

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of July 22, 2025

Prepared by Alison Freeman

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

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

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

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

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard Members Aria Eee and Katie Goodwin, and Town Administrator Tyler Washburn were together in the Town Office. There were 8 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2025, was tabled.

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

- ATV Access on Marrtown Road was renewed until June 30, 2026. There have been no complaints and GVFD Fire Chief Whalen has no objection
- Discussion regarding the Working Waterfront Work Group Presentation resulted in agreement that next steps should involve anchoring any working waterfront designation to the 2019 Comprehensive Plan and that community engagement is needed
- The Short Term Rental Presentation and next steps were discussed with members of the Planning Board. The Selectboard asked the Planning Board to research what other towns do, how they enforce, and whether they have an ordinance or registry
- The August 12th Selectboard Meeting was rescheduled to August 5th
- Appointment / Reappointment of Various Committee Members were approved.
- Appointment / Reappointment of Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Committee Members was tabled

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.

The most interesting items were:

- Office of Senator Angus King – Aging Policy Update
- Office of Senator Angus King – Low Income Policy Update
- Office of Senator Angus King – Veterans’ Policy Update
- Maine Department of Marine Resources – Hold the Date – 2025 Quarter 3 Shellfish Advisory Council Meeting
- Town of Georgetown – Letter to Transfer Station Employees
- MidCoast Council of Government – News Blast
- Age-Friendly Georgetown – Community Yard Sale Notice - *9am to 1pm Saturday September 6th in the church parking lot across from Georgetown Central School. Rain date September 7th. To register for a space or for more information contact Sheila McCandless at gwlquilters@gmail.com or phone 207-522-5359*

Public Comment:

- Tom Sheehan thanked the Selectboard for the ATV Access on Marrtown Road. He also asked what the objective of the Short Term Rental (STR) discussion is. He commented that if it is safety his insurance company makes him comply with safety standards
- Bob Trabona commented that not all Short Term Rentals are operated as businesses and may not have appropriate safety standards, insurance, or collection of State taxes. He also reminded the Selectboard that there was a time when there was a form in the Town Report that asked residents to provide information about any improvements they had made to their homes that did not require a building permit so the assessment could be updated
- Lisa Sabatine commented that 3 selectboard members might not be enough to handle the workload. She also suggested congestion at the Transfer Station might be alleviated by returning to a 5pm close during the summer

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, August 5th. 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

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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

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

***indicates copy provided to Select Board**

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

Call to order:

Public comment:

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

Scheduled appointments:

Minutes:

- Minutes of July 8th Meeting for review and approval *★

Review:

Assessing items:

- Site Visits Update
- Pending Visits Update

Correspondence:

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Continuing Items: *none*

Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Tudor:
- Ms. Eee:
- Ms. Goodwin:

Town Administrator Update

Old Business:

- Renewal of ATV Access on Marrtown Road*★
- Appointment / Reappointment of Various Committee Members*★
 - Board of Appeals (Five Members, Two Alternates, 5-year terms)

- Ole Jaegar, Full Member (Expiring 2030)
- o Conservation Commission (Five or more members, 3-year terms)
 - Nancy Kinner, Full Member (Expiring 2028)
 - Susan Shade, Associate Member (Expiring 2028)
- o Financial Advisory Committee (Five or more members, 3-year terms)
 - Julie Pankey, Full Member (Expiring 2028)
 - Lisa Sabatine, Full Member (Expiring 2028)
- o Harbor Committee (Five Members, Three Alternates, 3-year terms)
 - Doug Wollmar (Expiring 2028)
 - Michael Farina (Expiring 2028)
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 - Pam Gunnell, Alternate to Full Member (Replacing Philip Mason's Expired Term) (Expiring 2030)
 - Bill Webster, Alternate (Expiring 2030)
 - David Trigg, Alternate (Expiring 2030)
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 - Rachel Kennedy, Full Member (Expiring 2028)
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 - Marrissa MacMahan, Full Member (Expiring 2028)
 - James Peavey, Full Member (Expiring 2028)
- o Solid Waste Management Committee (Five or more members, 3-year terms)
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New Business:

- Rescheduling 1st August Meeting ★
 - o Administrator Recommendation: Reschedule August 12 Meeting to August 5
- Discussion re: Working Waterfront Work Group Presentation*
- Discussion re: Short Term Rental Presentation by Planning Board and possible next steps*

Items For Signature:

- Cemetery Deed (Blanchard, Lot 129A)
- *If approved*, Various Appointment Certificates

Public comment:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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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

Celebrate! 50 Years, 50 Treasures: Selections from the GHS Collections

An exhibit which takes visitors back through our island's history –
from the current day to pre-colonial Indigenous habitation.



May 24 through November 1, 2025



Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of
GHS and The Georgetown Tide.



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Fresh fruits & vegetables
from local farms &
Georgetown gardens



Wednesdays
2:30-3:00
June 11-October



ALL ARE WELCOME
Bring your own bag



GEORGETOWN WORKING LEAGUE

SUMMER

FUNdraising

Thrifs and Gifts Shop

Open Friday-Sunday 10-4

Memorial Day Thru Labor Day
833 Five Islands Road Georgetown

Handmade crafts-thrifts-local artisans-
collectibles-kids corner and much more!



2025 Quilt Raffle

\$5 For a Book of 7 Tickets

Buy a chance to win our 2025 GWL quilt!
Tickets can be purchased at the Thrifts and
Gifts shop or through our website.

BID\$ and BITE\$

Saturday, August 9th from 10-1pm

Georgetown Community Center

Silent Auction-Baked Goods-Live Music-
Coffee-Kids Activities-Quilt Raffle Drawing



JOIN THE GWL!

Create-Volunteer-Raise Money for the
Community-Meet New People-
Have fun!

Email for more information:
gwl.events.04548@gmail.com

Help us raise money for the Community
WWW.GEORGETOWNWORKINGLEAGUE.ORG





July 19th
at Patten Free Library



August 16th
at Bath Habitat for
Humanity ReStore



September 20th
at the
Curtis Memorial Library

Why Replace when you can repair?

A Repair Cafe brings together a community
of fixers willing to educate
people so that they can repair their
everyday items rather than throw them out

All events held on Saturday Mornings
10 A.M. till 12:30 P.M.

Our Repair Cafe will have experts able to repair:

- Electronics
- Computers
- Mending
- Small appliances
- Wooden Furniture
- Book Repair
- Leather Repairs
- Knife Sharpening

**We are always looking for
additional volunteers, if you
are interested call Curtis
Library!**

Questions? Please call the Curtis library at 725-5242 ext 4

Veterans Policy Update: Senator King's news; ICYMI; resource reminders; webinars & funding opportunities

From teague_morris@king.senate.gov <teague_morris@king.senate.gov>

Date Mon 7/14/2025 10:24 AM

To GtwnME@hotmail.com <GtwnME@hotmail.com>

Forward to a Friend

July 14, 2025

Hi Tyler,

Senator King was on ["Maine Calling" last Monday](#) along with many Maine lawmakers and non-profit leaders to talk about the grave concerns the damage the reconciliation bill could pose to Maine people, communities, and our economy.

Take care, be well,

Teague

News from Senator King's office

This week: **one new**, total of three grant/recognition opportunities (**one deadline**); two webinars/events but more coming up. Also: Senator King's press releases, e-Newsletter, resources and policy updates.

You can find all press releases, other news, social media and podcasts at the newsroom link on Senator King's [website](#), including [Veterans Services](#). Also, check out [Answering the Call](#), Senator King's interviews with Maine veterans.

King Asserts Role on Armed Services Committee to Support Maine Economy

and Strengthen National Security

July 14, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), worked with his committee colleagues this week to secure strong investments in Maine's economy and America's defense posture through the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This legislation will support servicemembers and their families and boost the Maine economy through support for the hundreds of businesses that serve the military's technological and manufacturing... [Continue Reading](#) »

King, Collins, Golden Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Protect Our Troops and Strengthen Domestic Manufacturing

July 8, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Angus King (I-ME), a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and Susan Collins (R-ME) have introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to ensure our troops are wearing high quality, safe and reliable footwear as part of their uniforms. The Better Outfitting Our Troops (BOOTS) Act would expand current uniform regulations to ensure the combat boots worn by our servicemembers are entirely manufactured in America and made with U.S.-sourced... [Continue Reading](#) »

King “Gravely Concerned” by Possible Weapons Pause in Delivering Military Aid to Ukraine

July 3, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Today, U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) released the following statement in response to reports that the White House may be pausing congressionally-directed weapons shipments to Ukraine: "I am gravely concerned by the potential "pause" in the supply of crucial weapons necessary for the defense of the Ukrainian people. To slow or stop the delivery of promised weaponry (which reportedly were already in Poland on their way to Kiev) is a serious policy and humanitarian... [Continue Reading.](#)"

Senate Passes 'Regressive, Downright Cruel' Tax Bill that will Significantly Harm Maine People

July 1, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the United States Senate passed the so-called 'Big Beautiful Bill' tax and budget legislation — a bill that was passed by the Republican majority with a single tie-breaking vote by Vice President JD Vance. Maine DHHS estimates that, because of this legislation, 31,000 Mainers would be disenrolled from MaineCare in the first year and estimates suggest that 4 rural Maine hospitals could close. In addition, it is estimated that 20,000 Mainers will lose their coverage under... [Continue Reading.](#)

Reminder: Maine Congressional Delegation Accepting Military Academy Nomination Applications

June 30, 2025

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, Jr., and U.S. Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden announced that they are accepting nomination applications from Maine high school students for

appointments to the United States service academies operated by the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Merchant Marine. No nomination is required to apply to the United States Coast Guard Academy. Students should apply for a nomination in the spring and summer of their junior year.... [Continue Reading](#) »

Click [HERE](#) to read Senator King's e-Newsletter

Resource Reminders

- [Wellbeings.org](#): Here is a collection of resources categorized to help family caregivers find the guidance and assistance they need.
- [The Vet Public Service Program](#) introduces [The Veteran Workforce Rapid Response Portal](#), intended to be an instrumental resource for veterans and military family members transitioning from the federal workforce to stay in service through roles in state and local government.
- [Veteran Buddy Link](#) helps Veterans seeking friendship, support: [Together We Served's new free service connects Veterans with other local Veterans](#)
- [Welcome to the Traumatic Brain Injury Center of Excellence](#). Here, you'll find clinical tools for the assessment and management of TBI, provider training, patient resources, and research information.
- The [No Homeless Veterans](#) initiative connects Veterans to financial, medical, and employment support services, then matches them with available housing units provided by landlord partners. By providing both Veterans and their landlords with consistent support, we're working to create long-lasting relationships, help struggling Veterans, and end Veteran homelessness in Maine.
- Resources to help at-risk renters, landlords and homeowners in Maine: [VA, MaineHousing, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#).
- If you, or a veteran you know is struggling with a financial emergency or homelessness please contact the [Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services](#) at 207-287-7020 or [visit their newly updated website](#) for more

information regarding available resources. MBVS publishes a monthly [newsletter](#) with the latest news and happenings regarding veterans issues.

- The U.S. Department of Labor's [Veterans' Employment and Training Service](#) (VETS) has a wide range of resources and programs, all working to enable America's veterans, service members and their spouses to reach their full potential in the workplace.
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#) - 24/7, confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online, or text 838255
- [211 Maine](#) helps connect you to the resources you need. Find health, financial and education services, via phone, text, or by searching our online directory.
- [Telecommunications Relay Services \(TRS\)](#): TRS includes Maine Relay Services, captioned telephone services (CapTel or CTS), and 711. Monthly trainings available.
- Check out [Senator King's Veterans Services](#) or [Help with a Federal Agency](#) webpages for more resources

ICYMI

(Links to the following news and research items are offered in the spirit of outreach and public education. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the Senator or his staff.)

[**VA announces expanded burial benefits, va.gov, July 10, 2025**](#)

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs announced today it has temporarily expanded burial benefits for certain Veterans, per the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act.

The new law specifies eligible Veterans are those who are discharged from VA-provided medical or nursing care to receive VA-provided hospice care at their home and who pass away between July 1, 2025, and Oct. 1, 2026.

Previously, Veterans who died at home under VA hospice care after discharge from VA-provided medical or nursing care

were not always eligible for a full VA burial allowance. The Dole Act addresses that gap.

VA to reduce staff by nearly 30K by end of FY2025, [va.gov](https://www.va.gov), July 7, 2025

The reduction – achieved through normal attrition, early retirements, deferred resignations and the federal hiring freeze – eliminates need for a large-scale reduction in force
WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced it's on pace to reduce total VA staff by nearly 30,000 employees by the end of fiscal year 2025, eliminating the need for a large-scale reduction-in-force.

While VA had been considering a department-wide RIF to reduce staff levels by up to 15%, employee reductions through the federal hiring freeze, deferred resignations, retirements and normal attrition have eliminated the need for that RIF.

VA and DOD Health Care: Agreements to Share Services and Other Resources Should Be Evaluated, [gao.gov](https://www.gao.gov), Jun 30, 2025.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense provide health care to over 18 million veterans and servicemembers. The two departments may share health care resources, like surgery services, through sharing agreements, which help improve access to health care and lower costs. There were 185 such agreements as of April 2025 in areas like mental health and orthopedics.

However, we found that the departments don't evaluate how well these agreements work, which could include assessing progress toward their goals. They may also miss ways to identify potential sharing opportunities.

Our recommendations address these issues and more.

Webinars and other events

Capitol Coffee with Senator King and staff

Most Wednesdays, Senator King likes to open his office up from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for a "Capitol Coffee" with Maine people in the area. It's always a fun opportunity to see old friends, make some new ones, and hear about the issues that are on their minds. Along with coffee, we are proud to provide homemade blueberry bread made with real Maine blueberries!

Stop by to say hello on one of the upcoming dates:

- **July 16th, 23rd, 30th**

The office is located in 133 Hart Senate Office Building. RSVPs are not required. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-5344. Hope you can visit!

U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs upcoming hearings

July 16, 4:00 PM - Hearing to Consider Pending Nominations

(Links are generally posted a week in advance.)

See links to previously recorded hearings and more news.

Veteran Resource Fair

Wednesday, July, 30, 2025
9 a.m.–noon

Portland CareerCenter
151 Jetport Blvd, Portland

Resources for Veterans and their families. While veteran focused, the event is open to the public.

For more information contact:

Michael.morkve@maine.gov | 207-822-4452

Vickie.hayer@maine.gov | 207-822-4433

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

VA: Advisory Committee on
Minority Veterans will meet
virtually

August 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This meeting is open to the public.

Dial in by phone: +1 872-701-0185. Phone conference ID:
496 198 177#

The Committee on Minority Veterans advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to the administration of benefits by the Department for Veterans who are minority group members, by reviewing reports and studies on compensation, health care, rehabilitation, outreach, and other benefits and services administered by the Department.

On August 6, 2025, the Committee will receive briefings and updates from the Advisory Committee Management Office, Veterans Affairs Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Ethics, Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indians Affairs and Office of Women's Health. The Committee will receive public comments from 2:35 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EST. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2-page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's

review to Mr. Dwayne E. Campbell, Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email at Dwayne.Campbell3@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Campbell or Mr. Ronald Sagudan at (202) 461-6191, or by fax at (202) 273-7092.

Maine's Hire-a-Vet 2025 Campaign

Opening Ceremony and Kick-off Event

August 14, 2025,

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Augusta Civic Center

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request. Veterans and eligible spouses are given priority of service for the receipt of employment, training and placement services provided under most Maine Department of Labor-funded programs.

Hiring events open to all job seekers!

- September 25, 2025 University of Maine Orono,
11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- October 16, 2025 Maine Sports Arena, Saco
11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- November 13, 2025 University of Maine Farmington
11 a.m.–3 p.m.

For more information and to register:

<https://www.myworksourcemaine.gov/events/maines-hire-vet-campaign-2025>

Innovations in Digital Wellness Technology for Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families

Session 3: Defense Health Agency

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

Join us for a three-part Learning Community Series designed to provide in-depth knowledge and practical resources regarding ways we can use technology to support service members, Veterans, and their families (SMVF). The SAMHSA Advisory from July 2023 offers a compelling discussion of how digital therapeutics are transforming health care by increasing access to care, enhancing client engagement, and driving better health outcomes, all while reducing costs. These innovations are critical in addressing barriers to care for hard-to-reach populations, including younger SMVF or those living in rural areas.

Each session in this Learning Community Series highlights a different organization and its contributions to digital wellness technology. Building on the foundation of SAMHSA's May 13, 2025, webinar, the series offers participants a deeper, more interactive exploration of key topics. Designed for small-group engagement, the series fosters meaningful learning and collaboration. Participants will: (1) explore tools and resources that support comprehensive care for SMVF; (2) gain insight into the impactful role that non-medical professionals can play in improving wellness; and (3) examine the potential of artificial intelligence to enhance the delivery of care.

The Learning Community will meet monthly for three sessions beginning in June 2025 via Zoom. Each session will feature an expert presentation with engaging group discussion incorporated throughout.

Maine Veterans
Coordinating Committee
(MVCC)

Monday, September 8, 2025 at 3PM

Virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84773217133?pwd=dFNhT1dLcHBWOFBVRHhNiMXk1cHZLZz09>

Agenda includes:

- VHA update from the Director
- VBA update from the Regional Office Director
- MBVS update from the Director
- Maine Veterans Home update from the CEO
- Congressional update from our Congressional delegation representatives
- Questions and concerns from those who attend

The Maine Veterans Coordinating Committee is established as a nonprofit, nonpartisan and nonsectarian organization for the purpose of serving the State's congressional delegation, the Legislature, local governments and the general public as a clearinghouse of information and suggested legislation regarding veterans' issues at local, state and federal levels.

FMI: Brenda.pennels@martinspoint.org

Notices of Funding, Proposals, Recognition

(Funding opps listed by due date. Additional resources at bottom of this section.)

Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program Funding Opportunity

Applications for suicide prevention services grants must be received by 4:59 p.m. Eastern Time on July 18, 2025.

The Veterans Administration is announcing the availability of funds for suicide prevention grants under the Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP). The SSG Fox SPGP directs efforts to reduce Veteran suicide by awarding grants to community-based organizations to provide or coordinate the provision of primarily non-clinical suicide

prevention services, including outreach and linkage to VA and community resources, to eligible individuals and their families. The SSG Fox SPGP furthers VA's public health approach to suicide prevention by combining community-based efforts with linkage to clinical care to prevent Veteran suicide for those inside and outside of VA health care. The goal of these grants is to reduce Veteran suicide risk by improving mental health status, well-being, financial stability, and social support for eligible individuals and their families.

NEW Writing Seminar for Black Veterans, Lucky Spur Ranch, Justin, TX, October 19-24, 2025

The application window closes July 27, 2025.

The War Horse News Team is hosting their eighth writing seminar in October and is inviting Black veterans to apply for the all-expenses-paid retreat in Texas.

Black people have served in the military since the Revolutionary War, longer than the United States has been a country. Their service has been distinguished, from Minuteman Peter Salem in the 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill to the Harlem Hellfighters of World War I to the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II to Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell and Charles Q. Brown, Jr.

Today, Black men and women comprise 17% of active-duty service members. Still, despite centuries of service, they historically have received unequal treatment in jobs and promotions in the military, face deeper hardships when they become veterans, and have often been overlooked in the nation's historical record and narratives about military life.

Their voices deserve to be heard—not only to set the record straight but also to enrich our collective understanding of war, sacrifice, resilience, and community.

The War Horse strives to tell stories that mirror the vast array of military experiences, and we know we can do better to reflect the voices and experiences of our entire community. Through this seminar, we aim to hold ourselves accountable to our mission and our community by actively seeking more stories and storytellers committed to exploring and sharing the human impact of military service.

More resources

- On Senator King's website, see the [Grants](#) page as well as info about [Congressionally Directed Spending](#).
- The [Maine Philanthropy Center](#) assists nonprofit organizations by helping them find funding sources for their organizations. They have a variety of services and resources available.
- Search [GuideStar](#) for the most complete, up-to-date nonprofit data available.

On-going opportunities:

- [Maine Philanthropy Center Rapid Response Fund](#) offers financial resources and support to help Maine nonprofits prepare for and respond to loss of federal funding, cuts to social programs, and targeted harassment of marginalized communities.
- [The Captain San Juan Dunbar Memorial Scholarship](#), sponsored by International Association of Maritime and Port Executives
- [The Adaptive Warrior Program](#) is designed to reach injured Veterans who need modifications for their homes or vehicles.
- [Hearst Foundations Health Grants](#) - preference for programs improving access to high-quality healthcare for low-income populations, rural populations, and/or veterans; Programs developing and providing specialized care for the complex needs of elderly populations
- [Virtual Living Room](#) - Using Technology to Address the Critical Healthcare Needs of Veterans in Rural Areas. A grant program that combines rural technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs resources, and local support to provide solutions to improve healthcare access for veterans in rural areas.

As always, I am eager to hear from you. Please feel free to call or write. Thank you for all that you are doing!

Teague Morris

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TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

PO Box 436 50 Bay Point Road
Georgetown, Maine 04548-0436
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July 10, 2025

Dear Transfer Station Employee,

This letter serves as official notice that, effective July 12, 2025, all Transfer Station employees of the Town of Georgetown are required to wear ANSI vests while on duty. For safety and insurance reasons, these vests must be worn visibly over your clothes.

The intent of this requirement is to ensure that residents needing assistance with their trash—or those unfamiliar with Transfer Station procedures—can easily identify staff members. It also provides the instant authority conveyed by a safety uniform when a staff member gives directions or asks a driver to move their vehicle.

As witnessed over the holiday weekend, the Station is operating at or above capacity during the summer. Children and elderly residents are often seen wandering through the area or parking haphazardly, while some ‘tourists’ park and browse “the mall.” We are counting on you, our trusted staff, to keep children out of traffic, assist those who are mobility-challenged with their trash, and ask anyone without trash to park off-site at the school or church and walk back to “the mall.” Taking a proactive approach to these situations will contribute to a more efficient and better-organized running of the facility, especially on its busier days.

We have directed Jim, our Facility Manager, to enforce the vest requirement and assign traffic control duties. Please don’t hold it against him if you’re unhappy with us! We have new ANSI vests available, so check in with Jim at the start of your next shift and find a vest that works for you. We will gladly order one if needed.

With sincere appreciation for all that you do for the people of our islands,

Bronwen Tudor
Chair, Select Board

MCOG Newsblast

From Midcoast Council of Governments <charlotte@midcoastcog.ccsend.com>

Date Thu 7/10/2025 11:27 AM

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New Ventures Maine Business Training Opportunity

Please post and pass along to businesses and entrepreneurs in your circles:

New Ventures Maine is hosting a class upcoming this fall, called Venturing Forth. This is a free, online comprehensive business planning class starting Tuesdays, August 26, 2025. Designed for new entrepreneurs or existing business owners, Venturing Forth helps participants create a written business plan from start to finish with feedback from facilitators and fellow entrepreneurs. Individuals complete an online application and attend an orientation and individual interview to participate in the class. The application is accessible online and is due by Noon on Friday, August 15, 12:00 pm. Class size is limited to 15. [Click here for a flyer.](#)

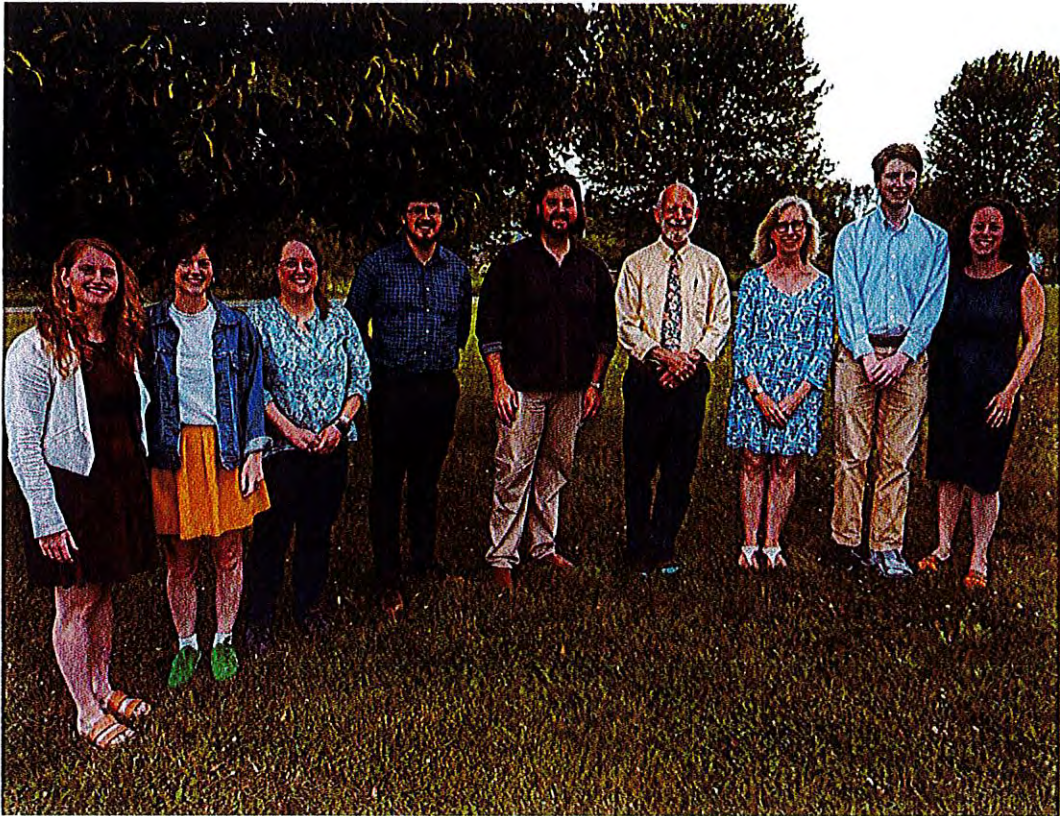
Anyone with a business idea or current business is welcome to apply.

Upon approval of a completed business plan, the class also qualifies for three pass/fail credits from the University of Maine at Augusta.

To request or complete an application, register for the orientation, or learn more, contact Destin DeCambre at destin.decambre@maine.edu or 207-768-

9468 or visit the [New Ventures Maine](#) website to register.

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Age-Friendly Community Yard Sale: Save the Date

From James Peavey <gtagefriendly@gmail.com>

Date Fri 7/11/2025 9:27 AM

To James Peavey <gtagefriendly@gmail.com>

Age-Friendly Georgetown (AFG) is holding its Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday September 6th from 9am to 1pm in the church parking lot across from Georgetown Central School. The rain date is September 7th. There is still room for sellers; to register for space or for more information contact Sheila McCandless at gwlquilters@gmail.com or phone 207-522-5359.

This Yard Sale is especially useful for our wonderful part-time residents who must sadly leave us at the end of the summer and would like to donate items they won't need when they return in the spring/early summer. It's a good chance to "de-clutter" and come back to more space.

As in the past, we will accept certain sale items that are too big to easily have at the show, such as the 37' Hinckley Picnic Boat a generous donor has offered. If you have such an item, let me know and we will see if it fits in this process. Once the items are posted, bids will be taken through email until the day before the yard sale. The high bidder will be notified once the show is over and will need to make arrangements with the owner of the item for pickup.

Details on all of this will follow as we get closer to the date.

Jim

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"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe." John Muir

www.agefriendlygeorgetown.org

Hold the Date - 2025 Quarter 3 Shellfish Advisory Council Meeting

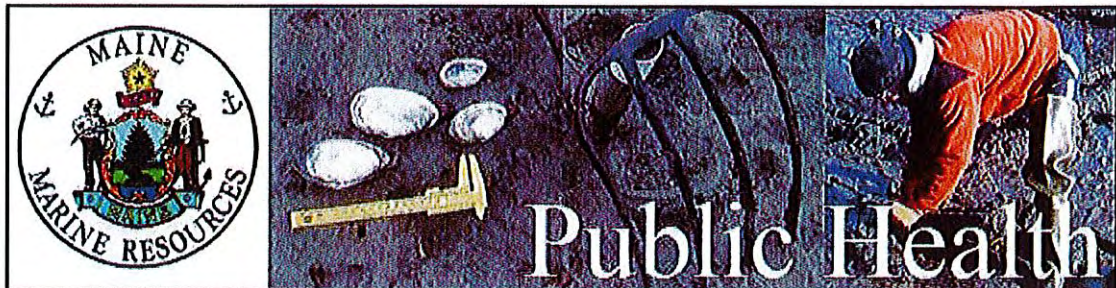
From Shellfish Advisory Council - DMR <DMRPUBLICHEALTH@subscriptions.maine.gov>

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DMR Announces the Following:

The 2025 Quarter 3 [Shellfish Advisory Council](#) meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 23 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the [DMR Augusta office](#) in room 118 and virtually via [Microsoft Teams](#).

If you have a topic you would like added to the agenda please send an email to DMRPUBLICHEALTHDIV@maine.gov with the information below. This format is not required for submission though it is helpful in creating the agenda.

1. The topic name
2. The presenter's name if applicable.
3. A brief explanation of the topic.
4. How much time you would like or expect to need.
5. Any documents/website links you would like on the agenda or provided during the meeting.

Please have these submitted before Wednesday, September 10 to be added to the agenda.

[Please visit the DMR website for notices of biotoxin and bacterial shellfish closures.](#)

responses are not monitored. If you have difficulty, please contact the Public Health Bureau at dmrpublichealthdiv@maine.gov

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STR Survey Data Summary

In April the Planning Board mailed 1,000 surveys regarding Short Term Rentals (STRs) to all town property owners of record. Approximately 490 were completed and returned. This was an exceptional response rate. We want to extend our thanks and provide preliminary feedback relative to information gathered.

Of the people who responded, 65 indicated they own an STR (10 of which are on land where the owner dwells, 55 are at other locations). 422 people indicated they do not own a STR.

Of those who indicated they own an STR, 56 own only 1. Seven individuals own between 2 and 10.

31 STRs are operated under the owner's name. 24 operate as an LLC, and two are operated as a corporation.

22 owners of STRs live in Georgetown part time. 23 live in Georgetown year-round and twenty-two do not live in town.

Owners of STRs indicate they have been renting them anywhere from 1 to 55 years.

49 owners manage their STRs themselves. 17 owners have others manage their rentals.

The length of time STRs are available to rent in town ranges from 1 to 12 months/year. The number of houses available for each number of months is as follows:

1 month -	2mo -	3mo -	4mo -	5mo -	6mo -	7mo -	8mo -	9mo -	10mo -	11mo -	12months
3	3	6	10	12	10	3	2	1	3	0	8

If an owner was no longer allowed to operate their building as a STR: 11 indicated they would rent to year round residents; 44 owners indicated they would no longer rent their building; and 13 owners indicated they are unsure of what they would do with their building regarding renting, or not.

201 respondents said they live near a STR. 254 respondents said they do not.

On a scale of 1-5 with 1 being a negative response, respondents indicated their experiencing living near a STR as:

Negative (1) 16 (2) 36 (3) 40 (4) 34 and (5) 45 Positive

72 individuals living near a STR expressed concern about noise

72 individuals living near a STR expressed concern about traffic

40 individuals living near a STR expressed concern about the use of town resources

52 Individuals living near a STR expressed concern about trespassing on their property

55 Individuals living near a STR expressed concern about strangers in their neighborhood

88 respondents indicated a STR should be owned by a Georgetown resident. 94 respondents indicated a STR need not be owned by a Georgetown resident. 53 respondents had no opinion.

166 respondents indicated they own a seasonal property used by themselves and/or family and friends. 250 respondents do not own a seasonal use property. They live in and use their properties themselves.

On a scale of 1-5, with a 1 indicating a high level of concern and a 5 indicating positive feelings/no concern about STR's, these were the results:

Negative (1) 56 (2) 51 (3) 108 (4) 44 (5) 52 positive No opinion 117

304 people believe STRs bring income to property owners

264 believe STRs allow families to generate income from jointly owned property

289 believe STRs support the local economy

189 believe STRs bring diversity to town

171 believe STRs offer future residents the ability to generate income from their homes

51 have no opinion

On a scale of 1 to 5 with one indicating no regulations regarding STR's and 5 indicating regulations the responses were as follows:

No regulations (1) 121 (2) 42 (3) 65 (4) 39 (5) 108 Regulate. No opinion 63

216 respondents indicated STRs should be owner managed

198 respondents indicated STR's should be licensed/registered with the town

108 respondents indicated there should be a fee to operate a STR

304 respondents indicated the # of guests should reflect the # of bedrooms in the STR

136 responders indicated STR's should be regulated by the Town

193 respondents indicated there should be a noise ordinance

278 respondents indicated the owner of a STR must certify the well supports the # of guests



Outlook

Marrtown Rd ATV Access

From Georgetown Fire Department <gvfdems1@gmail.com>

Date Tue 7/22/2025 9:25 AM

To Tyler Washburn <GtwnME@hotmail.com>

Tyler, As stated before the Georgetown Fire Department has no concerns with Marrtown Rd being an ATV access route. We have had no problems, accidents or injuries related to it.

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Chief Brian Whalen

Georgetown Fire Department

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Outlook

Re: Four wheeler access

From Jonathan Collins <jonathancollins2020@gmail.com>

Date Thu 7/17/2025 11:53 AM

To Town of Georgetown <townofgeorgetownme@gmail.com>; Gtwnme@hotmail.com <Gtwnme@hotmail.com>

On Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 7:47 AM Jonathan Collins <jonathancollins2020@gmail.com> wrote:

I have had no complaints about the four wheelers on Marrtown Rd, so I am in favor of continuing the access on that road.

Jonathan Collins

Road Commissioner