Report on the Select Board Meeting of October 27, 2026

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 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 with the packet for the meeting, are available at SingingBridge.net as a PDF

Recordings of Select Board meetings are available on the Town's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Select Board Members Aria Eee, Katie Goodwin, and Kathy Gravino, and Town Administrator Tyler Washburn were together in the Town Office. There were 12, members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meetings of September 22 and October 13, 2026, 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.

- The Selectboard met with Alison Hepler and a member of the Sagadahoc Budget Advisory Committee regarding a request to pass a resolution related to the Sagadahoc County Budget processes. *The discussion was very interesting. This is an ongoing discussion involving the town governments in Sagadahoc County that will likely, eventually result in a draft resolution*
- There was discussion regarding creation of an Economic Sustainability Work Group
- Comprehensive Plan Check In – Chapters 7 through 13 were reviewed
- Recreational floats have been removed for the season

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. Most items are scanned in and included in the meeting packet that can be downloaded from the Town website before the meeting. The packet is also included in the Singing Bridge Meeting Reports at SingingBridge.net.

The most interesting items were:

- State of Maine - Continued Drought Notice
- State of Maine – Property Tax Division – Property Tax Academy
- Sagadahoc County Board of Assessment Review – Notice of Appeal
- Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative – Letter
- Patten Free Library Annual Report (1 copy at office)
- Bath Area Food Bank – Thanksgiving Food Drive Notice

Upcoming Events/Dates:

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The next meeting of the Select Board will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 10. The public is welcome to attend in person or on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day. The agenda and meeting packet are available, usually the Monday before a meeting, at: https://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=6611

Prepared and distributed by Alison Freeman

REMINDER –

The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot without a Special Circumstance, or to vote in the presence of the Clerk, is 5:00PM, Thursday October 29th!

All absentee ballots must be returned by 8PM on election day (the close of polls).

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd.

Polls are open from 8 AM until 8 PM.

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

When: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Time: 8 AM to 8PM

Where: 52 Bay Point Road

Absentee Ballots

Absentee voting is safe, secure, and convenient.

For the November 3, 2026 General Election absentee ballots will be available beginning October 5th through October 29 at 5pm.

You can request a ballot or vote early in one of the following ways:

• Complete an online request by going https://absenteeballotrequest.sos.maine.gov

• Call 371-2820 to request a ballot. The Town Clerk will fill out your application over the phone. If you get a message, leave your name and phone number and the Town Clerk will return your call. The application must be completed before a ballot can be mailed to you.

• Come to the Town Office and either vote in person or take your ballot to complete and return.

Any questions, call or email grgtwnclerk@yahoo.com.

The absentee ballot Drop Box at the Town Office will be available beginning the week of October 5th. The drop box is a secure and convenient way to submit your ballot and requires no postage.

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BATH AREA FOOD BANK

Heating Assistance

Mid Coast Maine 2026-2027

UNITED WAY
Mid Coast Maine

Bath Housing/Comfortably Home
(207) 295-3317, Safety checks/ accessibility modifications/minor repairs – Brunswick and Sagadahoc County bathhousing.org/comfortably-home

CMP Assistance
(800) 750-4000, Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP)
cmpco.com/account/waystopay/help-with-bill

Community Energy Fund of Lincoln County
Contact your town office in Lincoln County.

Community Housing Improvement Project (CHiP, Inc.)
(207) 380-9276, Fuel funds, Home repair & weatherization – Central and Eastern Lincoln County chipinc.org

Community Resource Council
(207) 350-1743, Fuel funds & wood – Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, Southport
crcboothbay.org/the-fuel-fund

Efficiency Maine
(866) 376-2463, Home repair & weatherization
efficiencymaine.com

Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine
(207) 504-9332, Home repair & weatherization – Brunswick, Harpswell, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties
habitat7rivers.org

Harpswell Heating Assistance
(207) 833-5771 ext. 108, Fuel funds–Bailey's Island, Cundy's Harbor, Great Island, Harpswell Neck, Orr's Island
harpswell.maine.gov/assistance

Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP)
(207) 859-1500, Weatherization and heat pumps – Central and Eastern Lincoln County, kvcap.org

Maine Energy Office
(207) 557-4439, Home repair & weatherization maine.gov/energy/initiatives/energy-efficiency

MaineHousing Home Accessibility & Repair Program
(207) 816-3550, Home repair grants, mainehousing.org/programs-services/HomeImprovement/

Midcoast Maine Community Action
(800) 221-2221 / (207) 442-7963 (option 1), LiHEAP, ECIP, and economic stability programs–Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties
midcoastmainecommunityaction.org/liheap-assistance

Midcoast Wood Bank
(207) 729-7331, Wood - Bath, Brunswick, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, Topsham,
midcoastwoodbank.org

The Opportunity Alliance/Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
(207) 553-5900, Fuel funds, Low In-come Home Energy Assistance Program (207)442-7094, (LIHEAP) – Cumberland County
opportunityalliance.org/ecip

Rebuilding Together-Lincoln County
(207) 380-5719, Home repair & weatherization, Boothbay region
rebuildingtogether-lc.org

The Salvation Army Bath-Brunswick
(207) 443-3611, Fuel funds–Brunswick and Harpswell, Sagadahoc County (excluding Richmond)
easternusa.salvationarmy.org/northern-new-england/bath-brunswick

Tedford Housing/Warm Thy Neighbor
(207) 729-1161 ext. 115, Fuel funds – Brunswick, Harpswell, Bailey Island, Cundy's Harbor, Lisbon Falls, Lisbon, Lisbon Center, Durham, & Sagadahoc County tedfordhousing.org/programs/heating-assistance

Town of Bowdoinham/Town Heat Fund
(207) 666-5531, Fuel funds
bowdoinham.com/general-assistance

Town of Phippsburg
(207) 389-2653 ext. 1201, 837-5471 (nights and weekends), Fuel funds
phippsburg.com

Town of Richmond
(207) 737-4305, ext. 202, Fuel funds
richmondmaine.com/departments/GeneralAssistance

Town of Topsham
(207) 725-5821, Fuel funds
topshammaine.com

Window Dressers
(207) 596-3073 ext. 5, Insulating window inserts
windowdressers.org

Woolwich Fuel Assistance Fund
(207) 442-7094 contact the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department after hours, Fuel funds
woolwich.us/heating-assistance/

For additional information contact 211

This guide can be downloaded or printed at www.uwmcm.org

211 Maine

Many thanks to the agencies for providing these services.

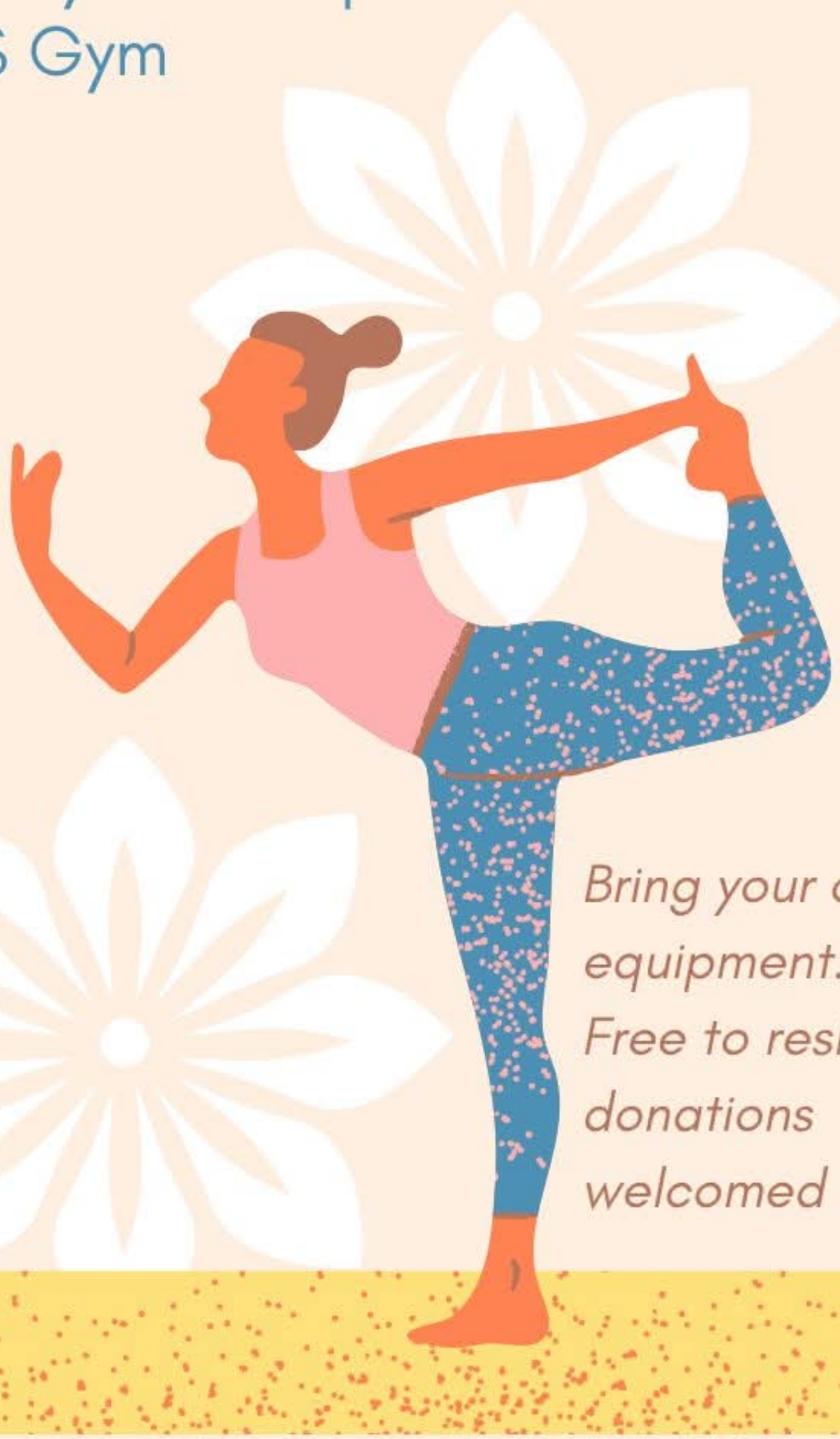
YOGA

COMMUNITY

Join us for yoga class!

Sundays @ 12:15pm

GCS Gym



Bring your own equipment. Free to residents; donations welcomed

Sponsored by Georgetown Rec Committee

Check our Facebook page for cancellations/changes!

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, October 27, 2026

6:30pm, Town Office

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 Select Board
✱INDICATES THE NEED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE

Call to order:

Moments of Silence & Celebrations

Public comment:

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

Scheduled appointments:

- 6:45pm – Meeting with Alison Hepler re: request to pass a resolution related to the Sagadahoc County Budget processes

Minutes:

- September 22nd Minutes*✱
- October 13th Minutes*✱

Continuing Items:

- Receipts for pumping:
  - Fickett, 15 Morgan Lane (09U-018)
- Maine Waste Discharge License ***renewal*** / transfer applications:
- Maine Waste Discharge License ***approvals:***
- PBR / NRPA :

Review:

- Updated Permit Listing*
- September Financials*

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Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Eee:

- Ms. Goodwin:
- Ms. Gravino:

Town Administrator Update

Old Business:

- Memorandums of Understanding (ongoing)
- Comprehensive Plan Check In – Chapter 7 through 13**
- Update re: EMS Billing

New Business:

- Discussion re: creation of an Economic Development and Sustainability Work Group
- Official Closure of Town Office for Election Day *
- Approval of Tax Bill Insert *

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session:

- pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A) regarding Personnel*

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND DATES TO REMEMBER…
NOTE: an asterisk (*) indicates Zoom available if requested

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Outlook

Drought Report

From Robert Trabona <conotu@hotmail.com>

Date Mon 10/19/2026 11:18 AM

To Terry Taylor <terry@tdtsit.com>; CEO Mike Field <georgetownceo@gmail.com>; David Trigg <david.michael.trigg@gmail.com>; Jen Collins <HiddenGem04548@gmail.com>; Lisa Bowen <lisasabatinebowen@yahoo.com>; Pam Gunnell <pamgunnell@sbcglobal.net>; Rufus Brown <rufus.edward.brown@gmail.com>

Cc Aria Eee <aria.eee@gmail.com>; Kathy Gravino <ksgravino@aol.com>; Katie Goodwin <katie.goodwin.georgetown@gmail.com>

Good morning,

Below is a link to the Maine Emergency Management Agency's latest report on the ongoing drought conditions. It is an interesting read. I wonder how many people have this info?

Multi-Year Water Resources Drought Likely to Carry Over Into 2027 | Maine Emergency Management Agency

Have a great day!

Bob

Maine is experiencing drought conditions. Report a dry well or other impacts here. For guidance and resources visit the Drought Task Force page.

Multi-Year Water Resources Drought Likely to Carry Over Into 2027

October 16, 2026

DATE: Friday, October 16, 2026

CONTACT: Vanessa Corson

CELL PHONE: (207) 592-6201

EMAIL: vanessa.corson@maine.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Multi-Year Water Resources Drought Likely to Carry Over Into 2027

AUGUSTA, MAINE — Maine is in a multi-year water resources drought that is likely to carry over into 2027, according to the Maine Drought Task Force. Recent rain has helped lawns and streams, but groundwater is at record lows in parts of the state and is unlikely to recover before the ground freezes.

During its October 16th meeting, state and federal partners reported that the drought is the cumulative result of 16 months of below-normal precipitation, with deficits of up to 12 inches in northern Maine and one to two feet in central and southern Maine. Recent rain provided some relief to surface conditions but did little to replenish groundwater supplies.

"We are seeing low groundwater records being set," **said Task Force co-chair Nick Stasulis of the US Geological Survey**. "Wells in Oxford and at Clayton Lake, with decades of data, hit their lowest levels on record this month - lower than the early 2000s drought that most people consider the benchmark."

The National Weather Service in Gray and Caribou estimates Maine needs precipitation totaling up to 200% of normal over the next two months to substantially alleviate drought conditions before ground frost sets in. The NWS also reported that a strengthening El Niño could influence Maine's winter weather and snowpack, with warmer-than-normal temperatures, near- to above-normal precipitation and below-normal snowfall favored in the seasonal outlook.

Impacts on residents are increasingly apparent. The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) had received 156 dry well reports in 2026 as of October 15th, up from 39 reports at the Task Force's September 3rd meeting. In follow-up responses to the survey, many households described relying on laundromats and gyms for water, waiting until December or spring for a well driller, and consecutive years of well problems.

River basin storage levels also remain below long-term averages in several areas, including the Androscoggin, Penobscot and Union river basins. Water resource managers continue to balance reservoir levels, river flows and environmental needs amid persistent dry conditions.

Maine residents are encouraged to conserve water, monitor local conditions and report dry wells through MEMA's dry-well survey. Residents who rely on private wells should consider their water supply needs and plan for drought conditions to continue into 2027.

What Mainers Should Know and Do

- **Conserve water:** Follow any local water-use restrictions and look for ways to reduce unnecessary water use. Find tips here. (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ready.gov%2Fdrought&data=05%7C02%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C9c27af02452748833ca808df09e656d0%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7
- **Check private wells:** If you rely on a private well, monitor your water supply and report a dry well through the state's dry well survey (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmaine-dry-well-survey-maine.hub.arcgis.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C9c27af02452748833ca808df09e656d0%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C639240557
  .
- **Protect drinking water supplies:** Public water systems experiencing drought-related impacts should notify the Maine CDC's Drinking Water Program (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdhhs%2Fmecdc%2Fhealthy-living%2Fhealth-and-safety%2Fdrinking-water-safety%2Fresources%2Fstaff-directory&data=05%7C02%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C9c27af02452748833ca808df09e656d0%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C639240557048407723%7CU
  .
- **Farmers:** Monitor water availability and seek available drought assistance and resources through state agricultural programs (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdacf%2Fard%2Fresources%2Fwater-management%2Findex.shtml&data=05%7C02%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C9c27af02452748833ca808df09e656d0%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C6392405
  .
- **Stay Informed:** Conditions can vary significantly from one part of Maine to another. Follow updates from MEMA (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fmema%2F&data=05%7C02%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C9c27af02452748833ca808df09e656d0%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e
  , local emergency management agencies, and other state agencies.

If assistance is required filling out the survey, Mainers can either call 211 or 1-877-463-6207, or they can text their Maine zip code to 898-211. Please note that reporting a dry well is not an application for assistance.

The Drought Task Force is made up of state, federal and private scientific, agricultural, regulatory, water use and natural resources organizations and assists in monitoring, coordinating, and managing responses to droughts and recommends actions to minimize impacts on public health, safety, the environment, and agriculture. The Task Force will continue monitoring rainfall forecasts and drought conditions to determine whether an additional meeting is warranted in 2026. In the interim, the Task Force will maintain coordination with partners in the coming weeks.

For more information please visit:

Maine Drought Task Force: https://www.maine.gov/mema/hazards/drought-task-force (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fmema%2Fhazards%2Fdrought-task-force&data=04%7C01%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C7f15f520b6c345051beb08d9537926f3%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C63763

US Drought Monitor: https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/ (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdroughtmonitor.unl.edu%2F&data=04%7C01%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C7f15f520b6c345051beb08d9537926f3%7C413fa8ab207d

USGS Water Watch: https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/ (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwaterwatch.usgs.gov%2F&data=04%7C01%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C7f15f520b6c345051beb08d9537926f3%7C413fa8ab207d4b

Northeast Drought Early Warning System (NE DEWS): https://nedews.nrcc.cornell.edu/ (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnedews.nrcc.cornell.edu%2F&data=04%7C01%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C7f15f520b6c345051beb08d9537926f3%7C413fa8ab207d

Dry Well Survey: https://maine-dry-well-survey-maine.hub.arcgis.com/ (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmaine-dry-well-survey-maine.hub.arcgis.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7CVanessa.Corson%40maine.gov%7C7f15f520b6c345051beb08d9537926f3%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%

Maine Forest Service Wildfire Danger Report: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire_danger_report/index.html (https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire_danger_report/index.html)

For other safety and preparedness information, visit MEMA's website (https://www.maine.gov/mema/hazards/drought-task-force) or find us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/MaineEMA/), X (https://x.com/MaineEMA), Bluesky (https://bsky.app/profile/maineema.bsky.social), and Nextdoor (https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/me/augusta/maine-emergency-management-agency/).

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Contact

Maine Emergency Management Agency
72 State House Station
15 Commerce Drive
Augusta, Maine 04333

800-452-8735 (toll-free, in-state only)
207-624-4400

TTY: Maine Relay 711
FAX: 207-287-3178

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3RD ANNUAL MAINE PROPERTY TAX ACADEMY

Virtual Program presented by
The Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services

Wednesday, December 16, 2026
9:00 am - 3:30 pm



REGISTRATION PACKET

December 16, 2026 - Online - Cost: $ 25

Education Credits: 6 hours of continuing education hours for Certified Maine Assessors.

Agenda

9:00-9:05 am	**Introduction** Michael Fortin, Division Director, MRS Compliance Division
9:05-10:30 am	**Cell Tower Valuation** (1.5 CE) Gregory P. Popham, Founder and Principal of CRED Cell Tower Valuation
10:30-10:40 am	**Break**
10:40 am-12:00 pm	**The Outlook for Demographic, Economic, and Real Estate Changes in Maine** (1.5 CE) Amanda Rector, Maine State Economist
12:00-12:30 pm	**Lunch**
12:30-2:20 pm	**Let's Be C.L.E.A.R.™: A Communication Framework for Building Public Trust in Mass Appraisal** (2 CE) Erika L. Cowling, MBA, City Assessor for the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia
2:20-2:30 pm	**Break**
2:30-3:30 pm	**Property Tax Policy Review** (1 CE) Ron Rakow, Fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Principal at Pleasant Lake Consulting, LLC
3:30 pm	**Final Evaluation and Remarks** Michael Fortin, Division Director, MRS Compliance Division

Attendees do not need to attend the entire day. Attendees will earn CE hours for each completed session of the program. **To qualify, each attendee must be logged in and respond to all applicable poll questions for that session.**

Session Descriptions



CELL TOWER VALUATION (1.5 CE)

Presenter: Gregory P. Popham

Have you ever looked up at the cell towers in your jurisdiction and wondered what exactly was up there, and how to determine its value? This session will show you examples of the types of equipment found at cell tower sites as well as recent technological advancements. Participants will learn how to interpret taxpayer-provided equipment listings and identify critical components during field inspections.

THE OUTLOOK FOR DEMOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC, & REAL ESTATE CHANGES IN MAINE (1.5 CE)

Presenter: Amanda Rector

Maine's population, economy, and housing markets have seen significant changes in the past five years. What will the next five years bring? This session will cover the latest population projections and economic forecast for Maine in the context of national economic trends.

LET'S BE C.L.E.A.R.™: A COMMUNICATION FRAMEWORK FOR BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST IN MASS APPRAISAL (2 CE)

Presenter: Erika L. Cowling

This session will give participants an understanding of how communication shapes public trust, and why this is especially important to assessors. Participants will learn how to explain assessment concepts using plain language and apply the C.L.E.A.R. Framework to taxpayer interactions, as well as gain the skills to strengthen communication and messaging consistency throughout the assessment office.

PROPERTY TAX POLICY REVIEW (1 CE)

Presenter: Ron Rakow

This session will discuss best policy practices for state and local governments with respect to the property tax. The presentation will include a discussion on property tax policies in Maine and how they compare nationally and with other New England states. An overview of policy research materials and tools offered by the Lincoln Institute and other sources will also be provided.

Meet Our Presenters



MICHAEL FORTIN

Michael Fortin has worked at Maine Revenue Services for 25 years. He has worked in various leadership roles within the Compliance Division, including Division Director of the Tax Compliance Unit and Criminal Investigation Unit. Michael is the Director of Promotion for the Maine Tax Portal and serves as emcee and organizer for the annual State Tax Symposium. He is a graduate of Thomas College.

GREGORY P. POPHAM

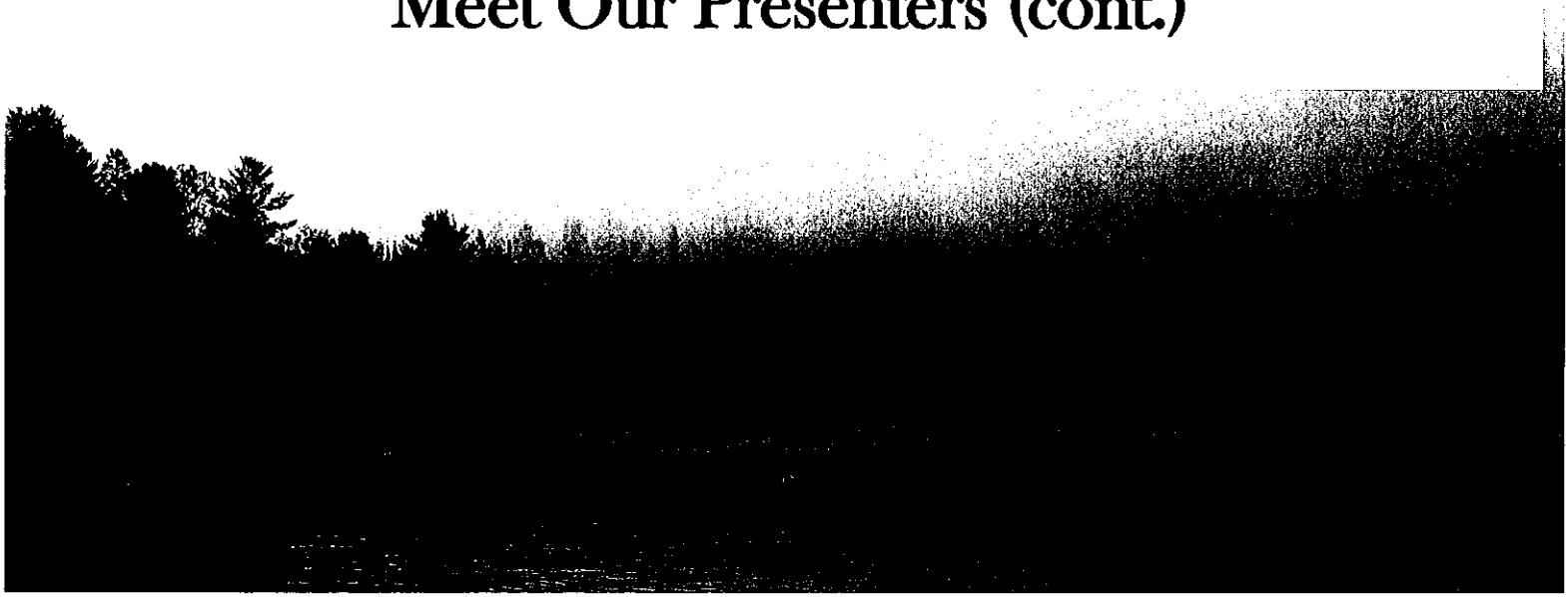
Gregory P. Popham, Founder and Principal of CRED Cell Tower Valuation, is a former City and County Manager with expertise in finance, budgeting, and local government taxation. He also has direct electrical engineering experience in both Public and Private Electrical Utility Systems with distribution, fault, and grounding system designs. With over 30 years of practical work experience, Mr. Popham founded CRED Cell Tower Valuation in 2009 to provide professional consulting and estimating services to local government Property Appraisers and Tax Assessors for complex tangible personal properties (cell tower structures, site improvements, and wireless carrier equipment).

AMANDA RECTOR

Amanda Rector has served as the Maine State Economist since 2011, providing policymakers, businesses, and people across the state with data and analysis on Maine's economic and demographic conditions. Amanda has spent over twenty years in public service, joining Maine state government in 2004 as an economic research analyst in the Department of Labor. She earned a BA in Economics from Wellesley College and a Master's in Public Policy and Management from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine.

Amanda is a member of the State of Maine's Revenue Forecasting Committee and serves as the Governor's liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau. She holds membership on the advisory board for the New England Public Policy Center at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and is the chair of the Board of Visitors at the Muskie School of Public Service.

Meet Our Presenters (cont.)



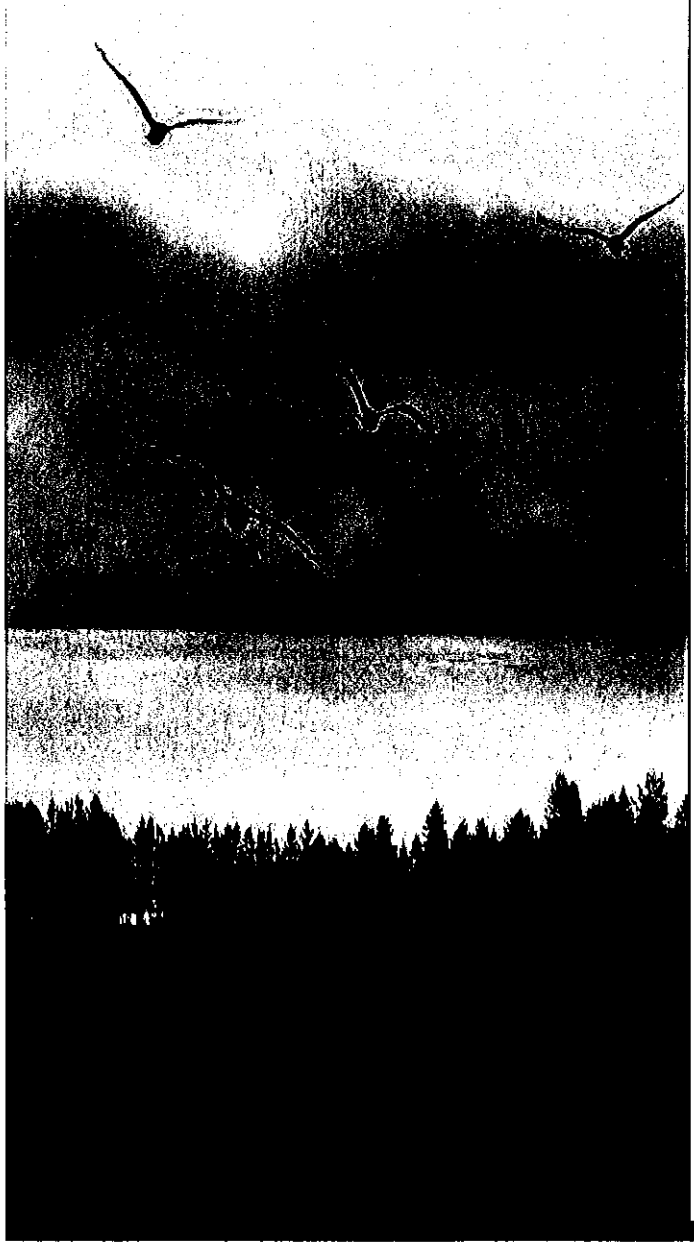
ERIKA L. COWLING

Erika L. Cowling, MBA, is the City Assessor for the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia, with more than 16 years of experience in mass appraisal and local government administration. Erika is an active member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers (VAAO), where she currently serves as Secretary and Chair of the VAAO Alumni Committee. She is also an IAAO designation candidate, working toward her AAS designation. Passionate about strengthening communication within the assessment profession, Erika developed the C.L.E.A.R.™ Framework, a practical communication model designed to promote transparency, enhance stakeholder engagement, and build public trust in property assessment. She is collaborating with colleagues across the United States and Canada to establish a Community of Practice focused on assessment communication. Erika is dedicated to equipping assessment professionals with practical communication strategies that foster understanding, fairness, and confidence in the assessment process.

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Frequently Asked Questions



When will I receive my Certificate of Completion?

After MRS has verified attendance and confirmed attendee responses to poll questions, attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion via email within 30 days, which will reflect the credit earned based on the sessions completed.

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I cannot attend the entire day. Can I receive partial credit?

Yes. Credits will be earned for each individual session that was completed, dependent on your responses to poll questions. **Credits will not be issued if you log out before a session is complete, which includes entering responses to the poll questions.** In the event of technical difficulties with your device, please note that short unforeseen technical difficulties will not impact your credits in most cases. After the event has concluded, if you do not receive a certificate within 30 days, or have questions about your credits, you may email us at cma.mrs@maine.gov and we will assist you.

How do I access the event from my device?

After your registration has been processed, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the Property Tax Academy. Please save this email. Do not share your link with anyone, as it is specific to each attendee. Sharing the link will invalidate your credits. Upon entering the webinar, you will be asked to enter (or confirm) your name.

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May I ask questions during the sessions?

Yes. During the Academy, attendees may type questions to the presenters by using the Q/A tab at the bottom of the Zoom page. If there is time, the presenter will field as many questions as possible. The "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom will not be utilized at the Property Tax Academy.

Does this event require any prerequisites or advanced preparation?

No.

Technical Considerations for a Successful MPTA Virtual Program

How can I prepare in advance for this event?

- Confirm your web browser and Zoom software has been updated to the latest version.
- Reboot your device if you have not done so recently.
- Test your speakers to ensure your audio works properly and the volume level is set to a comfortable level.
- Locate the brochure and agenda at: www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/property-tax/training-certification
- Locate the confirmation email with your zoom link. Do not share this link, as it is specific to each attendee, and sharing the link with another attendee will invalidate your credits.
- Although MRS is unable to provide technical support for your device, if the event link isn't working, email *cma.mrs@maine.gov.*

What happens if the poll question does not show on my screen?

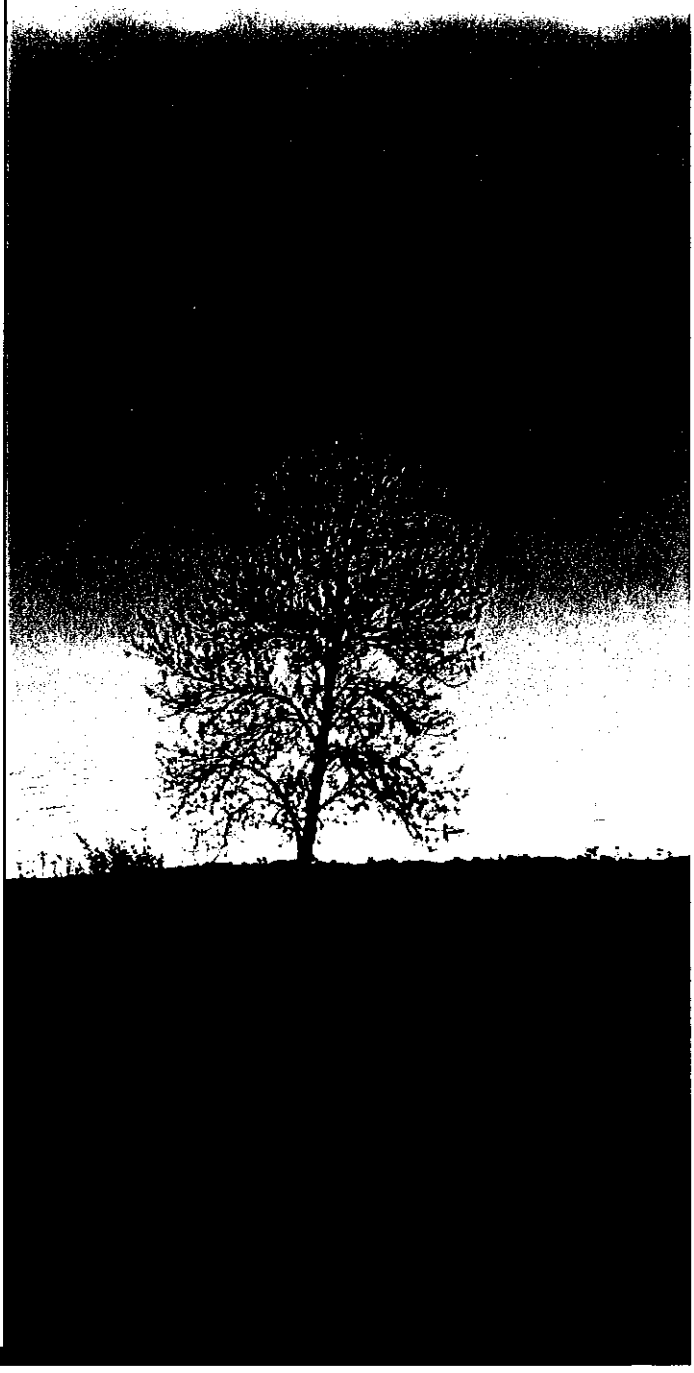
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Can I call into the Property Tax Academy from my analog phone?

No. Attendees must use an internet-enabled device with sound, such as a tablet, smart phone, or computer to participate in the Property Tax Academy. Attendees do not need a microphone or camera to attend. Attendees are required to use the Zoom app to respond to poll questions throughout the training.

What happens if my device is having a technical issue, or I lose Internet - will I still get credit?

If you have any technical difficulties, please reboot your device and try to re-establish a connection as soon as possible. If you change devices or reboot, make sure you log in using the same link, and confirm you are using your correct full name and email address. A short interruption with your device will not impact your Certificate of Completion. Please note that MRS is unable to provide technical support; however, we can help with registration questions. Email cma.mrs@maine.gov or call 207-624-5601 for assistance.



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Checks should be made payable to: ***Treasurer, State of Maine*** *and mailed to the address below.*

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Completed registration and payment must be received by Friday, December 11, 2026. Send registration and payment information to *cma.mrs@maine.gov* or mail to:

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Outlook

SAG_BAR Hearing Magliozza Appeal_Georgetown Dates

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Date Tue 10/20/2026 9:43 AM

To J C Wilson-Hennessey, IFA, CMA <wilsonhennessey@gmail.com>; Julie Cromwell <jcromwell@cromwellprop.com>; Tracy McDonough <TMcDonough@kw.com>; Jason Shaw <jshaw4woolwich@gmail.com>; Everett Perkins <evperk@comcast.net>

Cc Jill Flaherty <jflaherty@sagadahoccountyme.gov>; Tyler Washburn <gtwnME@hotmail.com>; danajmagliozzi@gmail.com <danajmagliozzi@gmail.com>

Hello, All -

The Site Inspection and Hearing for the Magliozza Appeal of Georgetown's Abatement denial will be Thursday, 11-5 and to support the issuance of the Decision and Finding of Facts within our (10) day window after Hearing wrap will be Thursday, 11-12 at 1:00 PM. I anticipate after the Chair's draft to BAR members for your review by the close of day Tuesday, 11-10.

Jill is working with Dana Magliozza to underscore that his missing hard copies of application w/cover letter and all exhibits must be received no later than 10/26 at the County for your pickup to support your individual review and markup for Hering discussion. Dana has agreed to have someone allow us entry to walk through the dwelling so the Legal Notice that Jill will post will state to meet at the County parking lot Thursday, 11-05 at 9 AM for group departure at 9:15 AM for Site Inspection. The Legal Notice will include that the Hearing will convene upon our return to the Commissioners' conference room (avoiding a specific time). Jill will "cc" me as Chair and Julie as Secretary on the Legal Notice posting.

We will have a quorum on the 5th though our Secretary will be attending the Realtor National Convention as Maine Realtor of the year (congratulations, Julie!). For BAR member planning, and for Sailor who will attend the Hearing and bring the County's audio recorder with him in Jill's stead the travel and site view is likely to have us return to the County no sooner than 10:45 AM and no later than 11:00 AM. Without legal representation and without expert witnesses we may conclude by 2 PM and if needed we will take a 30 minute break for lunch and leg stretch.

Thank you,

Juanita

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Maine's Sustainable Forestry Initiative℠

Good for you. Good for our forests.®

September 28, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to share our 2025 Maine SFI SIC annual report on Maine's Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), which is celebrating its 31st year of promoting sustainable management of our state's 18 million acres of forestland. Maine's SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) community includes landowners, loggers, mills, foresters, government agencies, conservation groups, management companies, recreation representatives, educators and researchers.

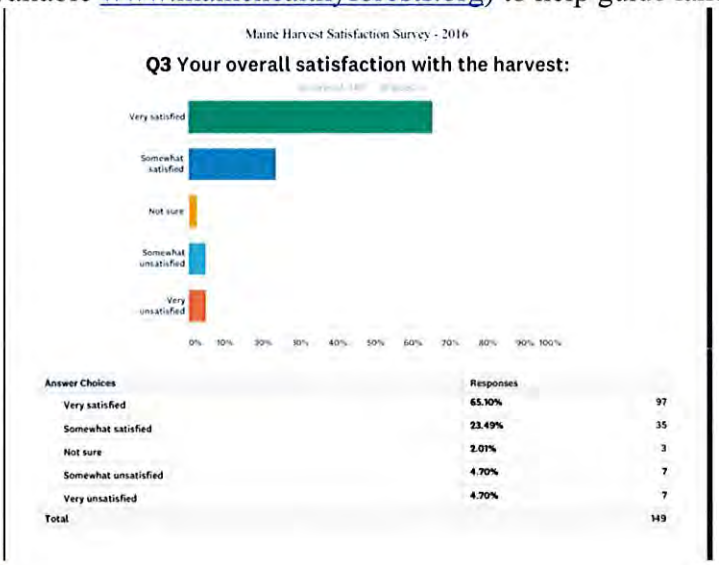
Our goal is to continually improve forestry and harvesting practices on the ground. There are also two programs that are especially important for woodland owners and other members of your community: Maine's Healthy Forest Program and Maine's SFI GOAL program.

Maine's Healthy Forest Program

A new generation of family woodland owners is now seeking information on how to manage their newly acquired property. The Maine Forest Service, Maine's SFI Program and the Forest Resources Association (FRA) have responded by developing Maine's Healthy Forest Program (MHFP), which is specifically aimed at providing woodland owners with information to help them achieve their goals for their property. Since 2014, a website has been available www.mainehealthyforests.org) to help guide landowners in their new forestry endeavor.

Also available at this website is a "harvest satisfaction" survey for woodland owners who have recently had a timber harvest. The 2016 results (at right) of the survey, which was implemented by the Maine Forest Service in 2014 with a significant response from landowners.

Feedback is essential to understand how forestry services can be better tailored to meet the goals of today's woodland owners. Please encourage landowners to take the time to fill out this survey, which can be found online. (Maine's Healthy Forest Survey).



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very satisfied	65.10%	97
Somewhat satisfied	23.49%	35
Not sure	2.01%	3
Somewhat unsatisfied	4.70%	7
Very unsatisfied	4.70%	7
Total		149

Maine's SFI GOAL Program

The SFI GOAL program, available since 1997, is a confidential, toll-free hotline established to respond to public questions and concerns regarding forestry and timber harvesting practices in Maine.

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Chapter 7 — Agriculture & Forestry

7.1 Consult Maine Forest Service when developing forest-related land use regulations. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

7.2 Consult Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation District for agricultural regulations. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

7.3 Encourage enrollment in current use taxation programs. **Responsible:** Conservation Commission. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

7.4 Consider permitting land uses supporting agriculture/forestry (stands, greenhouses, firewood operations, pick-your-own). **Responsible:** Select Board or designee. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

7.5 Include agriculture/forestry in local/regional economic development plans. **Responsible:** Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

Chapter 8 — Recreation

8.1 Explore use of School gym after hours; create additional recreation sites; survey families. **Responsible:** Recreation Committee or designee. **Timeline:** 0–2 years.

8.2 Cooperate with other municipalities/organizations to expand recreation opportunities. **Responsible:** Recreation Committee. **Timeline:** 0–2 years, then ongoing.

8.3 Adapt walking paths for elders/limited mobility. **Responsible:** Age-Friendly Georgetown. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

8.4 Collaborate with IF&W, CDC, hunters, residents to monitor ticks, deer herd, disease rates. **Responsible:** Citizen stakeholder working group. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

8.5 Maintain recreation needs list or develop recreation plan; assign Recreation Committee to implement. **Responsible:** Select Board or designee. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

8.6 Work with partners to extend/maintain non-motorized trail network. **Responsible:** Conservation Commission. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

8.7 Work with KELT and others to protect open space/recreational land. **Responsible:** Conservation Commission. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

8.8 Provide educational materials on landowner liability protections for public access. **Responsible:** Conservation Commission. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

Chapter 9 — Transportation

9.1–9.14 Maintain and improve Town roads; monitor conditions and prioritize repairs; maintain signage, road markings, culverts, drainage, shoulders, ditches, guardrails, bridges, sidewalks, parking areas, traffic controls, street lighting, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, public transportation facilities, and emergency transportation facilities. **Responsible:** Road Commissioner. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

Chapter 10 — Municipal Services & Public Facilities

10.1–10.13 Maintain and improve municipal buildings, equipment, services, staffing, budgets, policies, procedures, training, emergency services, communication systems, record-keeping, technology, and planning. **Responsible:** Select Board or designee. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

Chapter 11 — Fiscal Capacity

11.1–11.9 Monitor Town revenues and expenditures; maintain and improve financial policies, procedures, reporting, planning, management, oversight, transparency, and accountability. **Responsible:** Select Board or Treasurer. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

Chapter 12 — Housing

12.1 Monitor housing trends and needs. **Responsible:** Planning Board / CEO / Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

12.2 Encourage development of affordable housing. **Responsible:** Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

12.3 Encourage development of senior housing. **Responsible:** Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

12.4 Encourage development of workforce housing. **Responsible:** Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

12.5 Develop policies for seasonal housing impacts. **Responsible:** Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

12.6 Review land use ordinances for housing impacts. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

12.7 Consider ordinance amendments supporting desired housing types. **Responsible:** Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

12.8 Coordinate with regional housing organizations. **Responsible:** Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

12.9 Provide information to residents about housing programs. **Responsible:** CEO / Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

Chapter 13 — Future Land Use

13.1 Review and update land use ordinances. **Responsible:** Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.2 Consider adopting site plan review for commercial development. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.3 Consider designating growth areas. **Responsible:** Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.4 Consider designating rural areas. **Responsible:** Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.5 Consider designating critical resource areas. **Responsible:** Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.6 Adopt standards for development in growth areas. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.7 Adopt standards for development in rural areas. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.8 Adopt standards for development in critical resource areas. **Responsible:** Planning Board. **Timeline:** 1–5 years.

13.9 Coordinate land use planning with neighboring towns. **Responsible:** Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

13.10 Provide information to residents about land use regulations. **Responsible:** CEO / Planning Board / Select Board. **Timeline:** Ongoing.

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Upcoming Town Office Holiday Closures

The Town Office will be closed on the following dates:

- 01/18/2027 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 02/15/2027 – Presidents' Day
- 04/19/2027 – Patriot's Day
- 05/31/2027 – Memorial Day
- 09/06/2027 – Labor Day
- 10/11/2027 – Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11/11/2027 – Veterans' Day
- 11/24/2027 and 11/25/2027 – Thanksgiving
- 12/31/2027 – New Year's Eve

The Transfer Station will be open on Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Saturday, July 3 & 5, Labor Day, and New Year's Day on Saturday, January 1, 2028. The Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday, July 4, 2027.

2027 Election Dates

Municipal Election
When? June 8

State General Election
When? November 2

Be advised that the Town Office is closed on Election Days. Go vote!

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TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

JUNE 12, 2027

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STAY TUNED FOR HEARING DATES!

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CALL TOWN OFFICE BEFORE COMING IN. IF THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED, WE TYPICALLY ARE, TOO.

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