

Report on the Select Board Meeting of March 24, 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.

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These notes, and the full agenda for the meeting, are available at SingingBridge.net as a PDF.

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

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Select Board Members Aria Ee, Katie Goodwin, and Kathy Gravino, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald were together in the Town Office. There were 20 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of March 10, 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 Select Board discussed the DRAFT Short Term Rental Ordinance and once again held it for further discussion
- The FAC (Financial Advisory Committee) will present the DRAFT 2026-2027 Budget to the Select Board at the 7pm April 14th Select Board meeting
- The Select Board met with Haylee Parsons (Manager of Reid State Park) and Gary Best (Bureau of Parks and Lands, Southern Regional Manager) to discuss Maine State Park Dog Policy, Reid State Park updates, and the work being done by the Department of Defense
- Julie Pankey was appointed to the Board of Appeals as a Full Member (completing the unexpired term of Kelly James, expiring Town Meeting 2029)
- There will be an EMS Billing Community Information Night on Thursday, April 16 at 7pm

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.

The most interesting items were:

- DMR – Shellfish Seeding Notice
- DMR – Aquaculture Notice
- MEMA – Emails re: BRICS Grant Funding
- Age-Friendly Georgetown – AARP Shredding Notice
- Age-Friendly Georgetown – Update on Scam Notice from Sagadahoc County Sheriff
- Central Maine Power – 2026 Community Relations Calendar & Request for Community Event
- Letter from Lisa Sabatine re: Increasing the Select Board Size

Public Comment:

- Several people spoke during public comment expressing concerns about the proposed DRAFT Short Term Rental Ordinance
- Two people spoke in support of increasing the size of the Select Board
- A recording of the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Wednesday, April 1 – Planning Board – 7pm HYBRID
Thursday, April 2 – Shellfish Committee – 4pm HYBRID
Tuesday, April 7 – Financial Advisory Committee – 1:30pm HYBIRD*
Tuesday, April 7 – Recreation Committee – 6pm HYBIRD
Thursday, April 9 – Solid Waste Management Committee – 7pm ZOOM
Monday, April 13 – Conservation Commission – 6pm ZOOM
Monday, April 13 – Fire Department Business Meeting – 7pm IN PERSON
Tuesday, April 14 – Select Board Meeting – 7pm HYBRID
Wednesday, April 15 – Planning Board – 7pm HYBRID
Thursday, April 16 – EMS Informational Night @ GHS – 7pm HYBRID
Tuesday, April 21 – TOPMB – 4pm HYBRID
Tuesday, April 28 – Select Board – 7pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Select Board will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 14th. 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

P.O. Box 315 Georgetown,
Maine 04548

March 16, 2026

To the Board of Selectman, Georgetown, Maine:

I am writing this letter to formally follow up on the request I made during the public comment at your Select Board meeting of 3/10/26. At that meeting the decision from Kristin M. Collins re-garding the **Citizens' Petition for Increase in Select Board Membership** was re-viewed. This was followed by a vote of the Board to reject the petition because "it calls for the filling of the two seats at the November general election, rather than at the next annual town meeting". It seems Section 2525(1) of Maine State Law "requires that the municipal offices be elected only at the annual town meeting".

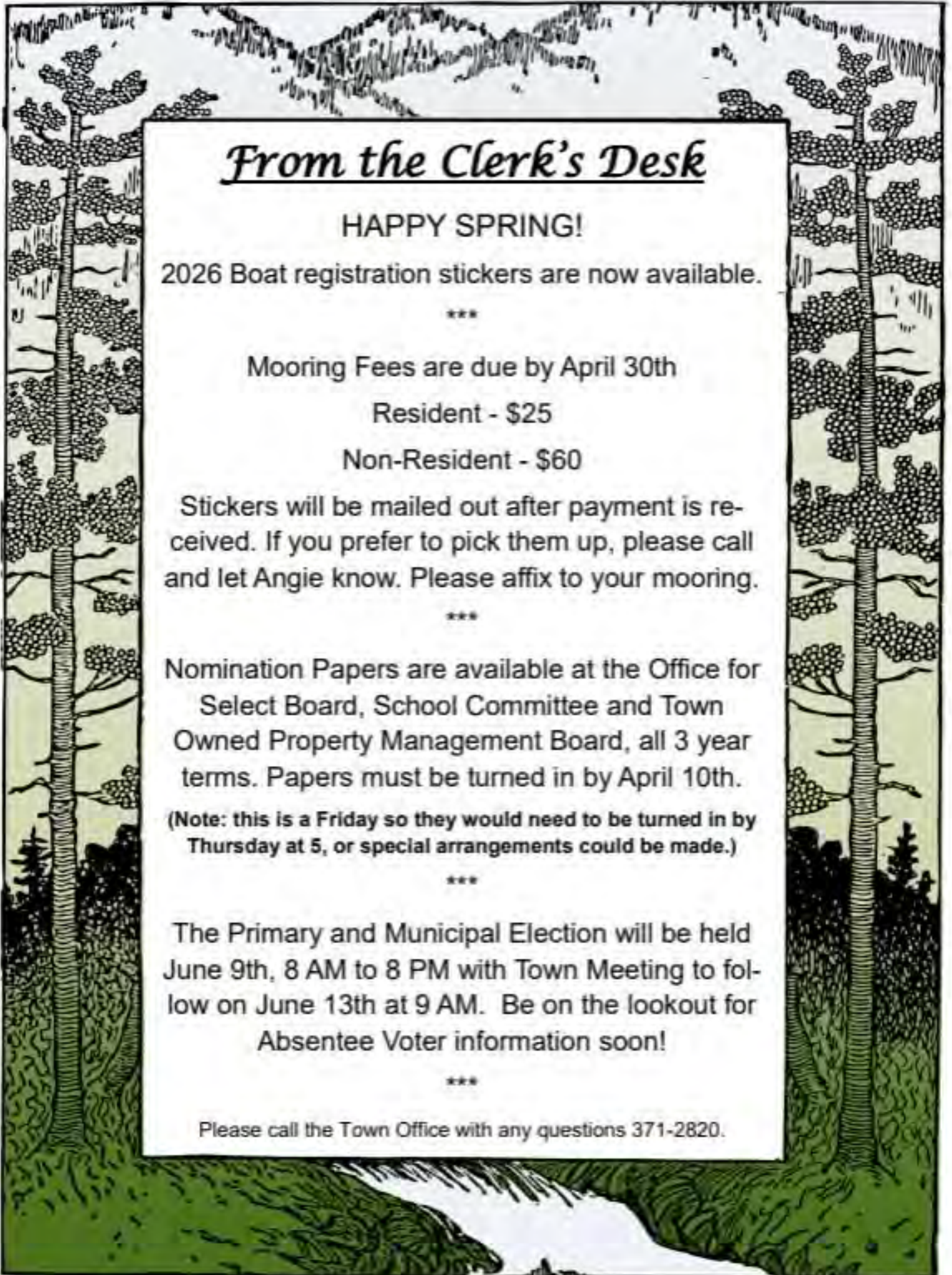
In composing the wording of the petition, I requested the Select Board put a question on the June 2026 warrant asking if the townspeople want to increase the number of board members from 3 to 5. I further indicated that should this pass, the election for two additional members occur at the general election in November. My thought process was in doing this, the Town of Georgetown would not assume the financial burden of holding a special election. Given that I'm not an attorney, I was unaware that an election of this nature can not be held.

It is my opinion that the intent of the petition is clear. It is not about how/when the additional members would be added to the board but completely about making a decision to add them or not, as dictated by town vote. There were 81 individuals who willingly signed the petition, agree-ing with the need to bring this question to a vote of Georgetown residents. Varied discussion surrounded the fact that there are other towns with similar populations who have 5, not 3 members. People expressed concern that the amount of work required of 3 board members who may also hold jobs is overwhelming. The Select Board as you know, are making decisions for the town, attending Select Board meetings, and acting as liaisons for all of the other town boards. Folks are of the belief that if the work load could be divided amongst 5 rather than 3 there may be increased interest in serving. Individuals stated that a 5 person board would increase dialogue between members, offer a greater variety of opinion, and possibly increase diversity of thoughts and experiences amongst members. People, including myself thought it ironic that arguably our most important board in town is comprised of 3 members, while this board itself has voted to add alternates to many of the other town boards that were previously made up of 3 members.

Again I state, 81 individuals signed the **Citizens' Petition for Increase in Select Board Membership**. The intent of the petition was to request the Select Board place on the June 2026 ballot the question of whether or not that board should be increased from 3 to 5 members. Given that state law mandates the election of those individuals may not occur at the November general election, I am asking that the Select Board consult with the town's attorney to determine if the Board does in fact, have the ability to bring the question of increasing board members to the Town as part of the June 2026 town meeting process. If the answer is yes, I'm asking the Board to do this. Should the question pass, the actual election process would occur, as mandated by Maine State law at the June 2027 town meeting.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sabatine



From the Clerk's Desk

HAPPY SPRING!

2026 Boat registration stickers are now available.

Mooring Fees are due by April 30th

Resident - \$25

Non-Resident - \$60

Stickers will be mailed out after payment is received. If you prefer to pick them up, please call and let Angie know. Please affix to your mooring.

Nomination Papers are available at the Office for Select Board, School Committee and Town Owned Property Management Board, all 3 year terms. Papers must be turned in by April 10th.

(Note: this is a Friday so they would need to be turned in by Thursday at 5, or special arrangements could be made.)

The Primary and Municipal Election will be held June 9th, 8 AM to 8 PM with Town Meeting to follow on June 13th at 9 AM. Be on the lookout for Absentee Voter information soon!

Please call the Town Office with any questions 371-2820.



ORDINANCE CHANGES!

It's that time of year again!

Curious about the upcoming Town Meeting and, in particular, proposed Ordinance Changes?

Check out the **Town Meeting Information** tab on our website.

Be advised that tab will be updated as the process unfolds.



NOMINATION PAPERS!

It's that time of year again! Municipal Nomination papers are available for the following offices:

- Select Board Member (3-year term)
- School Committee Member (3-year term)
- Town Owned Property Management Board Member (3-year term)
- Cemetery District Trustee (3-year term)

Papers are due to the Town Clerk no later than April 10.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE TOWN CLERK AT
207-371-2820. OR EMAIL GRGTWNCLERK@YAHOO.COM



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

The Town of Georgetown is currently looking for photo and art submissions for the cover of this year's Annual Town Report!

Submissions should be in no later than March 31st!

The Select Board will be making determinations for the cover at their first meeting in April.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL TOWN OFFICE AT
207-371-2820. OR EMAIL GTWNME@HOTMAIL.COM**



Fight Fraud. Shred it!

Bath - April 11th

SHRED FOR FREE WITH AARP

Your documents will be shredded on-site, free of charge.

- Volunteers will be available to assist so you won't even need to get out of your vehicle.
- You can bring up to 4 large boxes/bags per person. No need to remove staples or paperclips.
- Please, no plastics or electronics.
- All are welcome - invite your friends and family!

DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2026

TIME: 9AM - 1PM or until truck is filled

WHERE: Morse High School, 826 Shipbuilder Drive

REGISTER HERE:

<https://events.aarp.org/shred-bath26>

or Scan Our QR code!



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Follow our socials:  /aarpmaine  @aarpme  @aarpmaine



J O B O P P O R T U N I T I E S

The Town of Georgetown is currently looking for applicants who may be interested in the following positions:

- Animal Control Officer
- Deputy Shellfish Warden
- Per Diem Firefighters /EMT
- Transfer Station Substitutes

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL TOWN OFFICE.

207-371-2820.

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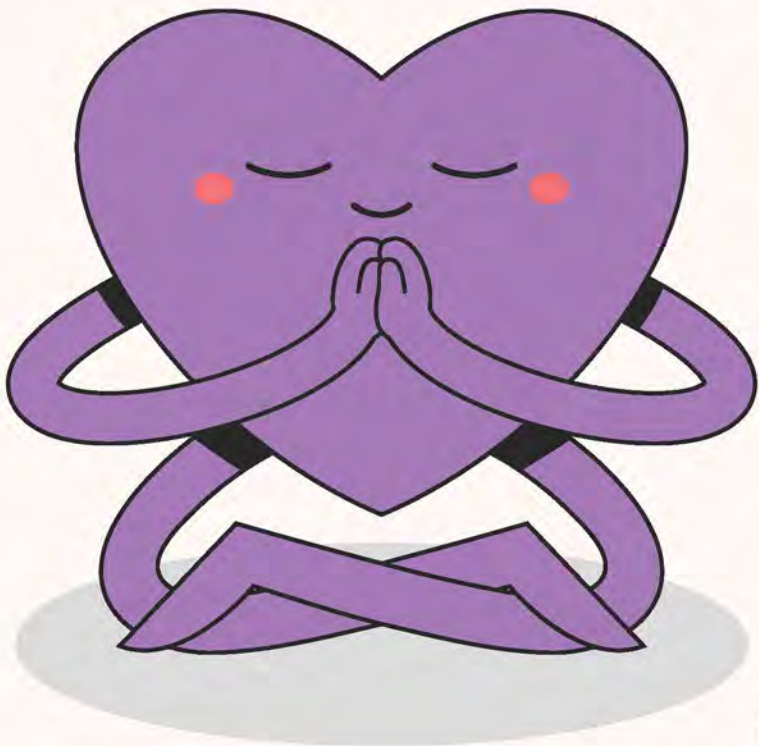


First Sundays
12:30 w/ Susan

Second Sundays
12:30 w/ Andrea

Third Sundays
12:30 w/ Susan

Fourth Sundays
12:30 w/ Sara



DONATIONS WELCOMED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
& OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

GCS GYM

BYO MAT, WATER, TOWEL

THE WIND TUNNEL

A MEETUP FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

NO AGENDA, JUST PUTTING HEADS TOGETHER
TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

LIGHTLY FACILITATED BY RAYNOR LARGE,
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS ADVISING AT CEI



LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 9AM
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THE FIVE ISLANDS CHURCH

IS EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO



THE TUESDAY CLUB

Every Tuesday, 3:20-4:45 pm
Community supper 5pm (please rsvp)
until April vacation

Starting Tuesday, September 16th
Students will get off of the bus
at the church 3:20pm
4:45pm pick up
5pm supper starts

Tuesday Club

Grade school students K-6th Grade are invited to enjoy a fun faith filled afternoon with Bible instruction, songs, memory verses and fun activities. Please send your student to school with a note for the bus so that the student can be dropped off at church. Healthy snacks will be provided.

Community Supper (please rsvp to Tiffany by Monday if possible)

On Tuesday evening we will be offering a community supper at 5:00 for you and your family. We will have a short message and home cooked meal. There is no cost to any of our programs.

We will follow the Georgetown School calendar for holiday breaks and in the event of any closures.

Should you have questions please feel free to reach out to
Tuesday Club Leader Donna Woerter 844-4541

Five Islands Baptist Church on Facebook or to Pastor Chris and Tiffany 841-1111
6 Old Schoolhouse Road, Georgetown ME 04548

Essential Rides for Everyday Living

Georgetown has a volunteer transportation program for older residents without other transportation options. This free program is all about getting neighbors to where they need to go. Local volunteers from your community are ready to drive a registered rider to different destinations such as the grocery store, medical appointments and social activities.

To register or to learn more about these rides Georgetown residents please get in touch with James Peavey at 207-387-0440 or email gtagefriendly@gmail.com.

This program would not be possible without the continuous support from the Bath Police Department, AARP Maine, UMaine Center on Aging/Lifelong Maine, the Maine Cabinet on Aging, and Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec.



**Where every ride and
everyone matters.
Age-Friendly Georgetown**

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 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 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:

- 7:05 – Recess for a Board of Assessors Meeting to address one abatement
- 7:15 – Meeting with Haylee Parsons (Manager of Reid State Park) and Gary Best (Bureau of Parks and Lands, Southern Regional Manager) to discuss Maine State Park Dog Policy, Reid State Park updates, and the work being done by the Department of Defense *
- 7:30 – Fire Chief Update

Minutes:

- Minutes of March 10* *

Continuing Items:

- Receipts for pumping:
- Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications:
 - 47 White Road (Fischer Environmental Engineering Services LLC, 08R-022)
- Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*:
- PBR / NRPA :

Review:

- Hauling Numbers (Emailed by Finance Director)

Correspondence:

- DMR – Shellfish Seeding Notice*
- DMR – Aquaculture Notice *
- MEMA – Emails re: BRICS Grant Funding *
- Age-Friendly Georgetown – AARP Shredding Notice *
- Age-Friendly Georgetown – Update on Scam Notice from Sagadahoc County Sheriff *
- Central Maine Power – 2026 Community Relations Calendar & Request for Community Event *
- Letter from Lisa Sabatine re: Increasing the Select Board Size *

Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Eec:
- Ms. Goodwin:

- Ms. Gravino

Town Administrator Update

Finance Director Update

Fire Chief Update

Old Business:

- Ongoing Discussion re: EMS Billing
 - Community Information Night on Thursday, April 16, @ 7pm.
- Possible Lighting Project from Energy Audit
- Working Waterfront Work Group – Update
 - Community Information Night - Follow Up
- Memorandums of Understanding
 - School / Town
 - Tri Party (Recreation, Conservation, and TOPMB)
- Ordinances:
 - HELD - Planning Board – *NEW* – Short Term Rental Ordinance - To Hearing, Legal, or Hold for Further Discussion **

New Business:

- Initial Draft Budget Review*
- Spirit of America Update*
 - Decision on April 14?
- Front Lawn Seeding – approval to solicit quotes**
- Comprehensive Plan Check In*
- Appointment of Julie Pankey to the Board of Appeals as a Full Member (completing the unexpired term of Kelly James, expiring Town Meeting 2029) **

Items For Signature:

- Cemetery Contract

Public comment:

Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 MRS Section 405(6)(A), an Executive Session regarding personnel matters

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND DATES TO REMEMBER...

NOTE: an asterisk (*) indicates Zoom available if requested

Monday, March 23 - Working Waterfront Work Group – Informational Night – 7pm HYBRID

Tuesday, March 24 – Select Board – 7pm HYBRID

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:05 pm

Abatements to address:

- 21 White Road (08R-019, Peterson) Abatement request re: Land and Building Valuations
 - Recommendation? To Assessor

Abatements awaiting further action:

- 266 Marrtown Road (05R-037, Sheehan) Abatement Request re: Land Valuation
 - With Assessor
- 44 Stevens Lane (10R-026, Magliozzi Trustccs) Abatement Request re: Land & Building Valuations
 - With Assessor
- 120 Jewett Road (01R-013, Magliozzi Trustees) Abatement Request re: Land & Building Valuations
 - With Assessor
- No Street Address (09R-015, Magliozzi Trustees) Abatement Request re: Land Valuation
 - With Assessor
- 644 Five Islands & No Street Adress (04R-015-G & 04R-015, Witty / Taggart) Abatement request re: Land Valuation
 - With Assessor
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Pending abatements received to appear on future agenda:

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JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
MARINE RESOURCES LABORATORY
P.O. BOX 8, 194 MCKOWN POINT RD
W. BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE
04575-0008

CARL J. WILSON
ACTING COMMISSIONER

March 18th, 2026

Angela Mead, Town Clerk
P O Box 436
Georgetown, ME 04548-0436

Dear Ms. Mead:

This is in response to your request to transplant seed clams as follows:

Start	Stop	Source (Flat or Hatchery Name)	Source Flat Water Quality Classification*	Species/size (seed** or >seed)	Destination	Supervisor
5/9/2026 8:00am	5/9/2026 2:00pm	Down East Institute	Approved	Soft shell clams, 0.6" seed	The Bedroom Cove, Sagadahoc Bay, Georgetown	Chad Campbell-Shellfish Chair

***Note:** Areas seeded with shellfish taken from Restricted (Closed) areas must be closed for a period of at least 60 days. Areas seeded with shellfish taken from Prohibited (Closed) areas must be closed for a period of at least 6 months. Check source flat water quality classification above.

****Note:** Maximum seed sizes for shellfish are defined in DMR Regulation Chapter 2.95.

This letter will serve as permission for the above activities as provided by Title 12 MRSA Section 6675, provided that the listed Supervisor contacts, 24 hours before the start of the activity, the Marine Patrol Officer responsible for this area and/or the Marine Patrol at the following location. This letter must be on-site during the activities.

Marine Patrol Division I – Boothbay (207) 633-9595

Sincerely,

Benjamin Wahle
Nearshore Marine Resource Program Supervisor

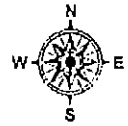
cc: Katie Tilton, Marine Resource Scientist I
Lt. Daniel White, Marine Patrol Division I



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Georgetown

Municipal Clam Reseeding or Transplant Projects



Date Issued: 3/18/2026

Refer to the text of the accompanying permit to determine dates when areas are closed to harvest.

Georgetown

The
Bedroom

Sagadahoc Bay

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles

Disclaimer: There may be state public health closures in this map area. Please refer to Maine Bacterial Closures maps at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>

Transplant wild or hatchery seed



Outlook

Fw: New LPA applications received within your municipality/zone

From Georgetown Clerk <grgtwnclerk@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 3/19/2026 11:38 AM

To Tyler Washburn <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

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SMAC226.pdf;

Angela Mead
Town Clerk & Tax Collector
Georgetown, Maine
1-207-371-2820
1-207-371-2331 FAX

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: DMR, Aquaculture <dmraquaculture@maine.gov>

To: grgtwnclerk@yahoo.com <grgtwnclerk@yahoo.com>; hanstein.woody@gmail.com
<hanstein.woody@gmail.com>; eric.gilliam8240@gmail.com <eric.gilliam8240@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 09:37:17 AM EDT

Subject: New LPA applications received within your municipality/zone

Dear Town of Georgetown and Lobster Zone Council Representative,
The attached application is for a Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) license, located in state waters in your municipality, are currently under DMR's review. The application has been sent to riparian owners within 300 feet of the proposal (if any) for their review and opportunity to comment and has been reviewed by your local Harbormaster. DMR is sending your town notification of the applications and comment period as a courtesy. Please have individuals who have comments or concerns about the proposals contact DMR (at this email or address below) within the next two weeks. You should feel free to contact the licensee with any concerns, as well.

Please note that the application may not have been reviewed by DMR at this time. If major changes are required, new copies of the application will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

DMR Aquaculture Division

Hannah Brazier

Marine Resource Management Coordinator

Bureau of Public Health & Aquaculture

Maine Department of Marine Resources

21 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0021

RE: BRIC Program Update 3.9.2026

From Whelan, Christine N <Christine.N.WheLAN@maine.gov>

Date Wed 3/11/2026 8:35 AM

To Lauren O'Reilly <Keeper@seguinisland.org>

Cc Read Armstrong <readparmstrong@yahoo.com>; Chris Hall <crowmirefarm@gmail.com>; allisonalubin@gmail.com <allisonalubin@gmail.com>; tmcna65@gmail.com <tmcna65@gmail.com>; karissa.j.davan@gmail.com <karissa.j.davan@gmail.com>; Gordon Reed <gordonreed17@icloud.com>; Betsy Lane <betsyalane@gmail.com>; Tip Koehler <Tip@seguinisland.org>; Tyler Washburn <GtwnME@hotmail.com>

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BRIC FY24 Application_Georgetown.pdf;

Good morning, Lauren,

Thank you for letting me know! Looping Tyler Washburn into this email chain as well, as the Town of Georgetown would be the eligible subapplicant applying on behalf of FOSILS. I will send out an email with the application details when the BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity is released.

The subapplication that was submitted by the Town of Georgetown before BRIC was terminated is attached. Can you please review and tell me if any of the scope of work task/deliverables identified within this subapplication have been completed?

As a reminder, no work associated with the proposed mitigation activity, whether funded through FEMA or alternate sources, can begin until FEMA has awarded the grant for the entire project and a contract has been executed between MEMA and the Town of Georgetown. Any activities and/or ground disturbance started after the application has been submitted to MEMA and prior to FEMA grant award will be denied due to non-compliance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Christine Whelan

State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Maine Emergency Management
Agency

Cell: (207) 707-2963



From: Lauren O'Reilly <Keeper@seguinland.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:23 PM

To: Whelan, Christine N <Christine.N.Whehan@maine.gov>

Cc: readparmstrong@yahoo.com; crowmirefarm@gmail.com; allisonalubin@gmail.com; tmcna65@gmail.com; karissa.j.davan@gmail.com; Gordon Reed <gordonreed17@icloud.com>; Betsy Lane <betsyalane@gmail.com>;

Tip Koehler <Tip@seguinland.org>

Subject: Re: BRIC Program Update 3.9.2026

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside of the State of Maine Mail System. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning Christine,

We are excited to hear your update and are eager to re-engage.

The Friends of Seguin Island Light Station submitted our FOSILS Scoping Engineering Design-Sub-application Local Match Commitment Letter and our Budget Narrative letter dated March 12, 2025, and our Erosion Primer and MOU with the Town of Georgetown signed and dated February 11, 2025.

Should this be available again, will we need to re-submit our initial paperwork or will the previous submissions stand.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I extend our gratitude to your continuing work for the State of Maine's environmental health and natural resources.

Sincerely,
Lauren

Lauren O'Reilly
Executive Assistant to the Board
Friends of Seguin Island Light Station
72 Front St. Suite 3 Bath Maine 04530
207-443-4808
seguinland.org

From: Whelan, Christine N <Christine.N.Whehan@maine.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2026 12:25 PM

Cc: Guindon, William <William.Guindon@maine.gov>; Legee, Joe <Joe.Leege@maine.gov>; Corson, Vanessa <Vanessa.Corson@maine.gov>; Roberts, Spencer <Spencer.Roberts@maine.gov>; HMA Grants <HMAGrants@maine.gov>

Subject: BRIC Program Update 3.9.2026

You don't often get email from christine.n.whelan@maine.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon, All,

I am reaching out to provide you with an update regarding the Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) program. In July of 2025, Maine joined a coalition of 20 states in a lawsuit (*Washington v. FEMA*) against the Trump Administration over its unlawful attempt to shut down the FEMA BRIC program.

On December 11th, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts ruled in favor of the plaintiff states, stating that FEMA's termination of the BRIC program was unlawful and issued a permanent injunction restoring the program. On February 17th, 2026, the plaintiff states entered a Motion to Enforce, as FEMA has not provided any information regarding the BRIC program since the judgment order on December 11th, 2025. I am happy to share that on March 6th, 2026, the court granted the plaintiff states Motion to Enforce.

What Does This Mean?

- FEMA must provide plaintiff states with information regarding the BRIC program
- FEMA must reinstate and release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY24 BRIC

While the above required actions may be delayed due to the current budgetary freeze, FEMA will be releasing a new BRIC NOFO that aligns with the Trump Administration's priorities soon.

With this update in mind, those who may be interested in applying for BRIC, please reach out to me **as soon as possible** to discuss potential mitigation projects and to complete an HMA eligibility check. Eligible subapplicants include state agencies, towns, counties, and federally recognized tribes. All eligible subapplicants **must** have participated and adopted a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A separate email will be sent with additional information with application details once the BRIC NOFO has been released.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Christine Whelan

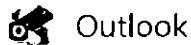
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Maine Emergency Management Agency

Cell: (207) 707-2963



<https://www.maine.gov/mema/>



Outlook

CMP Would Like to Visit Your Community in 2026 – Invitation to Host an Engagement Event

From VOIT, PATRICK <patrick.voit@cmpco.com>

Date Wed 3/18/2026 3:09 PM

To Town Office Georgetown <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

Good afternoon Tyler and Town of Georgetown,

Central Maine Power is planning our 2026 Community Relations calendar, and we would like to visit your community to host one of our engagement offerings—or both—designed to support residents and strengthen communication between CMP and local leaders.

We are inviting municipalities and organizations to host one or both of the following opportunities in 2026:

- **Storm Response in Your Community Presentation**

An overview of CMP's system investments, storm preparation processes, restoration priorities, and new technologies aimed at improving reliability and strengthening community resilience.

- **Community Connections Table**

An in-person opportunity for residents to meet directly with our Customer Service team for assistance with billing questions, payment options, energy assistance programs, and general account updates.

To express interest and help us with scheduling, [please complete this brief form](#). Early responses help us schedule efficiently and ensure your community is considered early in the planning process.

[2026 Community Relations Municipal Opportunities – Fill out form](#)

We truly value our partnership with your municipality and look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and your residents in the coming year.

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Secure Shredding Truck is Back!

From Age-Friendly Georgetown Maine <jamespeavey@agefriendlygeorgetown.org>

Date Wed 3/11/2026 8:39 AM

To gtwnme@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

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A message from Age-Friendly Georgetown, Maine

Free Document Shredding

Many of us have waited a couple of years for the Shredding Truck to return to town so we may safely get rid of personal files and all that junk mail containing sensitive information such as our name, address, and how poorly we did in high school.

AARP and their contracted shredding truck are coming to Bath on Saturday April 11 from 9:00 to

1:00, or until their truck is full. It will be held at Morse High School, 826 Shipbuilder Drive in Bath. There will be signage directing people to the right spot. The attached flyer has a link to register for the event. To register, you **MUST** click the green button below. It has "Shredding" written on it.

Shredding

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Scam Alert from Sagadahoc Sheriff

From Age-Friendly Georgetown Maine <jamespeavey@agefriendlygeorgetown.org>

Date Thu 3/12/2026 3:53 PM

To gtwnme@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

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Local Scam Alert

This is a message from the Sagadahoc Sheriffs' Office about a scam focused on this area.

Sagadahoc County Sheriffs' Office has recently been made aware of a scam in which residents are being contacted by individuals impersonating a Sheriff's Office detective and requesting money. Residents should be aware that Sheriff's deputies and detectives

will never ask for payment or money over the phone, by text, or through electronic means. If you receive a call like this and are unsure whether the person contacting you is legitimately a member of law enforcement, please do not provide any information or payment. Instead, hang up and contact the Sagadahoc County Regional Communications Center directly, at 207-443-9711, to verify the call.

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P.O. Box 315
Georgetown, Maine 04548

March 16, 2026

To the Board of Selectman, Georgetown, Maine:

I am writing this letter to formally follow up on the request I made during the public comment at your Select Board meeting of 3/10/26. At that meeting the decision from Kristin M. Collins regarding the **Citizens' Petition for Increase in Select Board Membership** was reviewed. This was followed by a vote of the Board to reject the petition because "it calls for the filling of the two seats at the November general election, rather than at the next annual town meeting". It seems Section 2525(1) of Maine State Law "requires that the municipal offices be elected only at the annual town meeting".

In composing the wording of the petition, I requested the Select Board put a question on the June 2026 warrant asking if the townspeople want to increase the number of board members from 3 to 5. I further indicated that should this pass, the election for two additional members occur at the general election in November. My thought process was in doing this, the Town of Georgetown would not assume the financial burden of holding a special election. Given that I'm not an attorney, I was unaware that an election of this nature can not be held.

It is my opinion that the intent of the petition is clear. It is not about how/when the additional members would be added to the board but completely about making a decision to add them or not, as dictated by town vote. There were 81 individuals who willingly signed the petition, agreeing with the need to bring this question to a vote of Georgetown residents. Varied discussion surrounded the fact that there are other towns with similar populations who have 5, not 3 members. People expressed concern that the amount of work required of 3 board members who may also hold jobs is overwhelming. The Select Board as you know, are making decisions for the town, attending Select Board meetings, and acting as liaisons for all of the other town boards. Folks are of the belief that if the work load could be divided amongst 5 rather than 3 there may be increased interest in serving. Individuals stated that a 5 person board would increase dialogue between members, offer a greater variety of opinion, and possibly increase diversity of thoughts and experiences amongst members. People, including myself thought it ironic that arguably our most important board in town is comprised of 3 members, while this board itself has voted to add alternates to many of the other town boards that were previously made up of 3 members.

Again I state, 81 individuals signed the **Citizens' Petition for Increase in Select Board Membership**. The intent of the petition was to request the Select Board place on the June 2026 ballot the question of whether or not that board should be increased from 3 to 5 members. Given that state law mandates the election of those individuals may not occur at the November general election, I am asking that the Select Board consult with the town's attorney to determine if the Board does in fact, have the ability to bring the question of increasing board members to the Town as part of the June 2026 town meeting process. If the answer is yes, I'm asking the

Board to do this. Should the question pass, the actual election process would occur, as mandated by Maine State law at the June 2027 town meeting.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sabatine

3/16/2026

Month	Paid To City of Bath for Solid Waste (Compactor)		Paid To R C Rogers @ \$270.00 Per Trip		Total Paid For Compactor	Monthly	Last Year Monthly	Variance
	@ \$121.00 Per Ton				Hauling	Tonnage	Tonnage	Inc / (Dec)
	Tons	\$	Trip Fee			Totals	Totals	
2025								
July								
1-Jul	5.15	\$	623.15					
8-Jul	9.04	\$	1,093.84					
15-Jul	8.47	\$	1,024.87					
22-Jul	8.84	\$	1,069.64	5 @ \$270.00				
29-Jul	8.55	\$	1,034.55			40.05	44.8	(4.75)
		\$	4,846.05	\$	1,350.00	\$	6,196.05	
August								
5-Aug	8.57	\$	1,036.97					
12-Aug	9	\$	1,089.00					
19-Aug	8.11	\$	981.31					
26-Aug	8.28	\$	1,001.88	4 @ \$270.00				
		\$	-					
		\$	4,109.16	\$	1,080.00	\$	5,189.16	(3.06)
September								
2-Sep	7.06	\$	854.26					
9-Sep	5.62	\$	680.02					
17-Sep	7.49	\$	906.29	6 @ \$270.00		34.32	26.1	8.22
23-Sep	5.55	\$	671.55					
23-Sep	2.65	\$	320.65					
30-Sep	5.95	\$	719.95					
		\$	4,152.72	\$	1,620.00	\$	5,772.72	
October								
7-Oct	5.51	\$	666.71					
8-Oct	1.64	\$	198.44			24.97	30.69	(5.72)
14-Oct	6.34	\$	767.14	5 @ \$270.00				
21-Oct	5.99	\$	724.79					
28-Oct	5.49	\$	664.29					
		\$	-					
		\$	3,021.37	\$	1,350.00	\$	4,371.37	
November								
4-Nov	5.5	\$	665.50					
14-Nov	6.16	\$	745.36	4 @ \$270.00		21.04	19.37	1.67

3/16/2026

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	@ \$121.00 Per Ton				Hauling	Tonnage	Tonnage	Inc / (Dec)	
	Tons	\$\$	Trip Fee			Totals	Totals		
20-Nov	5.15	\$	623.15						
25-Nov	4.23	\$	511.83						
			\$	2,545.84	\$	1,080.00	\$	3,625.84	
December									
4-Dec	6.91	\$	836.11						
11-Dec	5.3	\$	641.30	4 @ \$270.00		20.96	25.6	(4.64)	
18-Dec	4.8	\$	580.80						
23-Dec	3.95	\$	477.95						
		\$	-						
			\$	2,536.16	\$	1,080.00	\$	3,616.16	
2026									
January									
6-Jan	8.58	\$	1,038.18						
15-Jan	6.47	\$	782.87			19.21	21.13	(1.92)	
22-Jan	4.16	\$	503.36	4 @ 270.00					
		\$	-						
		\$	-						
			\$	2,324.41	\$	810.00	\$	3,134.41	
February									
3-Feb	5.42	\$	655.82						
12-Feb	5.01	\$	606.21	4 @ 270.00					
20-Feb	4.86	\$	588.06			18.28	16.91	1.37	
27-Feb	2.99	\$	361.79						
		\$	-	\$	2,211.88	\$	1,080.00	\$	3,291.88
Totals	Tons 212.79		\$\$ \$	25,747.59	\$	9,450.00	\$	35,197.59	(8.83)

3/16/2026

Month	Paid To City of Bath for Demolition/Bulky		Paid To R C Rogers @ \$270.00 Per Trip		Total Paid For Bulky Waste Hauling		Monthly	Last Year Monthly	Variance	Total Paid For All Waste Hauling
@ \$143.00 Per Ton							Tonnage	Tonnage	Inc / (Dec)	
	Tons	\$					Totals	Totals		
2025										
July										
2-Jul	4.48	\$ 640.64								
8-Jul	4.26	\$ 609.18								
9-Jul	1.54	\$ 220.22								
14-Jul	6.57	\$ 939.51								
15-Jul	3.34	\$ 477.62		7 @ 270.00			27.11	20.73	6.38	
22-Jul	3.37	\$ 481.91								
29-Jul	3.55	\$ 507.65	\$ 3,876.73		\$ 1,890.00	\$ 5,766.73				\$ 11,962.78
August										
5-Aug	3.43	\$ 520.49	includes \$30 for mattress/BS/Couch							
7-Aug	2.48	\$ 354.64								
12-Aug	2.81	\$ 401.63								
19-Aug	4.57	\$ 653.51								
20-Aug	2.16	\$ 308.88		6 @ \$270.00						
26-Aug	4.13	\$ 590.59	\$ 2,829.94		\$ 1,620.00	\$ 4,449.94	19.58	22.82	(3.24)	\$ 9,639.10
September										
3-Sep	1.96	\$ 280.28								
2-Sep	4.18	\$ 597.74								
10-Sep	4.44	\$ 634.92					21.65	19.89	1.76	
16-Sep	4.38	\$ 626.34		6 @ \$270.00						
18-Sep	3.01	\$ 430.43								
30-Sep	3.68	\$ 526.24	\$ 3,095.95		\$ 1,620.00	\$ 4,715.95				\$ 10,488.67
October										
7-Oct	3.94	\$ 563.42								
14-Oct	4.87	\$ 696.41					17.79	22.21	(4.42)	
22-Oct	4.05	\$ 579.15								
29-Oct	4.93	\$ 704.99		4 @ \$270.00						
		\$ -								
		\$ -	\$ 2,543.97		\$ 1,080.00	\$ 3,623.97				\$ 7,995.34
November										
4-Nov	3.38	\$ 483.34								
10-Nov	3.54	\$ 506.22					13.45	14.1	(0.65)	
18-Nov	3.43	\$ 490.49		4 @ \$270.00						
25-Nov	3.1	\$ 443.30								

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@ \$143.00 Per Ton							Tonnage	Tonnage	Inc / (Dec)	
	Tons	\$					Totals	Totals		
		\$ -								
		\$ -	\$ 1,923.35		\$ 1,080.00	\$ 3,003.35				\$ 6,629.19
December										
4-Dec	4.15	\$ 601.75	RC - Pine Tree							
11-Dec	2.91	\$ 416.13					9.04	8.39	0.65	
26-Dec	1.98	\$ 287.10	RC - Pine Tree	3 @ \$270.00						
		\$ -								
		\$ -								
		\$ -	\$ 1,304.98		\$ 810.00	\$ 2,114.98				\$ 5,731.14
2026										
January										
9-Jan	1.13	\$ 161.59								
9-Jan	3.42	\$ 489.06	(2nd demo)				8.82	9.5	(0.68)	
13-Jan	2.33	\$ 333.19		4 @ \$270.00						
22-Jan	1.94	\$ 277.42								
		\$ -								
		\$ -	\$ 1,261.26		\$ 1,080.00	\$ 2,341.26				\$ 5,475.67
February										
3-Feb	4	\$ 572.00								
12-Feb	1.68	\$ 240.24		2 @ \$270.00			5.68	7.41	(1.73)	
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
The Conservation Commission, Town Owned Property Management Board
And
Georgetown Recreation Committee

This agreement is in effect July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to establish working procedures between the Conservation Commission, the Town Owned Property Management Board and the Recreation Committee in regard to the tennis court and surrounding area, which sit on Town-owned land managed by the Conservation Commission. The tennis court location is on tax map 13U-007.

Contact People: Jessica Weller—CC (617) 899-8434, Mark Donovan-TOPMB (207) 371-2253 and Judie Teller-Rec (207) 815-0220.

Respective Responsibilities under this agreement include:

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD (TOPMB)

- The tennis court area will be inspected on an annual basis by the TOPMB and the inspection will be kept on file at the Town Office.
- The TOPMB shall determine and will cover the cost of court maintenance.
- The TOPMB will cover the costs of tree removal identified by the tennis court inspection every year and approved by the Conservation Commission.

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- The Recreation Department is granted permission to use the tennis court area for their organized events and does not need to file a Town Forest Use permit for their activities on the tennis courts.
- The Recreation Department will notify the Town Office if they notice any issues with the safety or condition of the tennis court area.
- The Recreation Department is responsible for the cost of any recreation equipment in the tennis court area (nets, balls etc.).

This **Memorandum of Understanding** shall be reviewed and revised by **the Town of Georgetown** and reviewed by the Conservation Commission, the Town Owned Property Management Board and the Recreation Department on an as needed basis, or at least annually.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair, Select Board

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair of the Conservation Commission

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair of the Town Owned Property Management Board

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair of the Recreation Department