rate and commit taxes
- Retroactive Appointment of Sharon Trabona as Warden for 11/8/23 election
- Retroactive Appointment of Catherine Collins as an Election Clerk for the 11/8/23 election

**New Business:**

- Replacement of the Town Administrator’s Computer

**Items For Signature:**

- Appointment Certificate of Sharon Trabona as Warden
- Appointment Certificate of Catherine Collins as an Election Clerk

**Public comment:**

**Executive Session:** *1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A) – Personnel Matter*

**Adjournment:**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS:**

Select Board	Tuesday, November 14	7:00pm HYBRID
DMR PUBLIC HEARING	Wednesday, November 15	1:00-4:00pm IN PERSON
Friends of Reid	Wednesday, November 15	4:00pm IN PERSON
School Committee	Wednesday, November 15	5:00pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, November 15	7:00pm HYBRID
TOPMB	Tuesday, November 21	4:00pm IN PERSON
Select Board	Tuesday, November 28	7:00pm HYBRID