

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of December 12, 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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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 Members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, and Town Administrator Tyler Washburn were together in the Town Office. Selectboard Member Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 14 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of November 28th, 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.

- There was a scheduled appointment with Terry Taylor from Georgetown Broadband LLC to discuss broadband at the Solid Waste Facility. After discussion it was agreed that there would be no charge for fiber installation at the Transfer Station and that the monthly fee for Georgetown Fire Department broadband service would be waived instead of the previously agreed upon monthly service credit for the First Church
- Tyler Washburn reported that the property tax bills have gone out and the dog licenses are due
- Tyler Washburn reported that the Spirit of America Ceremony has been moved to April
- Jon Collins reported that culverts were cleaned up after the recent storm, although the Charles Pond culvert needs more work

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:

- End of Session Update – Rep. Alison Hepler
- Legislative Update – Senator Eloise Vitelli
- Maine Dept. of Labor – e-Blast
- Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department - Incident Report – November
- Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department – Women's Self Defense Training Classes
- GVFD Monthly Newsletter - December
- MidCoast Council of Governments – November Newsletter

Public Comment:

- Jim Peavey reported on a successful meeting regarding the attainable housing initiative
- Dave Polito stated that the Solid Waste Committee has ordered Axiom internet service for the Transfer Station (TS) in anticipation of needing security cameras in the future and will replace the current phone service with VOIP at a lower cost
- Bob Trabona stated that there continues to be a lot of ice on Route 127 near the intersection with Bay Point Road, and other places, even when there is no precipitation

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Solid Waste Committee	Thursday, December 14th	7:00pm ZOOM
TOPMB	Tuesday, December 19th	4:00pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, December 20th	7:00pm HYBRID
Selectboard Meeting	Wednesday, December 27th	7:00pm HYBRID

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th
The Transfer Station will be only be **open** from **9am to 1pm** on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (Sunday)

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Wednesday December 27, 2023. 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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**Please join G-town Rec for a
Cookie and Ornament Exchange!**

**December 16th 1:00-3:00
Georgetown Community Center**

**Please bring a variety of 2-4 dozen homemade cookies
(the more you bake, the more you can take home).
Print out a copy of the recipe to place with your
cookies.**

Bring a large container to carry away your cookies.

**If you would like to participate in the ornament
exchange, bring one \$5 wrapped ornament
Please RSVP by Dec. 9 to Karen 910-364-3834 or
otr_3@hotmail.com**



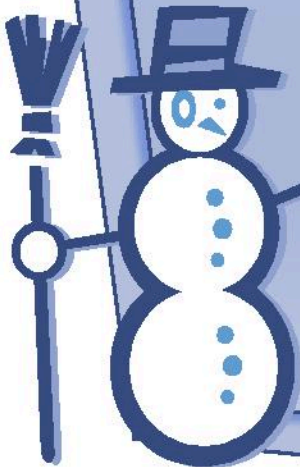
Emergency Community Outreach

Power outages, extreme cold, fires and flooding are all part of life in Georgetown. We are lucky to live in a place where family, friends, and neighbors pitching in and providing support as needed is the norm.

The collective groups who serve this town want to ensure that every Georgetown resident knows how to get help in the event of an emergency incident. While our reach is greater than it ever has been, we would really like to know all of our neighbors are being looked in upon, at the very least.

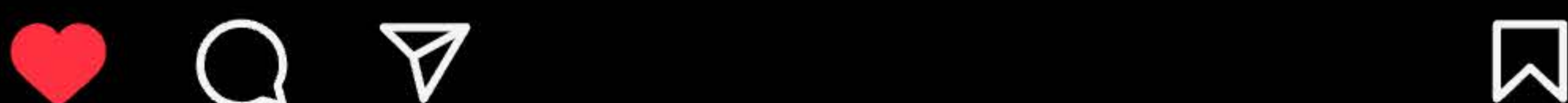
If you or someone you know would like to be included in an emergency contact system during a high-risk situation such as a power outage, forest fire, flood risk, or other urgent event, please let us know. We will then identify the means of contact that you prefer: a telephone call, email, or visit.

Please share this message with anyone you think might be interested. To opt in to this system, or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Peavey at gtagefriendly@gmail.com or 207-387-0440.





Fri & Sat nights starting Dec 8!



Liked by jane.does.know and 14 others
robinhoodfreemeetinghouse 🎄 🎄 Blitzen's Yule Bar is back! Holiday cocktails, festive nosh, cracking music, and merriment await you! Take a break from the holiday madness and raise a glass to the season. More info to follow along with details on the menu. Mark your calendars - there are just 6 dates! We can't wait to see you - it doesn't matter whether you've been naughty or nice! ★ Please note that we'll be collecting non-perishables for MidCoast Hunger Prevention.



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





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**. 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.



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
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 or **633-2855 ext. 250**.



Knox County

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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.

Please inform us of additional resources for future publishings by contacting hannah@uwmcm.org



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211 is where to start. It's FREE and confidential. You call – We listen

CALL 211

TEXT your zip code to 898-211
VISIT 211Maine.org

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, December 12, 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:

- Terry Taylor, Axiom Broadband, 7:15pm (see New Business item Discussion re: Broadband at the Solid Waste Facility).

Minutes:

- Minutes of November 28th Meeting for review and approval******

Review:

- November 30 Financials*

Assessing items:

- Municipal Valuation Return (due Jan 3rd)
- Tax Stabilization Update

Correspondence:

- End of Session Update – Rep. Alison Hepler
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- Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Department – Women’s Self Defense Training Classes
- GVFD Monthly Newsletter - December
- MidCoast Council of Governments – November Newsletter
- Maine Municipal Association – FOAA Training Notice – Dec. 18

Other Correspondence: none

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping: 114 Old Schoolhouse Road, Hymel (14U-017)

Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications: none

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*: none

PBR / NRPA : none

Town Administrator Update

- Spirit of America Ceremony – moved to April
- MMA Legal Services – notice for multiple Select Board Attendees at Town events
- FEMA Grant Update

- Other / TBD

Finance Director Update (TO BE TABLED)

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- Recreation Committee – November 7th
- Harbor Committee - November 9th

Membership:

Liaison Updates:

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



Board Member Updates:

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

Old Business:

- Fee Schedule Discussion
 - Sample Letter to Committees*
 - Sample Ordinance to begin discussion*

New Business:

- Discussion re: Broadband at the Solid Waste Facility* 
- Discussion re: payment to Addressing Officer / Emergency Management Director* **(TO BE TABLED)**
- Date of Second December Meeting 

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

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