



TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

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Dear Neighbors,

As Chair of your Select Board for the past two years, I'm honored to share this update in our multi-year Town Report. Georgetown's strength lies in its people, and this year has been a testament to our resilience.

In recent years, we've seen more storms causing significant damage to our roads and shorelines. Following the damaging January 2024 storms, I saw firsthand the challenges facing us. I also saw a lot of what makes this island special - neighbors helping neighbors. With support from the Town Office, Town Owned Property Management Board, Senator Vitelli, Representative Hepler, and the State of Maine, we secured funding to rebuild our south shore at Five Islands.

We also completed a statistical revaluation, ensuring fairness and accuracy in property assessments. This process helps keep Georgetown financially sustainable, and we appreciate your engagement throughout.

Georgetown has seen leadership changes in recent years. Geoff Birdsall and Rich Donaldson completed their service on the Select Board, with Bronwen Tudor and Aria Eee stepping in. At the Town Office, Mary McDonald now serves as Finance Director. Amanda Campbell transitioned from Town Clerk to Town Administrator, a role now held by Tyler Washburn. After five years as Town Clerk, Alex Kelley is moving on, and we thank her for her service. Mike Field is now our Code Enforcement Officer, succeeding Chris Wilcoxson.

To make Select Board and Committee Meetings more accessible, we now offer virtual access via Zoom and post videos to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@georgetownme. We encourage everyone to stay involved, whether attending in person or tuning in from home.

Georgetown thrives because of its people. We continue investing in our town while holding onto the values that make it special. Your participation shapes our future—thank you for your trust. It's a privilege to serve, and I look forward to seeing you around the island.

Best,

Jonathan Collins

Chair, Select Board

Georgetown Central School

Georgetown Central School continues to provide a high-quality, well-rounded education for all students. Our dedicated staff works daily to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment that supports both academic and social-emotional growth. We pride ourselves on producing students who understand the importance of community and provide many opportunities throughout the school year for all grades to collaborate and celebrate together.

This school year brought exciting changes and continued traditions. I, Katelyn Miller, joined the Georgetown community as the new principal for the 2024–2025 school year, and I also provide academic intervention services for students.

Our teaching staff includes Nicole Niehoff, who leads pre-k and kindergarten with the support of educational technician Sarah Kulis; Marcella Look, who teaches 1st grade; Laurie Martin in 2nd grade; Susan Ayers, who teaches 3rd and 4th grade; and Sarah Howard, who teaches 5th and 6th grade with the support of Susie Morissette. Christina Small leads our special education program, supported by educational technicians Lisa Ames and Andrea Reazer. Students also benefit from instruction in art with Karen Wolfe, music with Jennifer McIvor, physical education with Peter McDaniel, Social-Emotional Learning with Elin Weeman and library with Susie Morissette.

Our school community extends far beyond the classroom. We are fortunate to have a hardworking custodial team—Terry Ionta, Ralph Wilkinson, and Shari Reynolds—who keep our building safe and clean. In December, we said farewell to longtime custodian David Knauber after many years of dedicated service. We will also say goodbye to Angela Mead, our cafeteria manager, at the end of the school year as she transitions into her new role in the community. We are deeply grateful for their contributions.

Outdoor learning continues to be a core part of our school culture, especially during our weekly Woods Wednesday sessions. Students also took part in enriching outdoor and experiential learning opportunities such as guided vernal pool field trips with the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, a visit to the clam flats with local clammers, Chewonki science presentations, the LabVenture program at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, and woodworking sessions at the Maine Maritime Museum.

These experiences were made even more impactful thanks to the generous support of the Georgetown Island Education Foundation (GIEF). This year, GIEF funded a week-long writing residency and an additional three-day workshop with The Telling Room, a trip to the Portland Symphony Orchestra's KinderKonzert, a visit from Portland Stage Company's PLAY program, and a day at The Leadership School at Kieve. GIEF also provided grants for Mrs. Martin's honeybees, new snowshoes and fishing poles for Mr. McDaniel's PE classes, and a wide variety of after-school enrichment activities.

Our club coordinator, Emily Polny, has been a fantastic addition to our team. Thanks to her leadership and GIEF's support, students have participated in clubs such as Silly Scientists, Arts & Crafts Academy, Sewing Club, Dance & Movement, Ukulele Club, Story Club, a workshop with Fogwood Gardens, and a Chinese Language Learning Club. These clubs provide students with opportunities to explore new interests and build community beyond the school day. Students also benefit from Ms. Emily's supervision in our Extended Day Program which runs from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and from 3:00-5:00 p.m. every day that school is in session.

On behalf of our students, staff, and families, thank you to the community members and partners who continue to support Georgetown Central School. Your involvement and generosity make our school a special place where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

With gratitude,
Katelyn Miller
Principal

GEORGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2024-2025

GRADE	STUDENTS
PreK	7
Kindergarten	7
1st	7
2nd	6
3rd	7
4th	5
5th	10
6th	1
TOTAL:	50

GRADES 7-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2024-2025

GRADES	STUDENTS
7th - 8th	18
9th - 12th	39
TOTAL:	57

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee in 2024, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other's successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

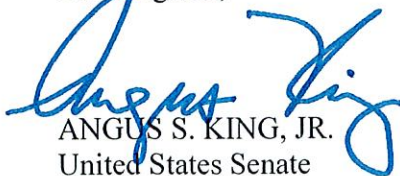
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine's combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health. It is my honor to serve the people of Maine's First District, and I'm pleased to share some ways that I can support you and your community this year.

I know that navigating many federal agencies and programs can be frustrating. One of my most important roles as a Member of Congress is to assist you if you're having trouble. My office can help to resolve challenges with a wide range of programs, including Social Security, veterans' benefits, passport renewals, and more. If you need help, please reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or visit my website at pingree.house.gov/contact.

As you know, communities around Maine have experienced major damage as a result of winter storms and widespread flooding in recent months. These storms have underscored the importance of disaster preparation, particularly as we face the growing impact of climate change. I am working closely with Governor Mills and her administration to ensure that federal assistance is available for both short-term recovery needs and long-term resiliency planning. My staff and I are continually updating my website with new resources and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

My office can also provide more information about the annual Community Project Funding (CPF) process. Each year, Congress enacts appropriations bills that provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. CPFs are a critical tool to directly support local governments and nonprofit organizations through federal appropriations. If you know of a project that might be a good fit, I encourage you to keep in touch as more details about the Fiscal Year 2025 funding process become available, as eligibility requirements and limitations can differ from year to year.

It is always a privilege to hear from you, so don't hesitate to reach out to my office any time that I can be helpful. Please rest assured that I do not take the responsibility of representing you lightly, and as we move into this new year, I will continue fighting for Mainers on the issues that impact us most. Thank you, and I hope to see you in Maine soon.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Dear friends and residents of Georgetown,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. Acting as your voice in Augusta is a tremendous honor, and I'm humbled by the opportunity to help Maine through this difficult time. Though the landscape of the pandemic has varied dramatically over the past two years, we know it will still take hard work, collaboration and creativity to help our state recover.

Last year, I was honored to be elected Senate Majority Leader by my colleagues in the Senate. I was also reappointed to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, where I continue my work to strengthen Maine's electrical grid and increase the amount of energy we get from renewable resources.

In our first session, the Legislature prioritized laws that make a real difference in the lives of Maine's people and economy. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and lifesaving medications. We invested in senior living and nursing facilities and in our direct care workers, who have been so vital during the pandemic. We passed a two-year bipartisan budget that, for the first time, meets the state's obligation to fund 55% of K-12 public education. We also restored municipal revenue sharing and increased property tax relief programs, all of which will help reduce property taxes for Maine people.

We supported Maine's workers and small businesses by cutting red tape, opening up new economic recovery grants, investing in workforce development and more. I sponsored a law to create the Work & Save Program so that all working Mainers – not just those with employer-sponsored retirement savings plans – can prepare for retirement.

On January 5, 2022, the Legislature began the second regular session, which is scheduled to continue until mid-April. Our committee work will be conducted remotely for the time being, but we will be meeting in person at the State House to vote on legislation. Every committee meeting is streamed live and archived at www.legislature.maine.gov, and you can also testify during public hearings from the comfort of your own home. The State House is open to visitors, and I encourage you to visit any time.

I know many in our community are still struggling, and I want to remind you that I'm here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help connecting with a state agency, putting food on the table, or just want to talk something through, I'm here to help. You can call my office at (207) 287-1515 or email me at Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov any time.

Sincerely,



Eloise Vitelli
State Senator



Denise Tepler
Senator, District 24

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Dear Friends and Residents of Georgetown,

Thank you for placing your trust in me as your state senator. With the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature now underway, I'm excited to share updates on our work in Augusta, including my committee assignments.

I have been appointed to serve as Senate Chair of Environment and Natural Resources Committee. This work is vital for our area. This session, our priorities include mitigating the PFAS contamination crisis, addressing Maine's struggles with increased solid waste and maintaining Maine's clean air and water to ensure that every Mainer has a sustainable future.

I am also pleased to serve as Senate Chair of the Marine Resources Committee, where I will work to keep ocean-based resources protected for the future. I am committed to supporting our working waterfronts, fisherman, and strengthening infrastructure to be more climate resilient.

I'm proud to introduce legislation this session in the hopes that will reduce the property tax burden for Bath residents. "An Act to Control Property Taxes by Increasing the Percentage of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption that Municipalities May Recover" should, if passed, help reduce costs to Bath taxpayers.

Please remember that I am here to help. If you need assistance connecting with a state agency, have questions about legislation or wish to share your thoughts, feel free to reach out at Denise.Tepler@legislature.maine.gov or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a stronger future for our district and all Mainers.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your state senator.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Tepler".

Senator Denise Tepler
Senate District 24
All of Sagadahoc County and Dresden

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Dear Georgetown Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am looking forward to working alongside my colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

I was officially sworn into office at the State House on Dec. 7, and as I write this, we are beginning the first session of the 131st Legislature.

Our most significant priority will be the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, which will play a critical role in shaping the direction of our state in the near future. My top goals for the budget include protecting our sustainable marine economy and ecosystem, ensuring that we continue providing property tax relief and achieving a bipartisan budget as much as we can.

This session, I will have the honor of serving as the House chair of the Marine Resources Committee. We will oversee policy relating to the Department of Marine Resources, commercial marine fisheries management, licensing and enforcement, aquaculture and marine science and research. I am also pleased to be serving on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee where our work will focus on farmland preservation, food safety and inspection, public lands and more. We also oversee the state parks and I'm excited to be a voice for Reid State Park.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is allison.hepler@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is **207-319-4396**. I also send out monthly email newsletters that provide insight into our work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources, and aim to connect you with your state government. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Hepler".

Allison Hepler
State Representative

Sagadahoc County

Board of Commissioners' 2024 Annual Report



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Dear Residents of Sagadahoc County,

As this will be last annual report, I want to say that it has been an honor to serve the taxpayers of the county for the last 16 years as County Commissioner. I have worked on ensuring that County services are accessible and delivered in the most cost-effective way possible. The Board watches financial constraints closely and the challenges faced by each community.

Two Collective Bargaining agreements were negotiated: for the Sheriff's Patrol Deputies and for Sheriff's Transport Deputies. The Communications Upgrade project, negotiating for new Radio Towers, continued throughout the year, successfully negotiating with the Town of West Bath. The West Bath tower construction started and will be completed in early 2025. A new County's website went live with a focus on ADA compliance. The County installed a new security access system (key fobs) for the entrances and certain restricted access doors within the courthouse. The Board of Health has delved into the question of the best use of the Opioid Settlement funds, creating and conducting a stakeholder survey that produced recommendations for the Commissioners. The county's Emergency Management Agency introduced a superior mass notification alert system "Rave" and has promoted and exceeded all expectations for participation in our community.

Looking forward, the FY25 budget, combining operating, capital, and debt service is \$11,781,051, which is an increase of 14.24% over FY24 at \$10,312,285. Salaries and Capital accounted for the majority of FY25 budget increase. The County still benefits from employing a self-funded health insurance model, which gives the County more control over increases to the annual health insurance premiums. Two Bridges Regional Jail, including debt service, constituted approximately 33% of the County's total budget. The Bond for Two Bridges Regional Jail will be paid off December 31, 2025.

Administration has been busy with several projects including the following:

- The Midcoast Corrections Collaborative worked towards the regionalization of Two Bridges Regional Jail (co-owned and operated by Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties) to include Knox and Waldo Counties, and thus all counties of Prosecutorial District 6.
- The FY25 budget focused on evaluating what capital accounts need to be developed into long-term targeted capital improvement plans (CIP's).
- Administration continues to work with the County's economic development entity, MCOG (Midcoast Council of Governments) which serves all Sagadahoc communities. Strategic Planning sessions are being held publicly at the municipal level, and participating municipalities are focusing on opportunities for regionalization.

Sincerely,

Carol Grose

Commissioner District 3, Sagadahoc County

Board of Trustees
Georgetown Cemetery District
Date Range: 2021 – 2025

The Board of Trustees for the Town-owned cemeteries has completed many tasks during this time period. Our goal has been to create beautiful resting places for those who have passed away, with well-maintained grounds and attractive landscapes. Below are some of the projects we have undertaken to achieve these goals.

In addition to items listed below which are specific to the different cemeteries, we contract for mowing and general upkeep on a regular basis, we have a Spring and Fall clean-up of all the cemeteries and place Veterans' flags in the Spring and remove them in the Fall.

Heal Cemetery:

Rebuilt fence around the cemetery using cedar-wood fence rails.

All gravestones have been cleaned.

Mountainside Cemetery:

Grading and repair of the road leading in and out of the Cemetery.

Surveyed and marked out a section of the Cemetery for single lots.

Survey conducted to replace rusted iron pipe in the Northwest corner, which could only be detected by a metal detector, with a new visible pipe. The Cemetery boundary is now well defined.

The fence surrounding the Cemetery has been power washed.

Over-grown shrubbery is trimmed on a regular basis.

The fence has been repaired several times due to vehicles sliding into it.

Sign for Mountainside designed and painted by Don Cowing.

Gravestones are regularly repaired when needed.

All gravestones have been cleaned.

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Five Islands Cemetery:

Extensive tree work has been done over the course of about three years.

Many gravestones have been repaired and reseated.

Repair of uneven ground, sunken graves have been filled in and the area seeded and mulched.

Oak Cemetery:

Fence repaired and completely repainted.

Repair of the shed and roof at Oak; the shed was also repainted and the inside cleaned out (although we still have a problem with mice finding their way in and doing damage)

Repairs to many gravestones that have broken or fallen over

An Oak Cemetery sign was designed and painted by Don Cowing.

Extensive tree work was also required at this Cemetery.

Road was repaired.

Riggs Cemetery:

Mowing and upkeep as needed.

Trafton/Oliver Cemetery:

This Cemetery was recently added to the Town-owned cemeteries. We have allocated funds in our 2025/26 budget to do work that will be required.

In 2025 we are currently working with a landscaper about having the stonewall facing the Baptist Church at Five Islands Cemetery rebuilt. We are also going to have the gate which has been missing for many years replaced. Tyler Washburn obtained an American Flag that was once flown over the Maine State House for us to fly at Campbell Square this summer. In addition, thanks to Jim Peavey and the Georgetown Age Friendly Committee, we will have a lovely bench in Campbell Square for visitors to the Five Islands Cemetery to use.

In 2025 the Trustees also budgeted to have the road at Oak Cemetery redone, we previously had repairs made to the road, but it is time to have it completely redone, similar to the road at Mountainside.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Morin

Chairperson, Georgetown Cemetery District Trustee

TOPMB Town Report 2019 – 2024

For the past six years the TOPMB has been productive in improving the condition of and maintaining the properties we are responsible for. These years have also been challenging with the passing of Wendy Keith-Hardy in early January of 2022, incorporating two interim members, Covid and the winter storms of 2023. Please respect and enjoy Town-owned property!

2024

- Created a four-phase approach to repair storm damage and worked with Town, State and federal officials to document and initiate recovery. Local contractors are responsible for the resilient work done to our Five Islands wharf property.
- Replaced a large portion of wharf decking and replaced the commercial floats.
- Used considerable reserve funds to pay for time sensitive restoration work.

2023

- Repairs made to the Richards Library roof, siding and foundation.
- Repairs made to the FVI bait building and paid for from reserve funds.
- Thresholds and sliding door in the Lobster Building replaced. Pressure treated perimeter board installed.
- Updated electrical outlets in leased buildings.
- Contracted mooring inspection and repair to commercial and recreational floats.

2022

- Resurfaced Todd's Landing.
- Removed trees threatening the Richards Library and Route 127.
- Fortified the tennis court backboard and painted new lines.
- Cleaned the property surrounding Stone Schoolhouse and worked with GHS to dispose of or retain contents left after its move to the current location.
- Executed a three-year lease agreement with Five Islands Lobster Company and installed an external holding tank to supply water to leased property during drought periods.

2021

- Contracted surveys of Todd's Landing and the Wales Lot.
- Painted the Lobster Building.

- Expanded parking at Todd's Landing.
- Updated the commercial lease agreement.

2020

- Repaired and paid from reserve funds, underpinnings to the wharf per contracted engineering survey.
- Contracted appraisals of Todd's Landing and negotiated the sale between the Todd heirs and the Town.
- Emergency repairs made to the commercial floats.

2019

- Installed a new recreational float.
- Initiated discussion to purchase Todd's Landing in anticipation of the lease expiring in 2020.

2019 – 2024 TOPMB Members: Bronwen Tudor, Mark Donovan, Rob Lowell, Wendy Keith-Hardy, George Rickley, Frank MacDonald, Todd Barabe and Stephen Mace.

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals in the Town of Georgetown has three functions: (1) hear appeals of decisions of the Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer or any other Town Official with respect to a permit, license or other required approval; (2) interpret provisions of any Town Ordinance called into question; and (3) grant variances.

The Board did not receive any applications for a variance and did not receive any appeals or request for ordinance interpretation in the past year and has had only a few applications or appeals since the last Town Report in 2017.

This past year Kelly James and Rufus Brown were appointed to the Board as regular members (joining existing members Ole Jaeger, Roger Bogart and Peter Stevens) and Scott Weller was appointed as an alternative.

The Board met once this past year to elect the undersigned as Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Rufus Brown, Chair

The Conservation Commission--A Story Told in Numbers 2018-2025

Current 2025 Members: Roger Bogart, Kathy Gravino, Ruth Indrick, Nancy Kinner, Sue Shade, Cheryl Swift* and Jessica Weller (*indicates alternate)*

ONE Ordinance—In June 2024, the town passed the Conservation Commission's first ordinance. This ordinance helps to define the roles and responsibilities of The Commission. *"The Georgetown Conservation Commission (also known as "The Commission") is an official agency of the Town, appointed by and responsible to the Select Board. The purpose of the Commission is to educate the community about local environmental issues, advise local officials on environmental issues as requested, and organize initiatives that address community environmental concerns. The Commission shall provide leadership in the protection, use, and conservation of Georgetown's natural resources. The Commission is established under Title 30-A Maine Revised Statutes Annotated #3261."* To read the rest of the ordinance, please visit the town website.

TWO Grants—In December 2022, the Conservation Commission worked on the documentation and tasks necessary to join the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) through the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF). As members of the partnership, we have helped write **TWO** grants. The first grant provided funding for a Level II Energy Audit of our municipal buildings that was done with Sparhawk Group in 2023. Our second is a joint grant, written with the town of Arrowsic, and will look at the water quality and quantity of our two island communities in 2025-2026. We also made **TWO** updates to the 2015 Climate Change Adaptation Report. These updates were made in 2018 and 2022.

TWELVE Reserves—There are **TWELVE** trail reserves highlighted in our popular *Georgetown Trails Guide*. The Commission helps to manage the **TWO** town owned trail reserves, the *Ipcar Natural* and the *Round the Cove Forest*. Over the past seven years we have done extensive trail work, purchased and posted trail and hunting signs and have helped fund and facilitate surveys of both forests. In 2019 we worked with the Georgetown Age-Friendly and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust to create a handicap-accessible trail at the Schoener Reserve.

THIRTEEN Potlucks—The Commission hosted our **THIRTEENTH** Potluck Dinner in February 2025 at the Georgetown Community Center. These potlucks help to build community and celebrate the tastes of the harvest and the season.

40+ Programs and Projects—Over the past seven years we have hosted or co-hosted over **40 educational programs, community meetings and community science opportunities**. Topics have included: Nurdles, Storm Readiness, Brown Tailed Moths, Ticks, Solar Energy, Community Resiliency, Big Night, Marsh Restoration, Flooding and Culverts, Mosquito Control, Invasive Species, Oysters, Owls, Middens, the Solar Eclipse, Water Monitoring, Trail Work, Coastal Cleanup and many more. These programs have allowed for some wonderful partnerships with groups like UNH, NOAA, KELT, GHS, GIEF, Georgetown Central School, Age-Friendly, the Georgetown Oyster Cooperative, Maine Audubon and many others.

90+ Culverts—In 2018 and 2019 over **90 culverts** in town were evaluated by engineering students from UNH as part of a multi-year collaborative study that began in the fall of 2015. Each culvert was assessed for how it would perform in different types of storm situations. In April of 2020, the students presented their findings in a community ZOOM.

400+ Amphibians—Our volunteers have assisted/spotted **400+ amphibians** as part of *Big Night* for the past **FOUR** amphibian migration seasons. We currently have **FOUR** sites registered with the *Maine Big Night*. We have also worked to build awareness around turtle crossings and have had **FOUR** work sessions of posting turtle signs around the island since 2018. The first turtle signs were created by the students at Georgetown Central School.

1200+ pounds of Trash!—We have hosted **SIX Coastal Cleanups** since 2018 which help to keep Georgetown's beaches, marshes, and shorelines free of debris. Since 2021 our town has collected **1200+** pounds of trash for *Coastal Cleanup*!

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Weller May 2025 (chair)

The harbor committee has met on an as need basis for the last few years. We have met on several occasions regarding derelict or abandoned boats in the Town. Whisper, a 41' sailboat is unfortunately still on the rocks off long island. Also, Hook Line and Sinker is a power boat that moved from place to place in the Town last Summer and the Harbormaster was successful at having the owner move it out of Town. Unfortunately, it was anchored near the Arrowsic bridge last winter where it broke free and now is aground for all to see. Abandoned or derelict boats continue to be a problem without an easy solution. Another boat in Robinhood Cove has been neglected and has come off its mooring and recovered with the loss of its rudder. The harbormaster was able to get the owner to agree to having its mooring maintained. The committee also brought forth a change in the ordinance to address moorings that are delinquent, modifying the right to drop the gear to be able to retain the gear and have another boat owner take over and maintain. This is to attempt to not litter the seafloor with costly tackle and moorings. The committee continues its efforts to map and identify moorings that are compliant and those that are not.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Wollmar

Chair

grade children in school. These lessons are provided by the Bath YMCA. The GRC coordinates with the school to help children receive lessons.

Yoga: Thanks to two volunteer yoga instructors, the GRC was able to bring yoga to the community on three Sundays per month. This usually happens on Sundays after Pickleball.

Halloween and 4th of July Party: These events are coordinated by the Georgetown Community Center and the Recreation Committee provides the funding for food and volunteers as needed.

In the past three years, the GRC has held Game Days, School Vacation Programs, Bocce Ball and Winter Pop-Up events and were not continued due to lack of participation.

The Georgetown Recreation Committee is open to ideas and suggestions for other activities. Please contact via email at georgetownmainerecreation@gmail.com or our facebook page Georgetown recreation department.

PLANNING BOARD

Since the last Planning Board Report eight years ago, Georgetown has continued to build and renovate structures across the island. During that time, 276 Planning Board permits were issued, averaging 34 permits per year; 74 of those 276 permits were for new principal structures, an average of 9 per year. In addition, the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) issued 177 CEO permits for new or modified accessory structures, tree cutting or harvesting, shoreline stabilization, demolition of existing buildings, signs for businesses or organizations, etc. for an average of 22 permits per year.

Also, during those years many ordinances were changed due to revised state rules and regulations or for clarification of existing ordinances. As an example, a photographic record is now required for development in the shoreland zone. Both pre-construction and post-construction photos are required. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you meet with the CEO prior to any work being done to discuss what it is that you are proposing to do.

The Planning Board normally meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Town Office. Our meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend any and all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Trabona

Chair

Georgetown Recreation Committee Report

The Georgetown Recreation Committee is a longtime town committee that provides activities and events throughout the year for the residents. After a short break in 2019, the GRC was reestablished in Fall of 2021. At the first meeting of the new committee, some traditional events continued and others were created. The GRC works with other committees and organizations to help bring the community together through volunteering and/or providing financial support.

The Get to Know Your Neighbor Event is open to all Georgetown residents. This provides an opportunity to meet the new neighbors that have moved to town in the previous year. In the early days, the event was a Potluck event and has grown into a locally catered event with dessert being provided by the Georgetown Working League. At this event, the Citizen of the Year is announced for the previous year.

Citizen of the Year Award: This is an award given to the person or persons who have provided exceptional service to the town above and beyond. Georgetown citizens are nominated with a nomination letter as to what they have contributed to Georgetown. The GRC collects all the nominations and letters and the past honorees make their choice. The GRC tallies the votes and the honoree is announced at Get to Know your Neighbor. The honoree's name is proudly engraved on the Citizen of the Year plaque at Town Hall.

Fall Frolic: This event began in 2022 and as a Fun Run event with a barbeque at Reid State Park. In the past two years, the Art Show with the Friends of Reid State Park has joined the GRC on the same day for our local artists. This year the Georgetown Jammers added to the fun. Local businesses were very generous to help make this a success.

June Jam: This event was created by the Recreation Committee for the Georgetown children to celebrate the end of school. Children enjoy a bouncy house, music and games

Holiday on the Wharf: This annual tree lighting event takes place after Thanksgiving. Of course, this event is weather pending. Hot chocolate and treats are given out. Santa arrives with the help of the Georgetown Fire Department and lights the tree! The Georgetown Jammers provide live music to help celebrate the season.

Pickleball: Pickleball in Georgetown has been active since January 2023 and continues to grow as it is a year round activity. In the winter, the GCS provides the gym on the weekend and the rest of the year, the Five Islands Court is used. The TOPMB maintains the tennis court and the Recreation Committee provides some of the hoop and nets.

Swim Lessons: Georgetown Island Education Fund now provides funding for this program. For many years, the Georgetown Recreation has provided swim lessons for the second

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past few years, the Georgetown Shellfish Committee has conducted shellfish flat surveys in Sagadahoc Bay and Robinhood Cove to collect ongoing data on the local shellfish population. As part of our efforts, we have seeded quahogs in Sagadahoc Bay to support a sustainable shellfish crop.

Looking ahead, we have even larger projects planned, including the seeding of softshell clams in both Sagadahoc Bay and Little River.

Additionally, we emphasize the importance of responsible septic system maintenance for shorefront property owners. Proper upkeep is essential to ensuring that our vital shellfish resources remain open and protected for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Campbell

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Transfer Station is the one place in Georgetown nearly everyone visits at some point during the year. Residents dispose of their household trash and other debris, bring recyclables, donate returnables (cans and bottles) to the Transfer Station staff, find a good book to read, pick up a warm sweater, shirt, pair of shoes, a usable kitchen appliance, or any number of items that other residents have left at "The Mall". It is also where you might catch up with your neighbor or learn what is happening in town.

It is a service that the town is required to provide. The good news is that for over 20 years the quantity of trash disposed of by our citizens has held steady. The Municipal Solid Waste (household trash) usually ranges between 300 and 360 tons while the tonnage for materials placed in the bulky container has been less than 200 tons for the last five years. While the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste had held steady for over 10 years, the last two years has seen a huge increase. This means that more citizens are appropriately disposing of hazardous materials.

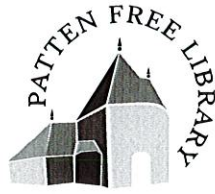
Even though the tonnage has not varied a great amount, the traffic at the Transfer Station seems to increase, particularly in the summer months. Sometimes it is a challenge to find a place to park.

Recycling saves you, the taxpayer, money. It costs considerably more to send recyclable waste to the landfill than it does to send it to a recycling facility. For 2024 Georgetown paid a flat fee of \$14,517 to Lincoln County Recycling. In 2023 and 2024 our residents recycled (Lincoln County Recycling, scrap metal, and items donated to The Mall) about 234 tons of material and items, a savings of over \$50,000. When you throw out recyclable materials with your household trash you are costing yourself, and your fellow taxpayers, money. Kudos to our citizens who recycle all that they can, and an invitation to others to start or increase their recycling efforts.

Over the past few years, the Solid Waste Committee spent many hours attempting to make amendments to the ordinance to improve the functioning of the Transfer Station for all and meet legal requirements and language. A few modest amendments that clarified the definitions of the Transfer Station and Attendant, noted the placement of security cameras and the procedure for violations to the ordinance, and that entering the Transfer Station outside of posted hours constitutes trespass. These amendments were passed at a Special Town Meeting on October 8, 2024.

In 2024 the roof over the compactor and bulky waste containers was repaired. The surveillance cameras have shown that folks enter the Transfer Station when it is not open. Also, in 2024 the longest serving volunteer, Jane Newton, "retired" since she moved back to Vermont to live with family there.

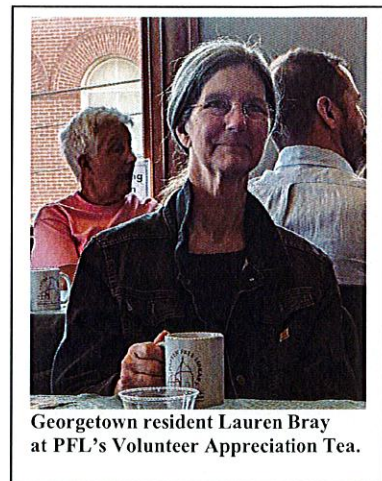
Finally, the Transfer Station functions, and the citizens seem to be happy with the operation of the Transfer Station. This is thanks to many volunteers who monitor The Mall and keep it organized. And to the faithful staff who show up in all kinds of weather to help our residents dispose of their trash.



On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the Town of Georgetown for making the Patten Free Library *your* library. Your support of the library in 2023-2024 has helped to make the following possible:

Library Usage & Services

Library Visitors: 139,288
New Library Cards: 783
Items Borrowed: 104,344 physical items
Interlibrary Loans: 25,959 physical items
Digital Borrowing: 6,489 eBooks; 8120 audiobooks;
497 magazines
Online Streaming: 1,377 films viewed
Newspaper Archive: 2248 page views
Public Computer Use: 9,641 users
Reference Questions Answered: 9,792
New Items Added: 4,245 physical items



Georgetown resident Lauren Bray
at PFL's Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Programs & Community Engagement

Children's Programs: 252 programs with 6,886 attendees
Adult Programs: 215 programs with 3,446 attendees
Young Adult Programs: 36 programs with 223 attendees
Summer Reading Program: 488 participants
Grab & Go Kits: 1,596 distributed
Parks & Museum Passes: 454 issued
Home Deliveries: 312 to residents in Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, West Bath, and Woolwich

Library Mission

Our mission is to transform lives, inspire lifelong learning, preserve local history, and build community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue for the citizens of Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, West Bath, and Woolwich.

Some highlights of the Library's service to Georgetown in 2023-24 include:

- ❖ **20th Annual Town History Series:** "Imagine: No Reid State Park?" presented by Theo Holtwijk.
- ❖ **Summer Reading Program:** 32 Georgetown participants in *Read, Renew, Repeat*.
- ❖ **New Library Cards for Georgetown:** 42 issued (36 adults, 5 children, 1 young adult).
- ❖ **Library Use by Georgetown Residents:** 368 cardholders borrowed 6,251 physical items.

Submitted by,
Lesley Dolinger
Director

Laura E. Richards Library
2024 Annual Report

The Library continues to be an important part of the community. In 2024 various programs were held to encourage Georgetown's children to develop a love of reading. Mrs. Morissette's afterschool STEM program was well attended in the spring and a June field trip introduced Georgetown's Pre K – Grade 2 children to our library. A reading challenge & a *Fairyhouse Summer* outdoor story time were available during the summer months.

Although we are a small library, we offer more than books. This year, Coastal ME. Botanical Garden Tickets, free State Park passes, sponsored by GIEF, for families of GCS or Morse High students, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, Audiobooks, books for sale in our entryway, family games, temporary cards for short-term renters, permanent cards for summer residents, a visit from Brunswick author Deborah Gould and monthly discussions at our Page Turners Book Group were available for all patrons to enjoy.

Our book sale consisted of 2 years of donated books & was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Lauren Bray & several volunteers. We ask that you continue to think of us as you downsize your collection of books. Any not added to our collection will be welcomed for our summer book sale.

The library continues to be a special place on this island due to the energy and dedication of the wonderful volunteers and the readers among you. Thank you for making books important!

We invite new residents to visit us and see how lucky we are to have this gem in our community. Please don't hesitate to contact one of us with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Board members: Karen MacGillivray - Director
Susan Bean - Secretary
Betsy Cook - Treasurer
Clara Forkey
Lisa Sabatine
Rob Jarmusz
Susie Morissette

Submitted by,
Karen MacGillivray
Director

Shellfish Warden

Over the past several years the Maine Shellfish Advisory Council and various business ventures have been busy working on aquaculture programs. This is the way of the future as Robinhood Cove proves to be home of a thriving oyster industry with any number of marine species to follow.

The European green crab is threatening Maine's coastal fisheries and ecosystems. Decreases in clam populations and degradation of coastal habitats have been observed up and down the coast. As a result, your shellfish committee and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, (KELT) along with interested parties throughout the areas are working on projects that allow us to better understand the green crab life cycle. The crabs are known to eat all sizes of soft-shell clams and have an adverse effect on eelgrass beds by eating eelgrass shoots and burrowing into the banks of intertidal marshes, where they destroy the marsh grasses. The past winters have been mild by most standards. It will take a significant research effort to show us where Georgetown ranks with the green crab population on our flats. In this country at the present time there is very little economic value to the green crab once harvested. Some possibilities for commercial use around the world are creating aquaculture feed, lobster bait, pet food supplements, and fertilizer. Crab meat for human consumption, in an overseas market may be a possibility in the near future.

Prior to harvesting any shellfish in Georgetown you must first obtain a shellfish license from the Town office. At that time, ask the Clerk if there are any conservation closures in effect and ask to look at all the latest applicable Administrative Letters, which should be found on the bulletin board outside the office door in the hallway. You may also want to pick up a Recreational Shellfish Information sheet from the Clerk or go to the Town web site for a copy. For the most up to date status of any flat, visit Maine DMR and go to the Shellfish Sanitation and Management section where you will find a wealth of information on the most up to date status of the flats. This way you can be sure that the flats you plan to dig on are open. If you need assistance with this procedure, please call Jon Hentz at 721-1841 or 371-2732 for guidance through the site.

If the Town office is closed and you need an immediate shellfish license, please call the Sagadahoc Bay Campground at 371-2014 where you will find Patricia and Eric Kosalka ready to sell you a 7 Day Recreational Shellfish License at just about any time during daylight or early evening hours.

Prior to digging in the future, contact your Town Office at 371-2820 or me for the openings and closings which can change without warning. Be especially cautious in the spring when we can expect heavy rain which may close all our flats. Another springtime problem we routinely face is Red Tide. This will usually affect Blue Mussels, Carnivorous Snails and European Oysters, and can last all summer. The warden makes every effort to post closure signs at major points of access to some of the flats. These locations are the first telephone pole on the Birch Island Road, Kahrl's telephone pole by the tennis court on Kennebec Point, the signpost at the southern end of Molly Point, the sign post at the end of the pavement on the Sagadahoc Bay Road, Todd's Landing on Robinhood Cove between the two bridges, Bean's launch ramp at the end of the Indian Point South Bay Road, the Indian Point commercial clambers' access to the Bay by Donovan's, the Indian Point access to Little River on the Ocean Loop Road, and the gate house at Reid State Park. However, never trust the absence of a sign. They can be; and in many cases are vandalized or damaged. The only posting's you can completely trust are the ones located in the Town Office or the DMR web site.

Please remember that if you use someone else's property to get to the clam-flats, you must first obtain permission from the owner or designated responsible person.

Finally, the Red Tide Hotline number is 1-800-232-4733. If you have a problem understanding this recording, please look at a chart or map to find the points of reference being spelled out. If you are still in doubt, please call me at home so I can help.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon L. Hentz

Georgetown Municipal Shellfish Conservation Warden