

Report on the Select Board Meeting of April 8, 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 with the packet 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 Town Administrator Tyler Washburn were together in the Town Office. Select Board Member Kathy Gravino was on Zoom. There were 55, members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

Most Important/Interesting Items: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- The DRAFT Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance was the subject of over an hour of public comment
- The Select Board discussed possible future fees that could be set if the DRAFT STR Ordinance passes. The Planning Board said they have discussed recommending fees in the \$35 range with a possible discount for multiple registrations. The Select Board is also inclined toward any fees being set in that range. The intention of the fees is not to be punitive, but to cover costs for printing and handling of registrations and other materials
 - *NOTE: The Select Board sets all Town fees at its first meeting following Town Meeting. This discussion is being held to provide the public with more information ahead of the Community Information Night.*
- The Select Board discussed DRAFT examples from the Planning Board of a potential one-page registration application that could be used if the DRAFT STR Ordinance is accepted
- The Selectboard voted to send the DRAFT Working Waterfront Ordinance to legal counsel for review
- The DRAFT Building and Demolition Permit Ordinance with revisions from legal counsel were sent back to the Planning Board
- The DRAFT Minimum Lot Size Ordinance with revisions from legal counsel were sent back to the Planning Board
- The DRAFT Shoreland Zoning Ordinance with revisions from legal counsel were sent back to the Planning Board

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Thursday, April 9th – Solid Waste Management Committee – 7pm ZOOM
Monday, April 13th – Conservation Commission – 6pm ZOOM
Monday, April 13th – Fire Department Business Meeting – 7pm IN PERSON
Tuesday, April 14th – Select Board Meeting – 7pm HYBRID – FAC Budget presentation
Wednesday, April 15th – Planning Board – 7pm HYBRID
Thursday, April 16th – EMS Informational Night @ GHS – 7pm HYBRID
Tuesday, April 21st – TOPMB – 4pm HYBRID
Tuesday, April 28th – Select Board – 7pm HYBRID
Thursday, May 14th – Town Budget Hearing - TBD
Thursday, May 26th – Ordinance Hearing – 6:30pm HYBRID
Thursday, May 26th – Select Board Meeting to follow the Ordinance Hearing

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

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SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Wednesday, April 8, 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:

Public comment:

Old Business:

- Ordinances:
 - HELD - Planning Board – *NEW* – Short Term Rental Ordinance
 - Planning and Discussion regarding the upcoming Community Information Night (April 28)
 - Discussion about possible future fees

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- Discussion about possible registry / registration forms
- BACK FROM LEGAL - Planning Board – *REVISIONS* – Building and Demolition Permit Ordinance
- BACK FROM LEGAL - Planning Board – *REVISIONS* – Minimum Lot Size Ordinance
- BACK FROM LEGAL - Planning Board – *REVISIONS* – Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
- NEW - Working Waterfront Work Group – *NEW* – Working Waterfront Ordinance – To Hearing, Legal, or Hold for Further Discussion* **★**

New Business:

- Updates to the Town Meeting Timeline
 - FAC Budget Presentation moved to April 14
 - Setting of Ordinance Public Hearing Date **★**

Public comment:

Adjournment:

GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY



**JOIN
US!**



CHOOSE A LOCATION

-IPCAR FOREST IN FIVE ISLANDS -
(MEET AT THE BASKETBALL COURT)

-GEORGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL-
(MEET IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE SCHOOL)

-TRAFTON CEMETERY-
(MEET AT GHS PARKING LOT AT 9AM--ADULTS ONLY IN CEMETERY)
-YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD

CHOOSE
YOUR
LOCATION

SAT. MAY 2ND
9AM-11AM

BRING
WATER, GLOVES
& TOOLS
IF YOU HAVE
THEM

This event is a collaboration of: The Georgetown Central School, Age Friendly Georgetown, Recreation Committee, Cemetery Committee and the Conservation Commission

We will be doing trail work in the Ipcar Forest, cleaning out gardens and outdoor learning spaces at the school and gently raking the Trafton Cemetery. Please bring water, rakes, gloves and other garden/trail tools if you have them!

For More Info : www.gtownconservation.com

Georgetown



BIG NIGHT



Drivers please use caution on rainy spring nights. Salamanders and frogs are crossing many of our Georgetown roads to head to vernal pools for mating. Please beware of both Big Night volunteers and amphibians.



Thanks to the children and teachers at GCS for making these wonderful signs to warn drivers.

For more information or to join our group of volunteers, please contact Jessica Weller from the Georgetown Conservation Commission at jessica@troopweller.com.



UPCOMING MEETINGS!

The Select Board will be holding a **Special Meeting on Wednesday April 8th, at 7pm.** At this meeting, the Select Board will be updating its timeline on the *Draft* Short Term Rental Ordinance and addressing a few other housekeeping items.

The Select Board will also be hosting a **Community Discussion on April 28th at 6:30pm relative to the *Draft* Short Term Rental Ordinance.** The Select Board will meet immediately following the Community Discussion. Details to follow.