

# TOWN WARRANT 2019

TO: Catherine L. Collins, 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 eleventh day of June, 2019, at 12pm through 8pm, and on Saturday, the fifteenth day of June, 2019, 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, 2020.

Art. 3. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term ending at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 4. To elect by ballot a Treasurer for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2020.

Art. 5. To elect by ballot a Tax Collector for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2020.

Art. 6. To elect by ballot a Road Commissioner for a term ending at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 7. To elect by ballot a member of the School Committee for a term ending at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 8. To elect by ballot a member of the Town-Owned Property Management Board for a term ending at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 9. To elect by ballot a Cemetery District Trustee for a term ending at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

**Articles 1 through 9 will be voted on Tuesday, June 11, between 12pm and 8pm, with the remaining articles addressed on Saturday, June 15, 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 nine (9) 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 four and one half (4.5) 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 \$2,000 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.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to remit to the Town Code Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector fees collected by these respective individuals in the form of wages.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to use anticipated revenues, regardless of source, except as prohibited by law, to reduce the mil rate.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$10,000. to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that may occur during the next fiscal year.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to draft an ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments to bring to a future town meeting.

Art 20. To see if the Town will direct the Select Board to include testing facilities in said adult use marijuana ordinance.

Art 21. To see if the Town will direct the Select Board to include retail stores in said adult use marijuana ordinance.

Art 22. To see if the Town will direct the Select Board to include products manufacturing facilities in said adult use marijuana ordinance.

Art 23. To see if the Town will direct the Select Board to include cultivation facilities in said adult use marijuana ordinance.

#### **ORDINANCES**

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Cemetery District Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

#### **BROADBAND**

Art 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to take actions in conjunction with either or both of the Towns of Arrowsic and Southport (the "member towns") for the purposes of applying for financing to support construction of a fiber-based broadband network ("the project") in the member towns. Neither the Select Board nor any designee shall incur any financial indebtedness, payment obligation or other liabilities for the Town of Georgetown unless and until an Interlocal Agreement which establishes an entity to manage the project and related financing, and sets forth the member towns' respective duties and authorities as members of that entity, is approved by annual town meeting and executed by the member towns.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the plan are available at the Town Office and on the website.)

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Art. 29. 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020, hereafter designated as the fiscal year 2019-20, and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Selectman, Chair	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Selectman (2)	7,000	7,000
Assistant to the Selectmen	32,796	34,108
Bookkeeper	17,367	18,062
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	2,163	2,250
Administrative Assistant	0	18,400
Registrar of Voters	300	300
Tax Collector	23,113	24,038
Town Clerk	7,280	7,572
Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk fees	6,000	6,000
Town-Owned Property Management Board	1,500	1,500
Treasurer	4,613	4,798
Emergency Management Director	250	250
Vacation and sick pay annual	3,300	3,300
Vacation and sick pay fund	7,887	7,887
	<u>\$ 117,569</u>	<u>\$ 139,465</u>

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following administrative expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Board of Appeals	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050
Capital Expenses: Computer / Flooring / Trim	10,000	10,000
Comprehensive Plan Update Committee	1,150	500
Conservation Commission	5,050	5,060
Election expense	2,000	2,500
First Church Georgetown Center expenses	500	500
First Church Georgetown Center reserve (current balance \$21,613)	2,000	2,000
Insurance – health	4,800	0
Insurance—property / liability / volunteer	29,500	30,385
Insurance—workers' compensation	8,500	8,800
Insurance—Health	4,800	4,800
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	100	100
Maine Municipal Association	2,500	2,850
Miscellaneous Town expenses	300	550
Planning Board	550	500
Professional Dues	250	300
Property assessing	10,000	10,000
Property assessing reserve (current balance \$105,000)	2,500	2,500
Property mapping update	2,000	2,000

Selectmen's contingency	5,000	5,000
Social Security—Town share	17,265	20,555
Street lights	3,200	3,200
Street signs	200	300
Tax collection expense	3,500	3,250
Town Audit	9,000	9,200
Town Counsel	30,000	20,000
Town Office Equipment Reserve (current balance \$3,290)	3,000	3,000
Town Office expense	30,545	32,875
Town Office repair/maintenance reserve (current balance \$16,835)	1,000	2,000
Town Report	4,000	4,000
Unemployment compensation—Town share	50	50
Water access reserve (current balance \$16,000)	1,000	1,000
	<u>\$ 190,510</u>	<u>\$ 188,825</u>

### TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Art. 31. 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. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following property management expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Operating expenses		
Contingency	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
General operations		
Engineering Studies	500	800
Float launch, haul, and store	3,500	3,500
Ordinance Enforcement	5,000	3,000
Postage	75	50
Printing and advertising	500	500
Signage	250	250
Submerged Land Lease	150	150
Utilities	300	350
Maintenance and repair		
Buildings	6,000	6,000
Floats	100	300
Hoist service	1,000	250
Mowing / Tree Cutting	2,000	2,500
Todd's Landing ramp repair	1,000	1,500
Town Wharf	800	1,000
Capital expenses		
Building Improvements	0	0
Float Improvements	5,500	0
Miscellaneous capital expenses	0	0
Float & Wharf Access reserve (current balance \$8,000)	1,500	1,500
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 \$148,824)	20,000	20,000
	<u>\$ 49,675</u>	<u>\$ 43,150</u>

Art. 33. 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 2019-20

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$1,202,193.12	\$1,201,382.39

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$367,542.84	\$428,421.54

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 6,814.00	\$ 6,169.80

Art. 37. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$148,614.44	\$ 89,080.91

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 70,412.73	\$ 76,956.25

Art. 39. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$173,414.69	\$163,490.56

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$186,500.00	\$203,500.00

Art. 41. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$154,826.20	\$176,403.18

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends</i>	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$2,345,318.02	\$2,380,404.63

Art. 44. 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 2019-20

Art. 45. 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 \$1,303,591.52) 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.

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$1,249,769.01	\$ 1,182,231.24

*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 (\$121,359.70).

Art. 46. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$931,727.08 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$896,727.08, 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. This amount is needed to cover costs of District schools that the state's funding model does not recognize including the following: 1) costs of student-teacher ratios, 2) costs of special education programming, 3) costs of extra-curricular and co-curricular programs, and 4) transportation costs. Last year the additional local amount raised was \$864,189.29

*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 2019-20

Art. 47. 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 \$38,615)

	2018-19	2019-20
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Art. 48. 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. 49. 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. 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following protection expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town and grant funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,668	\$ 2,783
Animal Shelter	1,100	1,199
Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector		
Stipend	4,000	4,000
Mileage	450	450
Share of building permits and floodplain permits	2,650	5,150
Training	250	250
Plumbing Inspector's share of plumbing permit fees	2,250	2,250
State share of plumbing permit fees, septic fees	900	900
Fire Department administration	500	500
Fire Department advanced life support	8,500	8,500
Fire Department ambulance and fire salaries	18,000	18,000
Fire Department Firefighter 1 instructor / EMT training	2,500	2,500
Fire Department Officers' stipend	8,000	6,000
Fire Department Bookkeeper	0	9,194
Fire Department training / maint. stipend	12,000	12,500
Fire Department vehicle inspection	4,600	5,600
Fire Department emergency vehicle reserve (current balance \$87,963)	30,000	30,000
Fire Department Five Islands fire house maintenance	1,750	1,750
Fire Department Five Islands reserve fund (current balance \$12,816)	1,000	1,000
Fire Department Loan Payment on Tanker	39,651	39,651
Harbormaster and moorings	10,902	12,950
Shellfish Conservation Committee	21,439	21,968
	<u>\$ 173,110</u>	<u>\$ 187,095</u>

#### SANITATION

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following solid waste disposal expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Capital improvements	\$ 0	\$ 0
Capital equipment replacement reserve (current balance \$35,050)	2,000	2,000
Contingency	2,000	2,000
General operations	3,000	3,000
Licensing Fees	500	500
Phone / Utilities	1,300	1,300
Safety Equipment	500	500
Station Attendants	38,000	42,000
Training	200	200
Household hazardous waste disposal	2,500	2,500
Maintenance and repairs	5,000	5,000
Recycling removal	6,000	11,402
Solid waste removal	92,500	95,700
Universal hazardous waste disposal	600	1,000
	<u>\$154,100</u>	<u>\$167,102</u>

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following road expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Education and training	\$ 500	\$ 500
Road maintenance		
Paved Roads (ditching, patching, culverts)	20,000	30,000
Gravel Roads (ditching, patching, culverts)	18,000	15,000
General incidentals	8,000	8,000
Line painting; grading	4,000	4,000
Tree trimming; mowing; signs	15,000	15,000
Transfer to paving reserve (current balance \$146,096)	25,000	75,000
Road paving / reconstruction	302,500	261,350
	<u>\$ 393,000</u>	<u>\$ 408,850</u>

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending \$235,500 for snow removal for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required. Last year's proposed sum was \$235,500.

#### RECREATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following local service expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
General assistance	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000
Georgetown Community Center	7,500	7,500
Recreation Committee	7,500	7,500
Richards Library	2,500	2,500
	<u>\$ 25,500</u>	<u>\$ 21,500</u>

Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following regional service expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Bath Area Food Bank	\$ 700	\$ 700
Bath Area Senior Activity Center	800	800
Big Brothers / Big Sisters	450	450
Midcoast Maine Community Action	525	525
New Hope for Women	350	350
Oasis Free Clinic	500	500
Patten Free Library	18,433	18,891
People Plus	500	500
SEARCH (was Greater Bath Elder Outreach Network)	300	0
Spectrum Generations	400	400
Sweetser	750	850
	\$ 23,708	\$ 23,966

Note: The \$18,891 for the Patten Free Library is based on our 2010 population of 1,042 multiplied by a per capita rate of \$18.13. 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. 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying for the following cemetery expenses for the fiscal year 2019-20 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2018-19	2019-20
Cemetery manager	250	250
Advertising	0	200
Maintenance and repair		
Flags and plaques	350	350
Monument Repair	4,000	6,900
Mowing, tree and brush trimming	9,850	11,750
Capital Expense (boundary fence)	4,000	0.00
	\$ 18,450	\$ 18,450

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Art. 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying \$24,797 for MacMahan Island for the fiscal year 2019-20 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 \$24,644.

Art. 58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying a sum now estimated at \$873,128 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 \$813,316

Art. 59. To see what sum, not to exceed \$300,000, the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance to reduce the annual tax commitment.

Art. 60. To see if the Town will vote to bring forward the mandated actual unexpended balance in the following account. The expected unexpended balance as of May 08, 2019 is shown.

	2018-19	2019-20
Common School Funds	\$ 35,455	\$ 92,039


Art. 61. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$780,725 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.

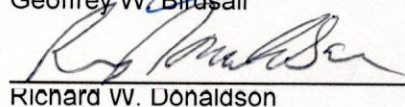
The Registrar of Voters will be at the Georgetown Town Office on Tuesday, the eleventh of June, 2019, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to correct the list of voters.

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.

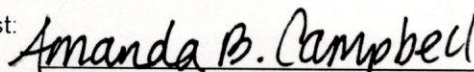
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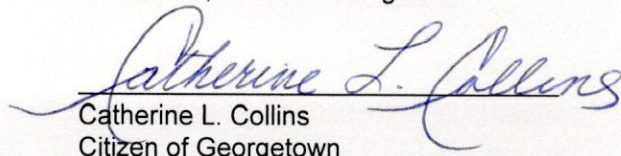
  
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Selectmen, Town of Georgetown

Attest:   
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 Amanda B. Campbell  
 Town Clerk, Town of Georgetown

  
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 Catherine L. Collins  
 Citizen of Georgetown