TOWN WARRANT 2015

TO: Mary F. McDonald, citizen of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, to assemble at Georgetown Central School, Georgetown Center, on **Tuesday, the ninth day of June, 2015, at 12pm through 8pm, and on Saturday, the thirteenth day of June, 2015, at 9am,** to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2016.

Art. 3. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term ending at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 4. To elect by ballot a Treasurer for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2016.

Art. 5. To elect by ballot a Tax Collector for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2016.

Art. 6. To elect by ballot a Road Commissioner for a term ending at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 7. To elect by ballot a member of the School Committee for a term ending at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 8. To elect by ballot a member of the Town-Owned Property Management Board for a term ending at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 9. To elect by ballot a Cemetery District Trustee for a term ending at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

**Articles 1 through 9 will be voted on Tuesday, June 09, beginning at 12pm, with the remaining articles addressed on Saturday, June 13, beginning at 9am.**

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following: (A) in regard to collection of taxes: Taxes shall become due and payable sixty days from the date printed on the bill, and interest at the rate of seven percent per annum will be charged on all accounts not paid by the due date; and (B) in regard to abatement of taxes: Interest at the rate of three percent per annum will be applied to all accounts from the date the taxes were paid until the overpayment is repaid.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town, such loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of money raised by taxes during that municipal year.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds on the same.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property with a value of $2000 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of the Selectmen to accept and expend such additional funds as various Town bodies may receive from government or private grants or similar block-funding gifts and donations, provided that funding does not trigger the expenditure of additional local funds not previously appropriated by the voters.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal Treasurer, upon direction from the Board of Selectmen, to waive the foreclosure of a Tax Lien Mortgage by recording a Waiver of Foreclosure in the Registry of Deeds in which the Tax Lien Certificate is recorded, prior to the right of redemption expiring, pursuant to 36 MRSA § 944.

**ORDINANCES**

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown Maine, as required to remain covered by the National Flood Insurance Program and to repeal the Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown Maine, as adopted on June 25, 1988 and amended lastly on June 12, 2010, effective July 16, 2015. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of funds to pay the following Town Officers’ salaries for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, hereafter designated as the fiscal year 2015-16, and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

First Selectman $ 4,000 $ 4,000

Second Selectman 3,500 3,500

Third Selectman 3,500 3,500

Assistant to the Selectmen 28,055 28,897

Bookkeeper 15,506 15,971

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector 8,141 8,385

Registrar of Voters 150 150

Tax Collector 12,878 13,264

Town Clerk 4,293 4,422

Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk fees 6,000 6,000

Town-Owned Property Management Board 1,200 1,200

Treasurer 4,119 4,243

Emergency Management Director 250 250

Vacation and sick pay annual 2,400 2,400

Vacation and sick pay fund 7,300 7,300

$ 101,292 $ 103,482

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following administrative expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Board of Appeals $ 1,050 $ 1,050

Capital Expenses: Computer / Fire proof file 3,800 0

Conservation Commission 2,970 3,570

Election expense 1,500 1,750

First Church Georgetown Center expenses 2,500 2,500

First Church Georgetown Center reserve (current balance $28,729) 2,000 2,000

Insurance—property and liability 23,000 25,000

Insurance—workers’ compensation 6,000 6,000

Interest on Tax Anticipation Note 500 500

Maine Municipal Association 1,800 2,000

Miscellaneous Town expenses 300 300

Planning Board 700 550

Professional Dues 250 250

Property assessing 13,500 13,000

Property assessing reserve (current balance $95,000) 5,000 2,500

Property mapping update 2,000 2,000

Selectmen’s contingency 3,000 3,000

Social Security—Town share 16,000 16,000

Street lights 2,800 2,800

Street signs 250 400

Tax collection expense 2,650 3,500

Town Audit 8,500 8,500

Town Counsel 10,000 7,500

Town Office Equipment Reserve (current balance $3,790) 1,000 1,000

Town Office expense 22,925 23,750

Town Office repair/maintenance reserve (current balance $16,235) 3,000 3,000

Town Report 4,000 4,000

Unemployment compensation—Town share 50 50

Water access reserve (current balance $14,000) 1,000 1,000

$ 142,045 $ 137,470

**TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town-Owned Property Management Board to solicit and accept donations for wharf repairs and improvements.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following property management expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Operating expenses

Contingency $ 2,000 $ 2,000

General operations

Engineering Studies 0 500

Float launch, haul, and store 3,000 3,500

Miscellaneous (paint, dumpster, etc) 500 500

Ordinance Enforcement 600 600

Postage 100 50

Printing and advertising 500 500

Signage 350 500

Submerged Land Lease 150 150

Utilities 1,000 600

Maintenance and repair

Buildings

Ice Cream / Bait building 4,600 2,000

Lobster Pound 4,600 2,000

Love Nest Snack Bar 200 2,000

Wharf Electrical System Update 1,200 0

Floats

Commercial 1,500 500

Recreational 1,500 250

Hoist service 1,500 750

Mowing 3,000 3,000

Todd’s Landing ramp repair 1,200 1,500

Tree Cutting 0 2,500

Wharf Structural maint/repair 2,500 2,500

Miscellaneous maintenance 1,000 1,000

Capital expenses

Old Stone Schoolhouse (roof repair) 6,000 1,000

Float Improvements

Recreational 5,500 6,000

Miscellaneous capital expenses 1,000 0

Float & Wharf Access reserve 0 2,500

Parking lot improvements reserve (current balance $4,634) 0 0

Todd’s Landing improvements reserve (current balance $3,150) 0 0

Wharf rebuilding reserve (current balance $69,824) 20,000 20,000 $ 63,500 $ 56,400

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town-Owned Property Management Board to assess and collect repair costs from anyone whose vessel damages the Town Wharf at Five Islands.

# GEORGETOWN COMMON SCHOOLS

Education expenditure articles for the fiscal year 2015-16

Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction. 2014-15 2015-16

## The School Committee recommends: $ 1,024,027 $ 1,132,762

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 334,050 $ 293,484*

Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 7,775 $ 6,814*

Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 174,190 $ 172,984*

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 71,808 $ 72,189*

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 155,539 $ 160,022*

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 110,917 $ 147,600*

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities

Maintenance. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 174,681 $ 168,678*

Art 32. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends $ 10,000 $ 10,000*

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends $ 41,227 $ 38,500*

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, additional local funds for school purposes under 20-A MRSA § 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, State subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools. 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $ 2,104,214 $ 2,203,033*

Art. 35. In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the school committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

*The School Committee recommends:* YES

Education revenue articles for the fiscal year 2015-16

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee recommends $1,225,884.16) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with 20-A MRSA § 15688.

2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends:* $ 1,169,289.66 $ 1,181,517.95

*Explanation:* The Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Town must raise in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.

Art. 37. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate $813,313.00 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State Essential Programs and Services funding model by *$*747,856.00, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

*The School Committee recommends:* YES

The vote on this article must be by written ballot under State law.

The School Committee recommends these local funds to support the educational programs Georgetown voters have long endorsed, pointing out that EPS is not fully funded by the State for fiscal year 2015-16 and does not adequately address all educational programs. Last year the additional local amount raised was $736,804.00

*Explanation:* The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the EPS Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment of non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

Education reserve fund article for the fiscal year 2015-16

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the capital reserve fund for renovations to the Georgetown Central School, to be expended on recommendation of the School Committee and approval by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen (current balance $64,595) 2014-15 2015-16

*The School Committee recommends: $* 7,500 *$* 7,500

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the officers and directors of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department Inc to solicit and accept donations, grants, and reimbursement claims and to transfer the funds thus raised to the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to extend and continue the present contract with the Sagadahoc County Fire Association for mutual emergency assistance.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following protection expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town and grant funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Animal Control Officer $ 2,162 $ 2,156

Lincoln County Animal Shelter 787 1,020

Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector

Stipend 2,500 3,000

Mileage 1,000 800

Share of building permits and floodplain permits 3,200 3,450

Training 200 200

Plumbing Inspector’s share of plumbing permit fees 3,000 3,600

State share of plumbing permit fees, septic fees 1,100 1,350

Fire Department administration 1,000 500

Fire Department advanced life support 8,500 8,500

Fire Department ambulance and fire salaries 15,400 15,400

Fire Department Firefighter 1 instructor / EMT training 2,500 2,500

Fire Department Officers’ stipend 4,800 8,000

Fire Department training / maint stipend 11,300 11,300

Fire Department vehicle inspection 3,000 3,600

Fire Department emergency vehicle reserve (current balance $122,963) 25,000 25,000

Fire Department Five Islands fire house maintenance 1,250 1,750

Fire Department Five Islands reserve fund (current balance $10,750) 250 1,000

Fire Department purchase of Ambulance 60,000 0

Harbormaster and moorings 8,375 10,075

Harbor emergency reserve (current balance $28,473) 4,000 3,000

Shellfish Conservation Committee 14,578 16,662

$ 173,902 $ 122,863

# SANITATION

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following solid waste disposal expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Capital improvements $ 3,000 $ 1,500

Capital equipment replacement reserve (current balance $34,800) 2,000 2,000

Capital equipment (container) 10,000 10,000

Contingency 2,000 2,000

General operations 2,500 3,000

Licensing Fees 400 450

Phone / Utilities 1,000 1,200

Safety Equipment 500 500

Sick / Vacation Time 2,395 0

Station Attendants 38,000 38,000

Training 200 200

Household hazardous waste disposal 2,500 2,500

Maintenance and repairs 5,000 5,000

Recycling removal 5,500 5,500

Solid waste removal 85,000 85,000

Universal hazardous waste disposal 200 200

$ 160,195 $ 157,050

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following road expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Education and training $ 0 $ 500

Road maintenance

Culverts and ditching 17,750 0

Paved Roads (ditching, patching, culverts) 24,000

Gravel Roads (ditching, patching, culverts) 20,000

General incidentals 14,500 0

Line painting; grading 12,000 5,100

Patching and sealing 43,100 0

Tree trimming; mowing; signs 6,800 15,000

Transfer to paving reserve (current balance $21,096) 21,096 0

Road paving / reconstruction 160,000 190,000

Road paving loan 130,000 76,500

$ 405,246 $ 331,100

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending $197,795 for snow removal for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required. Last year’s proposed sum was $211,559.

# RECREATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following local service expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

General assistance $ 8,000 $ 8,000

Georgetown Community Center 7,500 7,500

Recreation Committee 9,000 9,000

Richards Library 2,850 2,850

$ 27,350 $ 27,350

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following regional service expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Bath Area Food Bank $ 700 $ 700

Bath Area Senior Citizens 800 800

Big Brothers / Big Sisters 550 550

Coastal Transportation 550 550

Elmhurst Inc 800 0

Greater Bath Elder Outreach Network 300 300

Midcoast Maine Community Action 525 525

New Hope for Women 500 0

Patten Free Library 16,689 17,193

Spectrum Generations 400 400

Sweetser 991 1,000

$ 22,805 $ 22,018

Note: The $17,193 for the Patten Free Library is based on our 2010 population of 1,042 multiplied by a per capita rate of $16.50. If the Bath City Council approves a lower per capita rate, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to recalculate the amount to be expended using that lower per capita rate.

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying for the following cemetery expenses for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to appropriate the Town funds required: *2014-15 2015-16*

Cemetery manager 250 250

Maintenance and repair

Flags and plaques 0 0

Monument Repair 2,000 4,000

Mowing, tree and brush trimming 4,878 4,878

Surveying 1,500 1,500

Capital Expense (boundary fence) 3,375 3,375

$ 12,003 $ 14,003

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying $23,781 for MacMahan Island for the fiscal year 2015-16 as authorized by law and to appropriate the Town funds required. This amount is a direct obligation of the Town. Last year’s amount was $22,439.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying a sum now estimated at $904,021 to pay tax to Sagadahoc County and to appropriate the Town funds required. This amount is a direct obligation of the Town. Last year’s actual amount was $890,250.

Art. 50. To see what sum, not to exceed $250,000 the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance to reduce the annual tax commitment.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to bring forward the mandated actual unexpended balance in the fol-lowing account. The unexpended balance as of May 19, 2015 is shown.

*2014-15 2015-16*

Common School Funds $ 100,000 $ 110,000

Art. 52.To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $691,930. set for the Town by the State in the event that the municipal budget approved at Town Meeting will result in a tax commitment greater than that property tax levy limit.

Note: The vote on this article must be by written ballot under State law. The Board of Selectmen commend members of the Financial Advisory Committee and all Town boards and committees for their hard work in trimming the budget as far as possible. They strongly urge a Yes vote on this article.

The Registrar of Voters will be at the Georgetown Town Office on Tuesday, the ninth day of June, 2015, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon to correct the list of voters.

You are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in public places in the Town of Georgetown at least seven days before the time of this meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of May, 2015:

Dolores J. Pinette

William F. Plummer, IV

Geoffrey W. Birdsall

Selectmen, Town of Georgetown

Attest:

Catherine L. Collins Mary F. McDonald

Town Clerk, Town of Georgetown Citizen of Georgetown

# Officer’s Return

STATE OF MAINE

County of Sagadahoc, s.s.

I certify that I have notified the voters of Georgetown of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting attested copies of this warrant in conspicuous public places in the Town of Georgetown, specifically at

the Georgetown Community Center, Five Islands, at 12:00 pm

the Georgetown Country Store, Georgetown Center, at 12:40pm

the Georgetown Town Office, Georgetown Center, at 10:55 am

the Town Wharf, Five Islands, at 3:45pm

the US Post Office, Georgetown Center at 12:35pm

on May 26, 2015, which is more than seven days prior to the meeting.

Mary F. McDonald Date