

## Report on the Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 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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The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, Finance Director, Mary McDonald, and Town Administrator, Amanda Campbell, were together in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 9 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, January 10, 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.

- State Representative, Allison Hepler provided a legislative update and asked what issues the Town needs addressed. The Selectboard identified repairs to Route 127, issues with the 2022 property tax valuation ratio, and State monitoring and enforcement of rules regarding short-term rentals as areas of concern. Allison Hepler will investigate and report back
- Fire Chief, Brian Whalen presented his quarterly update. GFD responded to 163 calls (107 EMS, 56 fire) in 2023 (second highest number ever). He reported on existing and new equipment, staffing, and training
- Brian Whalen was appointed Forest Warden

### Correspondence:

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

The most interesting items were:

- Bernstein Shur – newsletter - alert re: “First Amendment Audits”  
<https://www.bernsteinshur.com/what/publications/filming-maine-municipalities-in-unannounced-first-amendment-audits-what-you-should-know-and-do/>

### Committee Liaison Updates:

- Bronwen Tudor reported that The Solid Waste Committee will review Section 3 (definitions) and Section 5 of the Solid Waste Ordinance at their meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7pm (on Zoom) with a focus on Seasonal renters and Commercial Haulers. The public is invited to attend. There will be an opportunity for public comment or questions. Email [gtwnme@hotmail.com](mailto:gtwnme@hotmail.com) for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day
- Bronwen Tudor reported that The Harbor Committee has changes to the Waterways and Harbors Ordinance in process. The DRAFT ordinance will be available to the public once approved by the Selectboard

Old Continuing Business:

- Discussion of COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment for employee wages) was tabled until the next meeting

Upcoming Events/Dates:

FAC	Wednesday February 1	1:30pm OFFICE
Planning Board	Wednesday February 1	7pm HYBRID
Shellfish Committee	Thursday February 2	4:30pm OFFICE <b>NEW TIME</b>
Recreation Committee	Tuesday February 7	6pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday February 9	7pm ZOOM
Conservation Commission	Monday February 13	6:30pm ZOOM
Select Board	Tuesday February 14	7pm HYBRID
School Committee	Wednesday February 15	5pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday February 15	7pm HYBRID
TOPMB	Tuesday February 21	4pm OFFICE
Select Board	Tuesday February 28	7pm HYBRID

Community Action Grant Informational ZOOM Thursday 2/16 at 7pm

The Conservation Commission Potluck is RESCHEDULED for Saturday 2/18, 12-2pm at GCC

The Town Office will be CLOSED Monday 2/20

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 14. 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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**NEW  
DATE!!!**

*Winter*  
**Potluck  
Lunch**

**Saturday, February 18th from 12-2pm**  
**Georgetown Community Center**



**Hosted by the Georgetown  
Conservation Commission**

Please join us as we gather together to celebrate winter.  
Please bring your favorite dish to add to the meal, turkey  
will be provided.

For more information, email Nancy Kinner at [nancy.kinner@unh.edu](mailto:nancy.kinner@unh.edu)



## **Georgetown Game Days Are Back!**

**Who: Georgetown Adults are welcome**

**Where: Georgetown Community Center**

**When: First and Third Thursdays, January  
through April**

**Time: 1PM to 4PM**

**Games: Cribbage, Mahjong and Dominoes  
or bring your own!**

**No experience necessary.**



**We hope to see you there!**

**Sponsored by the Georgetown Recreation  
Committee**

Georgetown Recreation Committee  
Pickleball 9:30am Saturday January 28, 2023  
at Georgetown Central School



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BATH, MAINE

Main Street Bath is excited to bring back

# BATH WINTERFEST

Ice Sculptures & Demos

Kid's Games & Activities

Winter Disc Golf & Tournament

Shop Sales & Restaurant Specials

Comedy Nights & Cocktail Contest

The Return of the Yeti

in the breathtaking Lantern Parade!



Friday and Saturday February 10th and 11th

Watch the growing schedule of events at:

[www.visitbath.com/winterfest](http://www.visitbath.com/winterfest)