

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of February 13, 2024

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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<https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard Members Selectboard Members Jon Collins and Rich Donaldson, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald 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 January 23, 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.

- **ROADS UPDATE:** Certain town roads have now been posted for heavy loads. Please be advised that posted roads have a weight limit of 23,000 lbs.
- At 7:15pm there was a scheduled meeting with Stephen Sullivan, Maine Revenue Services, to discuss the Constitutional Requirement to Assess Personal Property Taxes. He advised the Selectboard that under Maine law, all business personal property used to generate income is required to be reported and taxed although there are currently 65 other towns who do not assess personal property tax. He also described two State programs: Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE)
- Proposed DRAFT ordinances are coming in to the Selectboard from the committees. The Selectboard will review them all at the March 12th meeting
- Emergency Management Director Chris Wilcoxson updated the Selectboard regarding storm cleanup and ongoing discussions with MEMA, FEMA (Maine and Federal Emergency Management Agencies), and the Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Lauren Bray was appointed as the Georgetown Representative to the Patten Free Library Board of Directors

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 to Town Clerk from Dept. of Marine Resources re: Fees
- Dept. of Marine Resources Bulletin re: Governor’s move to expedite \$50 million dollars to rebuild infrastructure resiliency
- Maine Department of Labor – e-Blast
- Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin
- Maine Municipal Association Email Bulletin re: LD 646
- Funding Request Letters Bath Area Food Bank
- Maine Public
- Bath Area Seniors’ Activity Center
- Letter to Select Board from John Stone III re: MacMahan Island
- Career Center Storm Recovery Resources – Flier

Public Comment:

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Upcoming Events/Dates:

Harbor Committee	Thursday, February 15 th	5:00pm HYBRID
Conservation Comm. Event	Thursday, February 15 th	7:00pm ZOOM
OFFICE CLOSED	Monday, February 19th	PRESIDENTS’ DAY
TOPMB	Tuesday, February 20 th	4:00pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, February 21 st	7:00pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, February 27 th	7:00pm HYBRID
School Comm. Budget Wkshp.	Wednesday, February 28 th	6:00pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 27th. 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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BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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:

- Meeting with Stephen Sullivan, Maine Revenue Services, to discuss the Constitutional Requirement to Assess Personal Property Taxes (7:15pm)*

Minutes:

- Minutes of January 23rd Meeting for review and approval* *****

Review:

- *Proposed* Conservation Commission Ordinance*
- January 31 Financial Statements*

Assessing items:

- Abatement Request, Anne Witty and Jonathan Taggart, 04R-01

Correspondence:

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- Georgetown Yoga Notice – sponsored by the Recreation Committee*
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Other Correspondence: none

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping: none

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

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*: none

PBR / NRPA :

- Dembowski, 132 Flings Cove
- Anderson / McKinnon, 14 Ocean Avenue

Town Administrator Update

- ARPA
- Reid State Park Visit with MEMA / FEMA
- Visit by Halsey Frank, SOR for Office of Senator Collins 2/6/2024
- FEMA / MEMA / SBA private damages visits 2/8/2024
- Thank You to Woolwich
- Update from Maine Coast Fishermen's' Association re: Dumpsters

Finance Director Update

Code Enforcement Officer Update

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- Recreation Committee
 - January 2nd Meeting
- Solid Waste Management Committee
 - January 11th Meeting
 - January 18th Ordinance Writing Workshop
 - January 25th Ordinance Writing Workshop

Membership:


Liaison Updates:

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

Board Member Updates:

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

Old Business:

- Appointment of a Georgetown Representative to the Patten Free Library Board of Directors*
- Discussion re: dedication / rededication of ARPA funds*

New Business:

- Selection of a bid for Robinhood Road Culvert Replacement Project - Culvert & Retaining Walls *
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Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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