

Report on the Select Board Meeting of September 8, 2026

Prepared by Alison Freeman

Note: These are not official minutes -- -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site following Board approval at the next meeting.

Please email me at news@singingbridge.net with any questions, comments, or requests to subscribe to the list. To unsubscribe, simply follow the instructions at the bottom of this email.

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

Recordings of Select Board meetings are available on the Town's YouTube channel:

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2026 and August 18, 2026 were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

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

- The Select Board met with Clara Evans regarding an AV grant to improve the sound system in the Georgetown Central School gym. The Select Board supports submission of the grant proposal. *For details, please see the meeting packet on the Town website. The packet is also included in the Singing Bridge Meeting Reports at SingingBridge.net*
- The Working Waterfront Proclamation was approved
- The Select Board met with EMA Director Mike McDiarmid & Fire Chief Brian Whalen to discuss a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA). Approval is expected to happen at the 9/22 meeting. *For details, please see the meeting packet on the Town website. The packet is also included in the Singing Bridge Meeting Reports at SingingBridge.net*
- The Liquor License (On-Premises: Beer, Wine, & Spirits) for Robinhood Ventures LTD was approved
- The Select Board met with the Planning Board regarding proposed Comments of the Town of Georgetown on the Proposed Amendments to 08-001 C.M.R.Ch.1, the Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Rule. *For details, please see the meeting packet on the Town website. The packet is also included in the Singing Bridge Meeting Reports at SingingBridge.net.* Rufus Brown (Planning Board) and Aria Eee (Select Board) will meet to finalize the language and Tyler Washburn will submit the public comments before the deadline

Correspondence:

The Town Administrator reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website. Members of the public may come to the Town Office to read the correspondence items listed here. Most items are scanned in and included in the meeting packet that can be downloaded from the Town website before the meeting. The packet is also included in the Singing Bridge Meeting Reports at SingingBridge.net.

The most interesting items were:

- Office of Senator Angus King, Jr. – Federal Funding Opportunities
- Maine Office of Community Affairs – Monthly Newsletter
- Maine Department of Transportation – Local Roads Assistance Program
- Maine Municipal Association – Guidance from Maine Office of Cannabis Policy
- Letter from Mandy Winne re: Flock Cameras
- Georgetown Historical Society – Notice re: September events
- Patten Free Library – Notice re: September events
- Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day Notice

Public Comment:

- Lisa Sabatine commented on the haphazard parking and hazardous driving she has observed at the Transfer Station. She suggested that during upcoming employee reviews Transfer Station employees could be directed to make the effort to better control traffic and parking
- Jenn Dobransky spoke in favor of the Working Waterfront Proclamation

Upcoming Events/Dates:

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

Special Select Board Meeting – September 9 – 9am – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recreation Committee – September 9 – 6pm – HYBRID

Solid Waste Management Committee – September 10 – 7pm – ZOOM

COASTAL CLEANUP IS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Conservation Commission – September 14 – 6pm – ZOOM

TOPMB – September 15 – 4pm – HYBRID*

School Committee – September 16 – 6pm – HYBRID

Planning Board – September 16 – 7pm – HYBRID

SELECT BOARD VISIT TO MACMAHAN IS ON SEPTEMBER 17

Select Board - September 22 – 6:30pm – HYBRID

Special Select Board Meeting w/Committee Chairs – September 29 – 7pm – HYBRID

The next meeting of the Select Board will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 22nd. The public is welcome to attend in person or on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day. The agenda and meeting packet are available, usually the Monday before a meeting, at: https://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=6611

Prepared and distributed by Alison Freeman



Georgetown Historical Society

20 Bay Point Road, Georgetown, Maine 04548
207-371-9200 georgetownhistorical@gmail.com

GHS hours: Wednesdays 10 – 5 and Saturdays 10 – 1

A reception and talk to introduce

Gaston Lachaise and his *Garden Figure*

Wednesday, September 9, 5-7pm

**Special guest Paula Hornbostel, Director and Trustee,
Lachaise Foundation, New York**

Join us as we celebrate the installation of *Garden Figure*, the Gaston Lachaise statue donated to GHS by the Lachaise Foundation. Paula Hornbostel will give remarks about the life and art of Gaston Lachaise.

Born in 1882 in Paris, Lachaise came of age at the center of a revolution in European and American art. By his late teens his work was displayed in national exhibitions. It was in Paris that he met Isabel Dutaud Nagle who, with her first husband George Nagle, owned a summer place in Georgetown. She returned home and he followed. She was his muse and their love story inspired his work as a sculptor.



Please join us as we welcome our "Madame" to her new home.
Refreshments will be provided.



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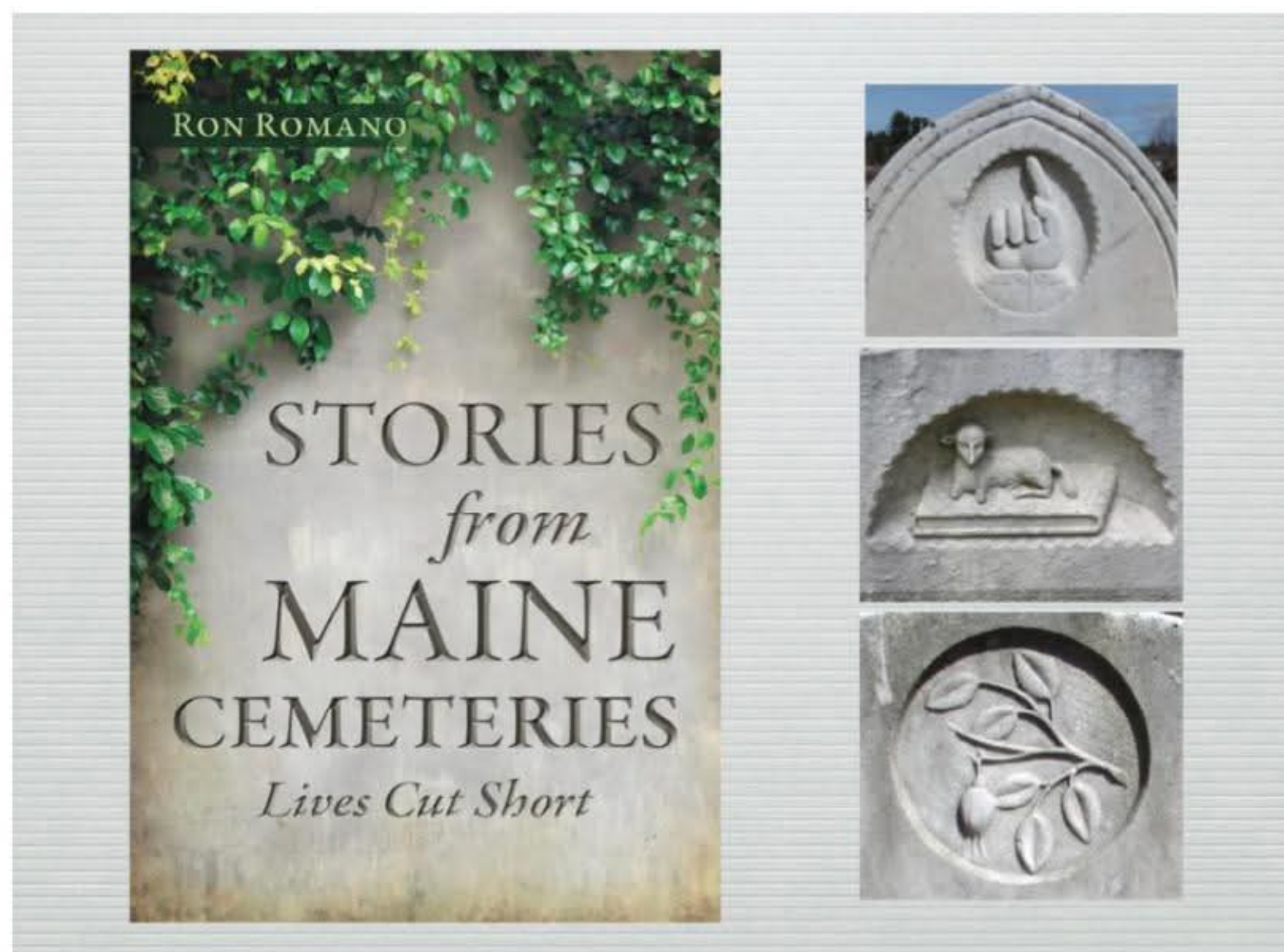
A talk and book signing with author Ron Romano

Stories from Maine Cemeteries - Lives Cut Short

Thursday, September 10, 7pm

Cemetery historian Ron Romano uncovers how mysterious symbols, epitaphs, monument forms, and cemetery landscapes tell the stories of those whose lives were cut short. Among those was Bessie Oliver, a descendant of Eusebius and Margaret (White) Oliver of Georgetown.

Born in 1874, as a young woman Bessie left Maine for New York City. By age 33, she would return home to South Portland to die, with secrets she'd kept from her family that wouldn't be revealed for 100 years.



Admission is free. All are welcome.

Georgetown Coastal Clean-Up

Saturday September 12th 9:30 – 12:30

Pick up trash at the coast anytime!
Drop it off at the Transfer Station on the 12th

Who can take part?: Anyone is welcome!

What Supplies Do You Need?

Supplies are in a bin at the town office

- ▣ A bag to put the trash in
- ▣ Gloves to keep your hands safe
- ▣ A Coastal Cleanup Volunteer Datasheet

How to Participate:

- 1) Pick up trash along Georgetown's coast.
- 2) Record the location, number of people, and miles of shoreline cleaned.
- 3) Bring your coastal trash to the Georgetown Transfer Station on the 12th for Conservation Commission members to sort, weigh, and record.

Can't make the 12th? Fill out your own Datasheet and submit it in the bin outside the Town Office anytime in September.



Questions?: Contact the Georgetown Conservation Commission at conserve04548@gmail.com or call Ruth Indrick at 315-415-4160 or Jess Weller at 617-899-8434

**We Need Your Help to Clean Up Georgetown's Coast
& Track Important Information About Coastal Marine Debris**



FALL FROLIC

SEPT 19 - 11:30AM TO 1:30PM

(RAIN DATE SEPT 20)

REID STATE PARK PAVILION

LUNCH, GAMES, MUSIC AND MORE!
FREE PARK ENTRY FOR RESIDENTS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GRC
INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE EVENT?
SIGN UP AT TINYURL.COM/FALLFROLIC26

ART SHOW

*Featuring Local Georgetown and Arrowsic Artists.
Food for Sale, Door prizes and a Raffle.*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
10AM - 2PM
(rain date 9/20)



Jim Coombs



Marcus Parsons



Sara Thompson



**Framed Dahlov Ipcar Giclee Print Raffle
(value \$1100)**

Presented by Friends of Reid State Park

**Reid State Park East Beach
Parking Area**

To become a friend or to purchase
raffle tickets visit
<https://www.friendsofreid.org/>





GLEANNING

at the Town Office

Free, fresh produce from local
farms & Georgetown gardens
for all residents.

Wednesdays

1:30-2:30

June 17-Mid-October

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your own bag

Extras will be placed in the Town Office Lobby
after 2:30 for the taking.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

**Saturday 9am-1pm
October 24, 2026**

FREE

For residents of **Brunswick, Bowdoin,
Georgetown, Harpswell, and West
Bath** with proof of residency.
No commercial haulers or waste
will be admitted.

**You must pre-register beginning Monday,
October 5, 2026 at 8:00 AM by visiting the Town
website at brunswickme.gov/HHW
Questions? Call 207-725-6654**

TO SAFELY TRANSPORT ITEMS

- Leave items in original containers
- Pack similar items together in a box
- Tighten all caps and secure all lids
- Never mix chemicals together
- Identify unlabeled containers
- Carefully load them into your vehicle

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Public Works



HOUSE

Bug Sprays
Drain & Toilet Cleaners
Floor Cleaners
Furniture & Metal Polishes
Mercury Thermometers
Oven Cleaners
Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
Smoke Detectors
Spot Removers

GARAGE

Antifreeze
Brake/Transmission Fluids
Car Wax & Polishes
Driveway Sealer
Engine Degreaser
Fiberglass Epoxy & Resin
Fuels (Gas, Diesel, or K)
Roofing Tar

WORKSHOP

Adhesives
Paint, Oil & Latex Based
Paint Thinners & Strippers
Solvents
Stains & Varnishes
Wood Preservatives

GARDEN

Fungicides, Herbicides,
Pesticides

MISCELLANEOUS

Flea Collars & Sprays
Formalin & Formaldehyde
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Hot Tub & Pool Chemicals
Lighter Fluid
Moth Balls
Photo Chemicals
Rubber Cement
1-lb. Propane Cylinders

Ammunition/Explosives

Asbestos
Batteries (Car or Alkaline)
Batteries (Li & NiCad)
Biological & Infectious Waste
Compressed Gas Cylinders
Electronics
Empty Containers
Fluorescent Bulbs Industrial
Waste
Needles or Syringes
Prescription Drugs & Meds
Tires
Trash
Waste Motor & Vegetable Oil



TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

PROCLAMATION OF THE GEORGETOWN SELECT BOARD

Declaring Georgetown a Working Waterfront Community

Adopted _____, 2026

WHEREAS, Georgetown’s identity, history, economy, and culture are deeply connected to the waters, shores, coves, islands, harbors, mudflats, wharves, boatyards, marinas, and marine businesses that have sustained generations of residents, families, and enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown has long been home to a vibrant and diverse working waterfront that includes, among other activities and enterprises, lobstering, clamming, aquaculture, worming, commercial harvesting, boatyards, marinas, marine services, and supporting businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board recognizes that working waterfront activities are essential to Georgetown’s local economy, maritime heritage, food systems, public access, and sense of place; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown seeks to protect, support, promote, and advocate for a commercial marine base that remains successful, resilient, diverse, and in harmony with the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board recognizes that residents, businesses, visitors, real estate professionals, and prospective property owners benefit from clear public notice that Georgetown is, and intends to remain, a working waterfront community; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board further recognizes the importance of maintaining natural resources, waterways, infrastructure, and access that allow current and future commercial marine enterprises, residents, and visitors to engage with and benefit from Georgetown’s working waterfront; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation is intended as a public affirmation of community values and priorities and does not create fines, penalties, enforcement provisions, or restrictions beyond those otherwise provided by applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Georgetown Select Board PROCLAIMS that the Town of Georgetown is hereby declared a **Working Waterfront Community**.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that Georgetown proudly and publicly affirms its intention to remain a welcoming Working Waterfront Community that supports the people, families, businesses, and marine enterprises that depend upon and contribute to the Town’s waterfront.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Select Board encourages public understanding of the vital role of the working waterfront and the conditions needed for it to thrive, including continued commitment to access, infrastructure, natural resources, and balanced community development.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Town will endeavor to communicate this designation through appropriate public means, including the Town website, outreach to Georgetown residents and businesses, the Maine Association of Realtors and signage or other notices as determined by the Select Board.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Select Board supports efforts to preserve Georgetown’s working waterfront integrity while respecting applicable Town, County, State, and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Georgetown Select Board adopts this Proclamation on the date written above.

Georgetown Select Board:

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, September 8, 2026

6:30pm, Town Office

Hybrid meeting held via ZOOM for public and at the Town Office for SB Members who wish.

Please email gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM login info.

*indicates copy provided to Select Board

***INDICATES THE NEED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE**

Call to order:

Moments of Silence & Celebrations:

Public comment:

Items to be added to the agenda (if approved by chair and board):

- Discussion and possible approval for a Liquor License (On-Premises: Beer, Wine, & Spirits) for Robinhood Ventures LTD
- Correspondence – Thank You from City of Bath re: Ambulance

Scheduled appointments:

- 6:45pm – Meeting with Clara Evans re: AV grant*
- 7:00pm – Adoption of the Working Waterfront Proclamation & Brief Recess*
- 7:05pm – Meeting with EMA Director & Fire Chief to discuss MOA with SCEMA*
- 7:30pm – Executive Session

Minutes:

- June 28th Minutes*
- August 18th Minutes*

Continuing Items:

- Receipts for pumping:
- Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications:
- Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*:
- PBR / NRPA :

Review:

Correspondence:

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Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Eee:
- Ms. Goodwin:
- Ms. Gravino:

Town Administrator Update

Fire Chief Update

Old Business:

- Memorandums of Understanding (ongoing)
- Comprehensive Plan Check In (to be deferred to 9/22)

New Business:

- Follow up discussion re: meeting with Committee Chairs*
- Adoption of a Working Waterfront Proclamation**
- Discussion re: Possible Public Comment on Housing Rulemaking

Items For Signature:

- Appointment Certificates
- Cemetery Deeds

Public comment:

Executive Session:

- pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(E) regarding consultations with Town Counsel
- pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A) regarding Personnel

Adjournment:

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CITY OF BATH

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

864 HIGH STREET
BATH, MAINE 04530
www.cityofbathmaine.gov

August 24, 2026

Georgetown Selectboard Members
P.O. Box 436
Georgetown, ME 04548



Dear Georgetown Selectboard Members,

On behalf of the City of Bath Fire & Rescue Department, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your willingness to loan a Georgetown ambulance to our department while one of our ambulances was undergoing repairs.

Your assistance and commitment to regional cooperation helped ensure an important layer of protection for our community, particularly during times when our other ambulances may have been committed to calls or otherwise unavailable. Your support enhanced our ability to maintain comprehensive emergency response capabilities and ensured we were prepared should the need arise for a third ambulance response.

Thank you again for your support, partnership, and dedication to public safety. We are grateful to have such dependable neighbors and look forward to continuing our strong working relationship in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Chief Lawrence Renaud
Bath Fire & Rescue Department

Federal Funding Opportunities

Posted August 15-31, 2026

office of
Angus King

Agriculture

Department of Agriculture

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assisting Specialty Crop Exports: Low Oxygen Storage and Packaging Systems for U.S. Tree Nuts with Phytosanitary Traceability

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363690>

Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363700>

Commerce

Department of Commerce

DOC NOAA - ERA Production

National Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program (BREP) - FY2026/27

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363692>

Department of Commerce

DOC NOAA - ERA Production

SEFSC Bluefin Tuna Research Program

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363729>

Health and Human Services

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

Regional Excellence for Access to Comprehensive Care for Hemophilia Networks (REACH Networks)

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363693>

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

Small Instruments and Modern Equipment for Shared-use Biomedical Research Facilities and Resources (S15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363695>

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Research Network

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363694>

Federal Funding Opportunities

Posted August 15-31, 2026

Homeland Security

Department of Homeland Security

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Fiscal Year 2026 National Urban Search and Rescue Response System

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363627>

Interior

Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service

F26AS00071 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund: Habitat Conservation Plan

Land Acquisition Grants

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363691>

Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service

F26AS00105 National Fish Passage Program

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363699>

Justice

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA FY 2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Formula Program

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363725>

Transportation

Department of Transportation

DOT Federal Highway Administration

FYs 2024 through 2026 - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363732>

MOCA Monthly Memo: September 2026

From Maine Office of Community Affairs <info.moca@maine.gov>

Date Wed 9/2/2026 3:02 PM

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

[View this email in your browser](#)

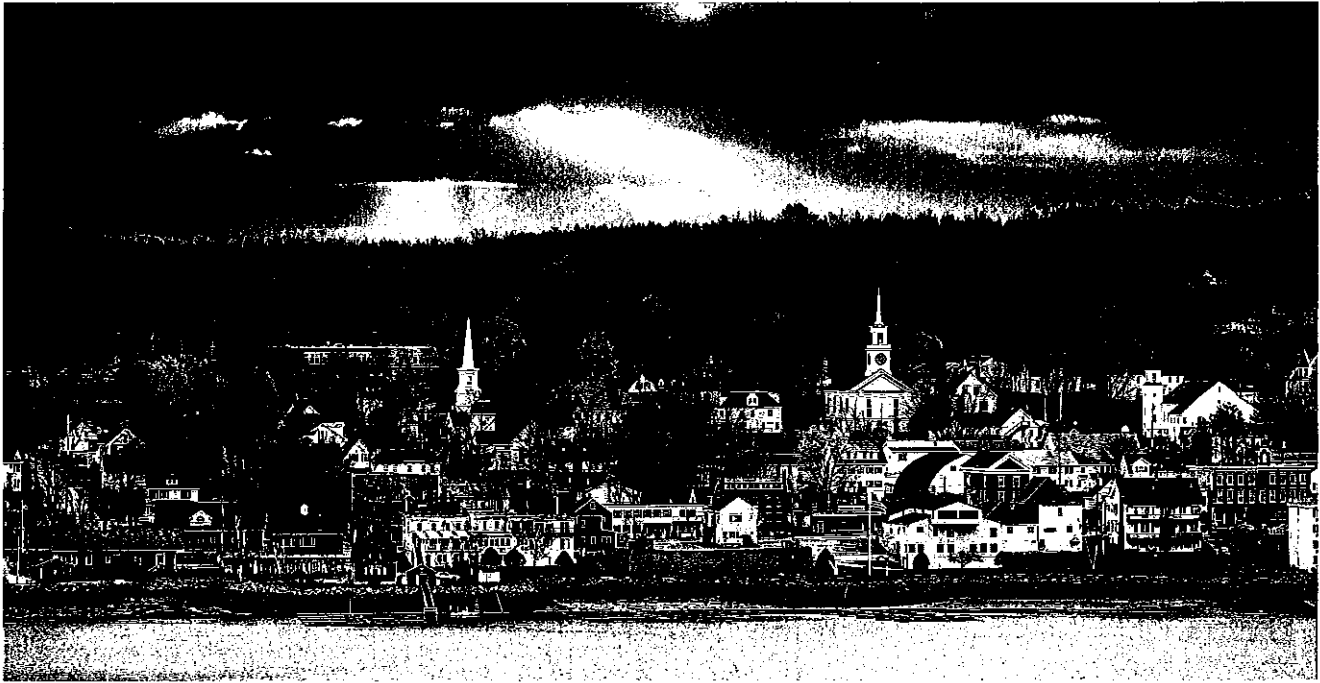


What's New

- [Funding Opportunities](#): Maine Community Foundation — Land for Communities due Sept. 15, Historic Community Buildings Grant Program due Oct. 23
- [Action Items](#): Follow MOCA on LinkedIn
- [Director's Report](#): The Development Ready Advisory Committee
- [FYI](#): Introducing MOCA Community Stories
- [Events](#): New Housing Laws Regional Training Sept. 8, Climate Finance Office Hours Sept. 10, 2026 Maine Service Fellows Retreat Sept. 11, Municipal Reserve Budgeting webinar Sept. 15, Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust's Great Salt Bay Guided Paddle Sept. 18, Maine Working Waterfront Conference Nov. 12-13

The MOCA Monthly Memo

September 2026



Director's Report

I hope you've had a wonderful Maine summer. While our staff and colleagues have taken some much-needed time off here and there, we have been busy moving key projects forward. One of the most intriguing is the Development Ready Advisory Committee (DRAC), which launched earlier this year.

Maybe you haven't heard about this committee yet. The mission is to help Maine communities plan for and achieve sustainable, coordinated development through:

- Supporting sustainable growth and local priorities.
- Promoting collaboration among state, regional, and municipal partners.
- Advancing housing, equity, and inclusion for all residents.
- Protecting natural and historic resources.
- Building local capacity through education and funding support.

The DRAC is comprised of state agencies, regional and municipal leaders, and representatives of organizations that work on these issues.

One of the things I'm most excited about is the DRAC's new working groups. As a committee, DRAC identified working groups that are tackling big projects, such as developing a development-ready toolkit which will help municipalities assess readiness, identify next steps, and advance development opportunities; aligning state incentives, investments, and funding; and solving policy issues that require cross-

agency collaboration. The DRAC also hosts a working group that is coordinated by the Maine Development Foundation focusing on biomass communities, as part of a grant that MDF received from the Northern Border Regional Commission.

We're an in-the-weeds problem-solving team that is making things happen. If you want to learn more or participate, keep an eye on the DRAC webpage for updates. As we transition to fall, the DRAC – and MOCA in general – is moving our big ideas into action. We look forward to updating you along the way.

All my best,

Samantha Horn

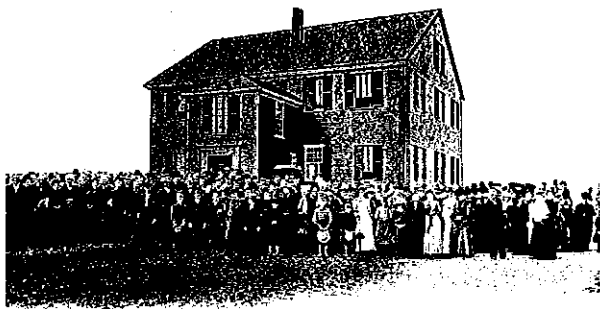
If you were forwarded this email, [sign up for the MOCA mailing list](#).

Funding Opportunities



Maine Community Foundation — Land for Communities

Grant program to support projects for underserved geographies and populations in Maine to expand access to land and/or water. Max. award \$50,000. **Applications due Sept. 15.** [More information & apply.](#)



Historic Community Buildings Grant Program

Maine Historic Preservation Commission grant program to restore historic buildings owned by governmental and nonprofit organizations. Min. request \$25,000, max. \$500,000. Funding contingent on 25% match. **Applications due Oct. 23.**

[More information & apply.](#)

Search Funding Opportunities

Action Items



MOCA is on LinkedIn! [Follow our LinkedIn page](#) for news updates and job opportunities.

FYIs



You may have noticed a new tab on the MOCA website. **Introducing MOCA Community Stories!**

This section of the website provides us with an opportunity to highlight the impact of MOCA's work in the communities we serve. For our first three stories, we feature:

- **Newcastle**, which developed a solar battery storage and lending program that aims to make the town more energy efficient and resilient with the support of a CRP Community Action Grant
- **Cherryfield**, where a dedicated group of volunteers is making the Cherryfield Riverwalk a robust public space to build community resilience, thanks in part to a CRP grant and Volunteer Maine's Maine Service Fellows' support
- **Vinalhaven**, which is in the midst of a Main Street revitalization that will make its downtown area more resilient, thanks in part to funding from CRP

We're just getting started with our community spotlights. Stay tuned for more great stories!

Upcoming Events

Performance Evaluation of the Maine Coastal Program

Sept. 3, noon

Virtual



Forum for public comments regarding the operation and implementation of MCP. Email written comments to czma.evaluations@noaa.gov by Sept. 11.

[Register.](#)



“New Housing Laws: How to Comply” Regional Training

Sept. 8, 5 p.m.

Hollis Town Hall (34 Farm Road, Hollis)

The Housing Opportunity Program, in coordination with Southern Maine Development Commission, is hosting an LD 2173, LD 1829, LD 427, and LD 997 informational session geared toward planning board members, town staff and planners.

[Register.](#)



**Maine Resilience
Finance Coordinators**

UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Climate Finance Office Hours

Sept. 10, noon

Virtual

Open opportunity to ask questions related to funding and financing for a wide variety of adaptation and mitigation projects, energy projects, and more. Hosted by the CRP's Resilience Finance Coordinators.

[Register.](#)

**2026 Maine Service Fellows
Retreat**

Sept. 11, 1 p.m.



Hybrid, at the Van Buren Connect Center (51 Main Street, Van Buren) and on [Zoom](#)

Presentation from 2026 Service Fellows about their service projects in Van Buren, Deer Isle/ Stonington, Norway, Castine, and Washington and Hancock County. Contact Maureen.Kendzierski@maine.gov for more information.



**Maine Resilience
Finance Coordinators**
UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Municipal Reserve Budgeting webinar

Sept. 15, noon

Virtual

Municipalities have long used reserve funds to save for capital needs. This webinar shows how to put that same practice to work for climate and natural hazard resilience. Hosted by the CRP's Resilience Finance Coordinators. [Register.](#)

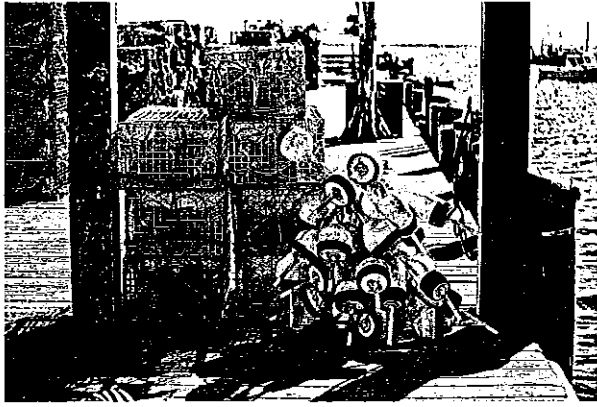


Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust's Great Salt Bay Guided Paddle

Sept. 18

Nobleboro

Free guided paddles of an eelgrass ecosystem led by Devin Domeyer, coastal resiliency specialist at the Maine Coastal Program, to educate about eelgrass ecology and a restoration program led by MCP. [Register.](#)



Maine Working Waterfront Conference

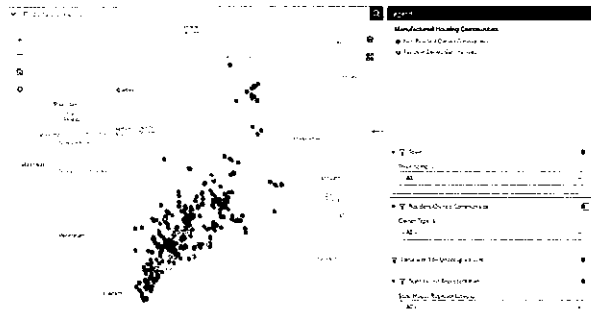
Nov. 12-13

Atlantic Oceanside Hotel & Event Center, Bar Harbor

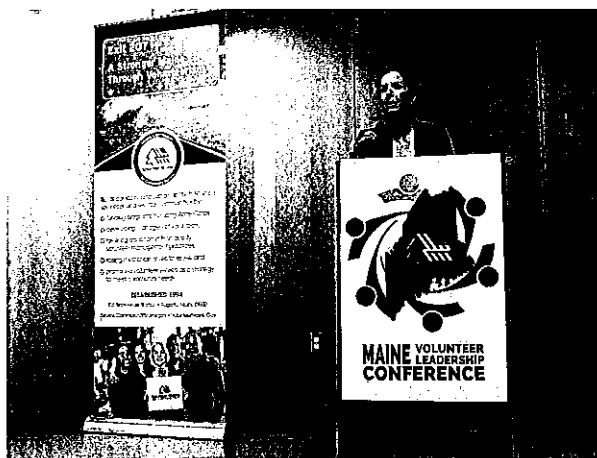
Showcase real stories, provide tools and resources, and create shared opportunities for learning about and planning for the challenges facing Maine's working waterfronts.

[More information.](#)

MOCA in the News



Maine Public, the Portland Press Herald, and News Center Maine featured the Manufactured Housing Community Data Dashboard, a tool developed by the Housing Opportunity Program.



WABI-TV (Channel 5 in Bangor) and WFVX-TV (Fox 22/ABC 7 in Bangor) covered the 40th Annual Maine Volunteer Leadership Conference, hosted by Volunteer Maine. At the event, Volunteer Maine announced that it received a three-year grant with an annual award amount of \$308,436 from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism.

[View All News & Events](#)

Program Updates



Today, the **Community Resilience Partnership** (CRP) announced its Round 7 Community Action Grant awards, which total \$4.7 million to 72 cities, towns, and Tribal governments. In August, the CRP team also visited nine towns and service provider organizations in Hancock County to learn about coastal and community resilience-focused projects and initiatives to transition to clean energy and reduce carbon emissions. Much of the work is led by dedicated committee volunteers in partnership with town staff and regional service providers, which shows how small, rural Maine communities can lead by example and help achieve the state climate action goals.



The **Division of Building Codes and Standards** (DBCS) has been meeting with the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to approve amendments to the statewide building code. The amendments are the result of new laws aimed at making housing more affordable as well as technical updates. DBCS is also accepting applications for a Technical Codes Coordinator, which will provide statewide technical expertise in the analysis, interpretation, development, and implementation of construction codes and related regulations

administered by DBCS. [Learn more and apply.](#)



Floodplain Management Program

The **Floodplain Management Program** recently participated in the annual Inland Flooding Inter-Agency Working Group site visit. The group visited sites of culvert upgrades in Fayette, Mount Vernon, and Vienna, along with town officials and representatives from the 30 Mile Watershed Association. The group also visited Gardiner to hear about flooding impacts as a result of past storms. Finally, FMP met with researchers from Northeastern University to discuss their watershed modeling project in Maine.



Housing Opportunity Program

The **Housing Opportunity Program** recently closed Round 2 of its Municipal Ordinance Development Grants. These grants support municipalities with ordinance amendments to comply with LD 2173, LD 1829, LD 427 and LD 997. HOP awarded funding to 67 communities totaling \$518,592.36. HOP anticipates another funding round this fall, subject to funding availability.

At the beginning of August, **Maine Coastal Program** (MCP) hosted staff from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Virginia Coastal Management Program for its regular performance review. Program review areas included



program administration, habitat resilience, and community adaptation to hazards, and included site visits to Brunswick, Freeport, Rockland, and Spruce Head. Initial feedback from NOAA was positive. MCP also provided preliminary comments to MaineDOT as a cooperating agency in their preparation of the Machias Dike Bridge project environmental impact statement.



Manufactured Housing Program

The **Manufactured Housing Program** launched its new MOCA webpages with a tremendous amount of updated information and resources, including [Resources for Residents](#) featuring the new Manufactured Housing Community Data Dashboard; an updated webform to [File a Complaint](#); and a [Verify License](#) portal that allows the public to look up information on licensed manufactured housing professionals and communities. Staff would like to give a big shout-out to all those involved in making this a reality.



Municipal Planning Assistance Program

The **Municipal Planning Assistance Program** is working on the rewrite of the rules that govern municipal comprehensive planning, and preparing suggested revisions to Maine's subdivision laws, in addition to continuing the day-to-day work of reviewing comp plans, providing technical assistance, and partnering with the regional councils.



On August 20, **State Resilience Office** staff participated in a field visit to Deer Isle and Stonington along with more than 60 project partners of the state's \$69 million Resilient Maine NOAA CRRC grant. The communities presented about critical transportation infrastructure improvements to the island's causeways, housing needs for the local workforce, and habitat conservation successes. Many thanks to Jim Fisher, Deer Isle town manager; Linda Nelson, Stonington economic and community development coordinator; Holly Werner, Stonington's Maine Service Fellow; and the Island Heritage Trust.



Volunteer Maine is seeking a Senior Program Officer – AmeriCorps Contract/Grants Manager to lead grantmaking and competitive review processes, champion outreach strategies for AmeriCorps program development, and provide technical assistance to grantees. Please share this opportunity with your networks and reach out to Britt Gleixner-Hayat (Brittany.Gleixner-Hayat@maine.gov) for more information. Applications close at the end of the day September 9



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MaineDOT Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)

23050 Georgetown

Significant changes were made to LRAP in early 2025 for the benefit of all recipients as passed as PL Chapter 66 and signed by the Governor on May 9, 2025.

<https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=117294>

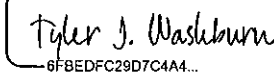
- Total budget allocation increased by about \$5.4M
- Use of funds has been changed from strictly capital improvements to include maintenance
- All rural state aid miles are now included in the calculation, and
- All urban compact local roads are now included in the calculation.

PART 1:

The undersigned officers or designee do hereby certify that funds received from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) for fiscal year 2026-2027 \$40596 will be used only for the purposes as stated in accordance with Title 23, §1803-B.1. (maintenance or capital improvements to public roads or drainage structures).

We further certify that the previous year's funds were expended as noted in Part 2 of this form.

Signed DocuSigned by:


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Title: Town Administrator

Date: 8/25/2026

Please provide contact information should there be questions regarding this form.

Name: Tyler Washburn

Title: Town Administrator

Phone: 207-371-2820

Email address: gtwnme@hotmail.com

PART 2:

MaineDOT needs to collect information on the uses of last year's LRAP funding. *Funds must be used for maintenance or capital improvements to public roads or drainage structures. A capital improvement is defined as "any work on a road or bridge which has a life expectancy of at least 10 years or restores the load-carrying capacity."*

How were last fiscal year's LRAP funds spent: \$41212

Please indicate how funds were spent:

Actual expense on maintenance or capital improvement project(s)

X Put it in reserve for future use

Bridge or minor span replacement, rehabilitation, or repairs (spans over 10 ft width)

Any culvert replacement, rehabilitation, or repairs (spans under 10 ft width)

Local share of a Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) project on a state road

Debt financing/bond repayment for past capital improvements to public roads

The urban match component of any federal-aid project

Maine OCP Guidance Documents on Recently Enacted Legislation

From Rebecca Lambert <rlambert@memun.org>

Date Thu 9/3/2026 2:06 PM

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



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To: Key Municipal Officials

From: Rebecca Lambert, Municipal Issues Specialist

Date: September 3, 2026

RE: Maine OCP Guidance Documents on Recently Enacted Legislation

The Maine Municipal Association (MMA) is sharing information recently issued by the Maine Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) regarding two pieces of legislation affecting Maine's medical and adult use cannabis programs that took effect on July 29, 2026. Those laws include:

1. P.L. 2025, ch. 512 (L.D. 1840), which allows medical cannabis registrants to sell cannabis at events and public spaces that are not regulated by the OCP.
2. P.L. 2025, ch. 514 (L.D. 1897), which increases the amount of medical cannabis registered caregivers can grow outdoors.

The guidance document is [linked here](#).

Please note that this information is being provided as a courtesy to municipal officials, reflects guidance issued by OCP, and is not an interpretation of the law by MMA and should not be considered legal advice from MMA.

Questions related to the substance or implementation of the OCP guidance should be directed to OCP at (207) 287-3282, to their compliance department compliance.ocp@maine.gov, or the licensing department

licensing.ocp@maine.gov.

Questions regarding the effect of these laws on a municipality's ordinances, local regulations, or other municipal legal matters may be directed to your municipal attorney or MMA's legal department at (207) 623-8428, or legal@memun.org.

Thank you.

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Dear Select Board,

While I know our town is quite small, I still think it may be important to at least discuss how we may want to handle the future possibility of enhanced surveillance being installed on Georgetown Island. There is a growing amount of AI-powered surveillance measures, like Flock Cameras, being installed across the country and state. As I understand it, Maine allows cities and towns with home rule power to determine if they wish to restrict or ban types of surveillance equipment.

I ask the Select Board to seriously consider if there is an appetite in the community for Georgetown to put a ban on outright ban on types of surveillance equipment that uses AI to read license plates or use facial recognition technology. Not only is there no need for such measures, these can severely limit our constitutional rights to freedom and privacy. I would like to see a serious discussion on the merits of something like this with the help of legal council and looking across the state to other municipalities that have already made moves in this direction. Addressing this issue now could help protect us all in the future.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing your comments on this issues.

Kindly,

Mandy Winne

Next Week! 2 Sept Events at GHS

From Georgetown Historical Society <georgetownhistorical@gmail.com@shared1.ccsend.com>

Date Fri 9/4/2026 11:33 AM

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



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GHS Summer Hours: Wednesdays 10 – 5 and Saturdays 10 – 1.

A reception and talk to introduce

Gaston Lachaise and his *Garden Figure*

Wednesday, September 9, 5-7pm

**Special guest Paula Hornbostel, Director and Trustee,
Lachaise Foundation, New York**

Join us as we celebrate the installation of *Garden Figure*, the Gaston Lachaise statue donated to GHS by the Lachaise Foundation.

Paula will give remarks about his art and life with Isabel.



Born in 1882 in Paris, Lachaise came of age at the center of a revolution in European and American art and his work was displayed in national exhibitions. It was in Paris that he met Isabel Dutaud Nagle who, with her first husband George Nagle, owned a summer place in Georgetown. She returned home and he followed. She was his muse and their love story inspired his work.

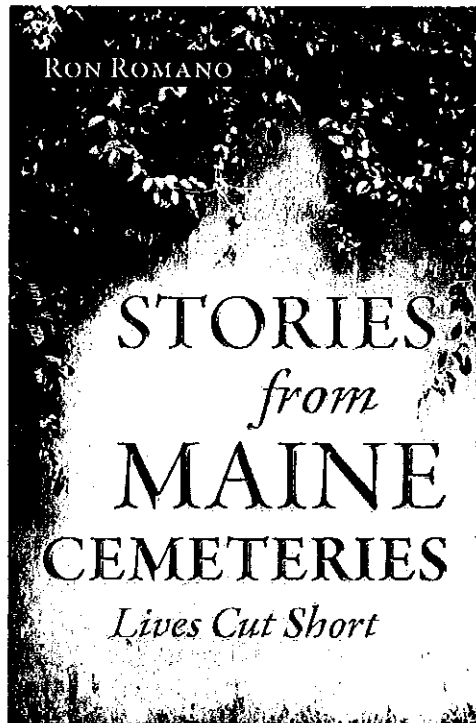
A talk and book signing with author Ron Romano

Stories from Maine Cemeteries - Lives Cut Short

Thursday, September 10, 7pm

Award-winning cemetery historian and guide Ron Romano uncovers how mysterious symbols, epitaphs, monument forms, and cemetery landscapes tell the stories of those whose lives were cut short in his new book, ***Stories from Maine Cemeteries - Lives Cut Short***.

One story is about Bessie Oliver, born 1874, who was a descendant of Eusebius and Margaret (White) Oliver of Georgetown. As a young woman Bessie left Maine for New York City but later would return home to South Portland to die, bringing secrets she'd kept from her family that wouldn't be revealed for 100 years.



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September Events at the Patten Free Library

From Hannah Lackoff <hlackoff@pattenfreelibrary.org>

Date Fri 9/4/2026 1:45 PM

Happy September!

This is Hannah, Programs and Outreach Manager, from the Patten Free Library. Each month I send out an email containing fliers for all of our special events, and would appreciate it if you would post and share these events wherever you can.

I have created a google drive folder with fliers for all of our special events, including the October Calendar, which you can access [here](#). Please feel free to print fliers and hang them if you have space. If you would prefer to have printouts delivered to you, please let me know and I will make it happen!

We are also celebrating September's Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we are holding a raffle for everyone who signs up for a new card or renews an old card. More information can be found [here](#), and the flier is included in the folder. This promotion runs through the end of the month and is a great opportunity for anyone who needs to get (or renew!) their card.

You can also access all of our event information online [here](#).

If you would like to stop receiving this email, or are no longer the right person to receive it, please let me know. Thanks for all your help!

--

Hannah Lackoff

(she/her)

Programs and Outreach Manager

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Request - Clara Evans - scheduled Appt.

Joint AV System Modernization & Grant Matching Request – Two Options

The Issue & Opportunity

The school gymnasium serves a vital dual purpose as our primary municipal assembly hall (town meetings, elections) and school facility. A professional AV audit revealed severe speech distortion and safety hazards caused by underpowered equipment, unconfigured processing, and improper speaker alignment.

We are applying for a **\$10,000 Maine Community Foundation Grant** in November. The specific parameters of the **2026 Community Building Grant Program** offered through the [Maine Community Foundation](#) are summarized below:

- **Grant Source & Focus:** [Maine Community Foundation \(MaineCF\)](#) – *Community Improvement & Capacity Building* (supports grassroots projects that strengthen local built environments and community resources).
- **Maximum Grant Request:** \$10,000.00
- **Application Window:** Opens November 17 | Application Deadline: February 17 at 11:59 p.m.
- **Award Notification: By June 1** (Projects begin post-award in Summer/Fall).
- **Competitiveness & Success Rate:** Statewide in the 2026 cycle, MaineCF received 611 applications requesting \$5.7M+ and awarded 363 grants totaling \$3.1M+, reflecting a strong overall award rate across regional committees.

We request a municipal matching contribution to fix our shared space and maximize local impact.

Core Upgrades Included (Both Options)

- **Speech Clarity & Sound:** Directs sound to acoustic wall treatments instead of bouncing off bare floors. Adds clear wireless microphones and feedback suppression.
- **Safety & Hazard Mitigation:** Replaces dangerous floor gear with a locked, wall-mounted rack, adds overhead safety cables on speakers, and installs surge protection.

Options & Cost Comparison

Cost & Benefit Analysis	Option 1: Complete Project (RECOMMENDED)	Option 2: Gym Only
Total Project Investment	\$19,648.56	\$17,549.35
MaineCF Grant (Requested)	(\$10,000.00)	(\$10,000.00)
School Committee Share	\$4,824.28	\$3,774.67
Town Municipal Share	\$4,824.28	\$3,774.68
Net Cost Difference to Town	+\$1,049.60	Baseline
Community & School Value	Maximum: Upgrades gym AND equips music classroom by repurposing \$12k+ of gym gear.	Limited: Upgrades gym only; school music room receives \$0 benefit.

Why Option 1 is Recommended

For an additional **\$1,049.60** from the Town, Option 1 captures **\$3,857.36 in vendor package discounts** and repurposes working gym equipment into the student music classroom. Option 2 leaves the music room unfunded, requiring full-price equipment purchases in a future school budget.

Action Requested

Approval from the Select Board to authorize **\$4,824.28** in municipal matching funds for **Option 1** (or \$3,774.68 for Option 2), contingent upon winning the \$10,000 MaineCF grant and equal matching funds from the School Committee.

Anticipated Questions

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Financial & Grant Feasibility

- "What happens if we commit our matching funds, but the Maine Community Foundation grant falls through in November?"
The town's contribution is strictly contingent upon receiving the [Maine Community Foundation Community Building Grant](#) award. If the grant is not awarded when decisions are announced in June, no municipal funds will be expended. At that point, the project will pause, and we can re-evaluate future options or alternative funding sources with the Board.
- "Has the School Committee formally voted to approve their \$4,824.28 share yet, or is this contingent on their upcoming vote?"
This is contingent upon an upcoming formal vote by the School Committee. A preliminary commitment from the Select Board demonstrates strong municipal collaboration, which will provide positive momentum when the School Committee reviews the matching funding request.
- "Which municipal fund or line item is this matching money being drawn from?"
We defer to the Town Administrator and Select Board regarding the appropriate municipal account.
- "Is the \$10,000 MaineCF grant a guaranteed cap, or is there a risk we receive partial funding (e.g., \$5,000), leaving a budget gap?"
The [MaineCF Community Building Program](#) caps awards at \$10,000. While partial funding is technically possible through donor-advised matching, our dual-use proposal (benefiting students, civic elections, and town meetings) creates a highly competitive case for full funding. If a partial grant is awarded, we will return to both the Select Board and School Committee before taking any action or committing funds.

Municipal Operations & Usage

- "Since town staff and election workers operate the system during town meetings and voting days, will the vendor provide training to municipal staff on how to use the single-button system and wireless mics?"
Yes. The vendor has offered to train someone for on-site assistance. The system is specifically engineered for single-button daily operation, requiring minimal technical adjustments during civic events. Our facilities team has already collaborated with the vendor on-site to review the current systems.
- "Are there ongoing maintenance, subscription, or warranty costs associated with this new equipment that the town will be expected to help pay for in future years?"

No ongoing subscription or recurring service fees are associated with this hardware that we are aware of. The local vendor provides installation support to address any performance adjustments after setup.

Vendor & Procurement

- "Is this a fixed quote, or could supply chain delays, tariffs, or price fluctuations increase the final cost before installation?"

The proposal accounts for the current pricing structure. Variations could happen, depending on when the grant approval is announced.

- "Did we get competitive quotes from other AV vendors, or is this a single-source proposal?"

This is a single-source proposal from a regional Maine vendor ([AV Systems of Maine](#)) with extensive experience in school and municipal installations. Their local presence strengthens our grant application with [MaineCF](#). They recently completed a similar installation at St. George Elementary School, which can serve as a reference for their work.

Option 1 vs. Option 2 Rationale

- "Why should town taxpayers fund \$1,049.60 toward Option 1 to upgrade the school music classroom, rather than having the school department cover that specific portion entirely?"

Option 1 leverages an exceptional efficiency opportunity. For an incremental town investment of \$1,049.60, the municipality unlocks \$3,857.36 in package discounts and repurposes over \$12,000 in existing gymnasium hardware into the music classroom. This resolves audio distribution issues during school concerts and assemblies while preventing the school department from having to request full-price equipment purchases in a future budget.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

**Saturday 9am-1pm
October 24, 2026**

FREE

For residents of **Brunswick, Bowdoin,
Georgetown, Harpswell, and West
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No commercial haulers or waste
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**You must pre-register beginning Monday,
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Batteries (Car or Alkaline)
Batteries (Li & NiCad)
Biological & Infectious Waste
Compressed Gas Cylinders
Electronics
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Waste
Needles or Syringes
Prescription Drugs & Meds
Tires
Trash
Waste Motor & Vegetable Oil

Scheduled Appt

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
SAGADAHOC COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND

(NAME OF ORGANIZATION)

This Memorandum of Agreement is hereby made and entered into by and between the Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "County," located at 752 High Street, Bath ME 04530, and the _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality," located at _____, and collectively known as the "Parties".

I. LIFE OF THIS AGREEMENT:

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both Parties and shall remain in effect until terminated upon mutual agreement between the Parties. The life of this Agreement is also subject to Section VII. of this MOA.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA" or "Agreement") is to formally establish a regionalized, county-led system for the delivery of emergency management services in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes Title 37-B and all applicable local, state, and federal requirements. This agreement affirms the County's role in providing and administering core emergency management functions on behalf of the Municipality.

This action is necessary to address documented municipal capacity limitations, including constraints in staffing, resources, and technical expertise, which inhibit the ability of individual jurisdictions to independently maintain compliant and operationally effective emergency management programs.

Through this Agreement, the Parties commit to the consolidation and centralization of planning, preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery functions at the county level. This regionalized approach is intended to ensure consistent statutory compliance, strengthen operational readiness, reduce duplication of effort, and maximize the efficient use of public resources, personnel, and facilities across Sagadahoc County.

The Municipality acknowledges and agrees that the County shall serve as the primary provider and coordinator of emergency management services on its behalf. The County shall deliver a centralized program designed to meet local, state and federal requirements while supporting municipal needs.

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This MOA represents a coordinated policy decision to advance a sustainable, scalable, and professionally managed emergency management system that enhances the safety, resilience, and continuity of all communities within Sagadahoc County.

Nothing in this Agreement removes the Municipality's statutory responsibilities, nor is intended to impose any obligations or programs upon the County or the Municipality beyond those set forth in this Agreement; rather, this Agreement provides the mechanism for fulfilling those responsibilities through a coordinated county-administered system.

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III. AUTHORITY:

This MOA is authorized under Maine Revised Statutes Title 37-B, including but not limited to §781–§784, which establish municipal emergency management obligations and expressly allow for interjurisdictional and mutual aid arrangements.

Title 37-B Chapter 13 Sub Chapter 3 §781: Municipal, county, and regional agencies
Title 37-B Chapter 13 Sub Chapter 3 §782: Agency director
Title 37-B Chapter 13 Sub Chapter 3 §783: Disaster emergency plan
Title 37-B Chapter 13 Sub Chapter 3 §784: Mutual aid arrangements
Title 37-B Chapter 13 Sub Chapter 3 §784A: Right to call for and employ assistance
Title 37-B Chapter 13 Sub Chapter 3 §784B: Maine First Responders State-wide Mutual Aid Agreement

IV. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED

1. The County hereby agrees to provide centralized administration and operational management of emergency management functions on behalf of the Municipality to encompass the following:
 - a. Program management
 - b. Personnel management
 - c. Emergency operational planning, including but not limited to the development and maintenance of emergency operations plans, hazard mitigation planning and updates, continuity of operations (COOP), and continuity of government (COG) planning with community stakeholder input and a structured planning cycle.
 - d. Financial management for grants supported by the emergency management program
 - e. Training and education with drills and exercises
 - f. Resource management and coordination through the use of mutual aid

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agreements and partnerships established.

g. Communications and public warnings, including but not limited to situational awareness and information sharing.

h. Hazardous material release support

i. Coordination of emergency operations, including but not limited to the activation of the County Emergency Operations Center.

j. Assistance with damage assessments

k. Coordination with state and federal partners for disaster assistance

l. Support for mitigation project development and grant applications

m. Community resilience and public education outreach campaigns

n. Support for special programs and events throughout the community.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Municipality

The Municipality hereby agrees to provide the County with the following:

a. A designated municipal point of contact or liaison who will be assigned to the Emergency Operations Center, as requested by the County on an annual basis, and no later than January 31 each year.

b. Provide the County with an accurate list, including name and contact information (phone number(s) and email address) of local officials within the Municipality who play a role in disaster response. This includes, but is not limited to, selectboard members, town administrator, clerk, chief law enforcement official, fire chief, emergency medical chief, local health office, codes enforcement officer, public works director, harbor master, or any other official with emergency responsibilities within the Municipality. This list must be kept up to date and updated at least annually or upon any change.

c. Maintain local operational capabilities to the extent feasible. This includes, but is not limited to, public safety, public works, schooling, volunteer organizations, and/or other operational capabilities. The Municipality shall retain authority over its own personnel, staffing levels, departmental operations and structure, programs, budgeting, and response policies.

d. Support and participate in planning, training, and exercise activities.

e. Support implementation of emergency management activities with local stakeholders.

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f. Provide the County with information on planning, mitigation, or recovery initiatives in which the Municipality is seeking outside grant funding assistance.

2. Sagadahoc County

The County hereby agrees to provide the following:

- a. Qualified personnel to administer and operate the emergency management program
- b. Maintain and operate the County Emergency Operations Center at an appropriate level based on the size, scale, scope, and complexity of the emergency. The County Emergency Operations Center shall serve as the dedicated facility for collection, analysis, and sharing of information and intelligence, resource requests and support, and maintaining situational awareness of situations and emergencies in and around Sagadahoc County. The Emergency Operations Center does not supersede any local incident command structures, nor does it direct the tactical operations of the incident commander.
- c. Ensure compliance with applicable state and federal requirements.
- d. Serve as the liaison to Maine Emergency Management Agency.
- e. Coordinate regional planning, training, and exercises to support preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery activities. This includes, but is not limited to, the development, maintenance, review, and periodic updating of all operational plans as applicable, and conducting training and exercises, as applicable, to ensure current compliance and best practices are incorporated into emergency management practices.

The County EMA Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to determine program priorities, operational strategies, and the allocation of resources necessary to deliver services to the residents and communities through stakeholder engagement and periodic review under this agreement. This information shall be shared with the Parties through the Sagadahoc County Integrated Preparedness Strategy no later than January 31 of each year.

Unless specifically set forth or permitted by the parties by this Agreement, nothing within this Agreement shall supersede, modify, impair, or replace existing municipal mutual aid agreements, automatic aid agreements, regional response frameworks, departmental operational procedures, or statutory authorities of participating agencies and municipalities.

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V. PERSONNEL AND FUNDING

It is expressly understood that the County shall be responsible for funding the personnel necessary to support a comprehensive, county-led emergency management program. The number, classification, and deployment of such personnel shall be determined by the Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency Director based on operational needs, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and the level of service required to effectively support the Municipality.

Unless otherwise specified and stated, each Party shall be responsible for its own incidental costs. Additional projects or initiatives requiring funding may be addressed through separate agreements or amendments.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as authorizing the County to obligate municipal funds, commit municipal resources, or enter into financial agreements on behalf of the Municipality without explicit prior written authorization.

VI. LIABILITY

Each Party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions, and those of its officers, employees, and agents, in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

To the extent permitted by law, neither Party shall be required to indemnify or hold harmless the other Party. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any defenses, immunities, or limitations of liability available under applicable law, including but not limited to those provided under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

The Parties acknowledge that all activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement are governmental functions.

This Agreement is not intended to create, nor shall it be construed to create any rights in any third party or to extend liability to any party beyond that provided by law.

VII. REVISIONS AND CANCELLATIONS:

The terms of this Agreement may be amended upon written approval by both the original parties and/or their designated representatives. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both Parties and shall remain in effect until terminated. Either party may amend or cancel this Agreement upon 90 days' written notice to the other party.

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Upon termination of this agreement by either party, the Parties shall cooperate in good faith to ensure an orderly transition of emergency management responsibilities, records, and ongoing compliance activities.

During the transition periods, the Parties agree to provide cooperation and access to records necessary to support continuity of operations and compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and responsibilities.

Each party shall retain access to its respective plans, records, and compliance documentation developed or maintained under this agreement. Nothing in this agreement shall affect local ownership of records, nor shall it restrict the municipality's access to information to such records.

The Parties further agree to assist in coordinating the transition of active plans, grant activities, compliance functions, records, and preparedness activities to a designated successor.

VIII. SIGNATURES

By signing below, the Parties agree to have understood the terms and conditions and to be bound by the terms of this agreement

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TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

PROCLAMATION OF THE GEORGETOWN SELECT BOARD

Declaring Georgetown a Working Waterfront Community

Adopted _____, 2026

WHEREAS, Georgetown's identity, history, economy, and culture are deeply connected to the waters, shores, coves, islands, harbors, mudflats, wharves, boatyards, marinas, and marine businesses that have sustained generations of residents, families, and enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown has long been home to a vibrant and diverse working waterfront that includes, among other activities and enterprises, lobstering, clamming, aquaculture, worming, commercial harvesting, boatyards, marinas, marine services, and supporting businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board recognizes that working waterfront activities are essential to Georgetown's local economy, maritime heritage, food systems, public access, and sense of place; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown seeks to protect, support, promote, and advocate for a commercial marine base that remains successful, resilient, diverse, and in harmony with the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board recognizes that residents, businesses, visitors, real estate professionals, and prospective property owners benefit from clear public notice that Georgetown is, and intends to remain, a working waterfront community; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board further recognizes the importance of maintaining natural resources, waterways, infrastructure, and access that allow current and future commercial marine enterprises, residents, and visitors to engage with and benefit from Georgetown's working waterfront; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation is intended as a public affirmation of community values and priorities and does not create fines, penalties, enforcement provisions, or restrictions beyond those otherwise provided by applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Georgetown Select Board PROCLAIMS that the Town of Georgetown is hereby declared a **Working Waterfront Community**.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that Georgetown proudly and publicly affirms its intention to remain a welcoming Working Waterfront Community that supports the people, families, businesses, and marine enterprises that depend upon and contribute to the Town's waterfront.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Select Board encourages public understanding of the vital role of the working waterfront and the conditions needed for it to thrive, including continued commitment to access, infrastructure, natural resources, and balanced community development.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Town will endeavor to communicate this designation through appropriate public means, including the Town website, outreach to Georgetown residents and businesses, the Maine Association of Realtors and signage or other notices as determined by the Select Board.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Select Board supports efforts to preserve Georgetown's working waterfront integrity while respecting applicable Town, County, State, and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Georgetown Select Board adopts this Proclamation on the date written above.

Georgetown Select Board:

**Comments of the Town of Georgetown on the Proposed Amendments to
08-001 C.M.R.Ch.1, the Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Rule
(Final)**

In most Maine towns, the code enforcement officer (the “CEO”) alone issues building permits after an administrative review verifying compliance with ordinances—a ministerial, nondiscretionary act -- checking an application against fixed zoning standards (setbacks, lot coverage, use) and issuing the permit if it conforms. For those towns, the provision in the proposed amendments to Chapter 1, 08-001 C.M.R. (the “Housing Rule”) that says a planning board may not review applications for 4 or fewer dwelling units within a single structure or applications for accessory dwelling units (the “planning board restriction”) may be workable with the exceptions listed. However, in several towns, including the town of Georgetown, without the resources of a full- time CEO, the building ordinance puts that responsibility on the planning board. If the Housing Rule is amended as proposed without the clarifications requested in these comments, it could operate in a manner not justified by the underlying legislation, placing a substantial and unworkable burden on part-time CEOs, and as a practical matter defeat the core purposes of the underlying housing legislation.

A. The Meaning of “4 or Fewer Residential Dwelling Units Within a Single Structure.”

These rulemaking proceedings are designed to implement changes to the housing legislation enacted by LD 2173, P.L.2025, ch. 733, including changes to the planning board restriction in 30-A M.R.S. § 4364-A(5-A), to read:

5-A. Planning board approval not required. For any area in which residential uses are allowed, including as a conditional use, a municipality may not require planning board approval for accessory dwelling units or solely because the project will establish 4 or fewer dwelling units within a single structure on a lot.

This statute could be read to prohibit a planning board from reviewing a permit application for a single-family dwelling unit. On its face, “4 or fewer dwelling units” includes

one single- family dwelling unit, defined as “a structure containing one (1) dwelling unit.” Housing Rule Section 1.B (Definitions). However, on closer examination it is clear that the intent of the amended legislation was to apply the planning board restrictions only for multifamily housing. First of all, LD 2173 changed the language of the planning board restriction as originally enacted in LD 1829, P.L. 2025, ch. 385 by qualifying the restriction to apply only when a discretionary review by a planning board is allowed “*solely because* the project will establish 4 or fewer dwelling units within a single structure.” (Emphasis added.) There would never be circumstances where a planning board would require approval of a building permit “solely because” the application is for one single- family building. Obviously, from the language of the amended planning board limitation, the provision covers the review process when there are density issues in multifamily structures. It is instructive in this regard that the legislation originally creating the planning board restriction was directed at “Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density” and that Section 3 of Housing Regulation that contains the planning board restriction states that it addresses generally “multiple dwelling units.” Second, LD 2173 also changed the language of the planning board restriction to include approval of ADUs. There would be no need to do so if the existing legislation covered review of a single dwelling units because an ADU, by definition, is a “self-contained dwelling unit.” See Section 1.B.

In sum, the planning board restriction only makes sense if it excludes permitting for single family structures. Accordingly, the Town of Georgetown requests the Department amend the proposed rule Section 3. C. 1 and Section 4.C.1 to add to the first sentence:

“provided, however, the foregoing does not apply to permitting for a single-family dwelling.”

B. Meaning of “Planning Board Approval”

Neither the original housing legislation, nor the amendments to the housing legislation enacted in LD 2173, include a definition of the key term “planning board approval.” That was addressed by the Housing Rule in Section 3.C.1 and Section 4.C.1, which states:

The term planning board applies to any appointed or elected board or committee that has been established by charter or ordinance. *Planning board approval does not mean code enforcement officer review*, site plan review, or other municipal staff review. [Emphasis added.]

This provision, which appeared in the original Housing Rule and remains in the proposed amendments, is ambiguous. It is unclear whether the restriction is triggered by the identity of the reviewing body or by the type of review, that is, whether the review is discretionary or merely administrative. Clearly, the concern of the legislation was to eliminate bottlenecks or delays caused by “a board [exercising] *discretionary review authority*” (see, “Maine Housing Legislation Guidance,” promulgated by the Department at pg. 18) as distinguished from a nondiscretionary code enforcement officer review of permits. Interpreting the legislation and the Housing Rule to restrict the type of review rather than the entity undertaking the review is supported by the wording of the Rule itself. The language in the restriction does not say that a planning board review does not include a review *by a code enforcement officer*. Why would it? Why would anyone confuse a planning board entity with a code enforcement officer? Instead, the provision says that a planning board approval does not include a code enforcement officer [type] *review* and *two other kinds of reviews* (site plan and municipal staff reviews). What needed to be explained about the planning board restriction as worded in the statute and what the Housing Rule did explain was the *type of review* that needed to be restricted, namely the type of review customarily undertaken by a planning board (discretionary) as opposed to the type of review customarily undertaken by a CEO (administrative). Indeed, an earlier version of the planning board restriction stated that “a municipality only has the authority to conduct an *administrative*

review for ... when the project has 4 or fewer units.” L.D. 1829, document 132LR0362(01), section 7. (Emphasis added.) There is no evidence we have found that the legislature meant something different when it changed that wording in a later version of LD 1829 for convenience by substituting planning board type review as opposed to a CEO type review.

The Town of Georgetown is a bridged, rural community in the Midcoast of less than 1200 residents. Like many other towns of its size, it cannot afford a full-time code enforcement officer. It shares a part-time CEO with two other towns. To accommodate these lack of resources, ordinances in the town of Georgetown require applications for building permits, including building permits for ADUs, to be reviewed by the planning board on a nondiscretionary basis on exactly the same kind of review that larger towns, like Bath, review building permits by a CEO alone. Georgetown is not alone in this regard. If the proposed rule change becomes final without the clarifications requested in these comments, Georgetown and other similarly situated towns could be prevented from conducting most of their business issuing permit for single family dwelling units as well as for ADUs. As matters stand now, the Georgetown Planning Board meets twice a month and has no backlog of building permits applications it regularly issues in a single session. Without the clarifications requested, the rule could place a substantial but unnecessary burden on part-time CEOs inevitably resulting in delays in issuing permits. The risk of this burden can be simply avoided by adopting the following clarification of the term “planning board approval” as used in Section 3.C.1 and 4.C.1 of the Housing Rule:

5-A. Planning board approval not required. For any area in which residential uses are allowed, including as a conditional use, a municipality may not require **discretionary** planning board approval for accessory dwelling units or solely because the project will establish 4 or fewer dwelling units within a single structure on a lot.