

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of October 28, 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, Katie Goodwin, and Town Administrator Tyler Washburn were together in the Town Office. Selectboard Member Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 8 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2025 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.

- Reminder from the Town Clerk: Thursday November 30th is the last day for absentee voting or absentee ballot requests, and the polls will be open 8am to 8pm Tuesday November 4th
- Bronwen Tudor informed the Selectboard that the compactor at the Transfer Station is having issues and the Solid Waste Committee will be reviewing estimates for repair or replacement at the emergency meeting on November 30th at 7pm (hybrid see below for how to ask to join a meeting)
- Appointment of Nancy Kinner as Election Warden
- Appointment of Geoff Birdsall as an Alternate to the Financial Advisory Committee (3-year term, Expiring 2028)
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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:

- Maine State Senate – Legislative Update from Senator Tepler
- State of Maine – Dept. of Transportation – Confirmation re: Working Waterfront Grant Program
- WaterWise – Georgetown & Arrowsic Update
- Maine Municipal Association – Risk Management Express

Upcoming Events/Dates:

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The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, November 13th. 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

Essential Rides for Everyday Living

Georgetown has a volunteer transportation program for older residents without other transportation options. This free program is all about getting neighbors to where they need to go. Local volunteers from your community are ready to drive a registered rider to different destinations such as the grocery store, medical appointments and social activities.

To register or to learn more about these rides Georgetown residents please get in touch with James Peavey at 207-387-0440 or email gtagefriendly@gmail.com.

This program would not be possible without the continuous support from the Bath Police Department, AARP Maine, UMaine Center on Aging/Lifelong Maine, the Maine Cabinet on Aging, and Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec.



**Where every ride and
everyone matters.
Age-Friendly Georgetown**

Community Navigation

Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency
and Board of Health

What can a Community Navigator do for you?

Life can get overwhelming, but you don't have to figure it out alone. A Community Navigator is here to guide you, connect you with the right resources, and empower you to be self-sustaining.

Serving the towns of:

Arrowsic
Bath
Bowdoin
Bowdoinham
Georgetown
Phippsburg
Richmond
Topsham
West Bath
Woolwich



SAGADAHOC COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

A Community Navigator can help you find:

Food & clothing
Housing & shelter
Recovery support
Childcare

Heat assistance
Transportation
Home repairs
And more!

Call our help line: 207-449-0185

Or email us at:
mhymbaugh@sagadahoccountyme.gov



WATER TESTING DELAYED IN ARROWSIC & GEORGETOWN

Due to a delay in grant funding, we need to postpone our water sampling program until Summer 2026. We apologize for any inconveniences that this may cause and appreciate the great response to the well survey we have had thus far.

WELL SURVEYS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.GTOWNCONSERVATION.COM



Georgetown Community Center's

Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

11 AM – 2PM

*For more information, or to reserve a table,
please reach out through our Facebook page
or email Angie at fiveislandsang@yahoo.com.
(Table fee will be \$20. Cash or check that
day, or mail a check to P.O. Box 103,
Gtown; Craft Fair in the memo.)*

Limited space available.

Handcrafted goods only.



SPOOK THE SCHOOL!



MOVIE TIME

Join us to watch a
G-rated
Halloween movie!



SPOOKY GAMES

Activities, games,
and decorations!



SPOOKY SNACKS

Enjoy dinner
provided by the
Rec committee!

10/31/2025 AT 4:30PM

GCS GYM

Provided by GIEF, GCS, and the Rec
Committee!



THIS YEAR THE GCC BRINGS YOU



SCARE AROUND THE SQUARE



JOIN IN ON THE SPOOKY FUN AS WE DECORATE
THE ENTIRE SQUARE FOR TRICK OR TREATERS!
HALLOWEEN NIGHT



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.



Home Energy Help Desk



Get Answers to Your Questions:

- Where Should I Start??
- How to Save \$
- Home Efficiency
- Utility Bills
- Heating & Cooling
- Insulation

First Saturday of each month
Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Dec 6th
at Patten Free Library Lobby 10am-12pm

*This program is presented by the Bath Climate Action Commission
in partnership with the Patten Free Library*

Technology Instruction

Internet Frauds and Scams



Fridays at 10am

October 17 | November 14 | December 5



**Registration
Required**



pattenfreelibrary.org | 207-443-5141 x1025



October 4
at Patten Free Library



October 25th
At the MerryMeeting Adult
Education Topsham



November 15
Bath
Habitat for Humanity
ReStore



December 6th
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
- Bike Repair

**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

WE NEED YOU... TO SERVE ON A TOWN COMMITTEE!

Harbor Committee – Full Member

The Harbor Committee convenes approximately six times per year. This committee works closely with the Harbormaster and is responsible for overseeing matters related to the harbor, moorings, ensuring proper management and addressing any issues that may arise.

Solid Waste Management Committee – Full Member

The Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) meets monthly. Its primary role is to oversee operations at the Transfer Station, ensuring that solid waste is managed efficiently and in compliance with state/local regulations.

Planning Board – One Alternate

The Planning Board holds meetings twice each month. Working closely with the Code Enforcement Officer, the Planning Board is tasked with overseeing new permits and ensuring compliance with Town Ordinances.

Financial Advisory Committee – Two Alternates

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) meets several times per month from January to April. The committee's main responsibility is to work on the Town Budget, providing financial oversight and recommendations during the budget planning season.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the Town Office for more information at 207-371-2820. Applications are on the Town Website (on the Forms & Applications tab).

THE ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION &
THE GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PRESENT

A WINTER MOTH PRESENTATION

An Overview of the Winter Moth Problem in the Midcoast
by Tom Schmeelk, Maine Forest Service Entomologist

Wintermoth Operophtera brumata



Fig.1
Male Wintermoth



Fig. 2
Female Wintermoth



Fig. 3
Wintermoth Caterpillar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 6PM
GEORGETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
20 BAYPOINT RD, GEORGETOWN



This presentation will be hybrid.
To Register for the Zoom Link, please visit:
<https://bit.ly/WinterMothsNov12>





GEORGETOWN YOGA

FREE TO RESIDENTS

Join local instructor Andrea Reazer for a free monthly yoga class
the second Sunday each month for the rest of the year!

Nov 9th
&
Dec 14th

Always at 1pm
GCS Gym
Please bring your own mat,
towel and water

Sponsored by the Georgetown Recreation Committee

Donations Welcomed

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, October 28, 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 October 14, 2025*

Review: *none*

Assessing items:

- Commitment Update – Target Date – 11/13/2025

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Continuing Items:

- Receipts for pumping:
- Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications:
- Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*:
 - Alison Reich, 148 Old Schoolhouse Road, 13U-054
 - Tomoko Okada, 24 Keen Way, 01U-073
- PBR / NRPA :

Board Member / Committee Updates:

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

Town Administrator Update

Fire Chief Update

Code Enforcement Officer Update

Old Business:

- Retroactive Approval – Appointment of Nancy Kinner as Election Warden*★

New Business:

- Approval of an insert for Tax Bills*★
- Committee Appointments:
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Items For Signature:

- *Various* Appointment Certificates

Public comment:**Executive Session:****Adjournment:**

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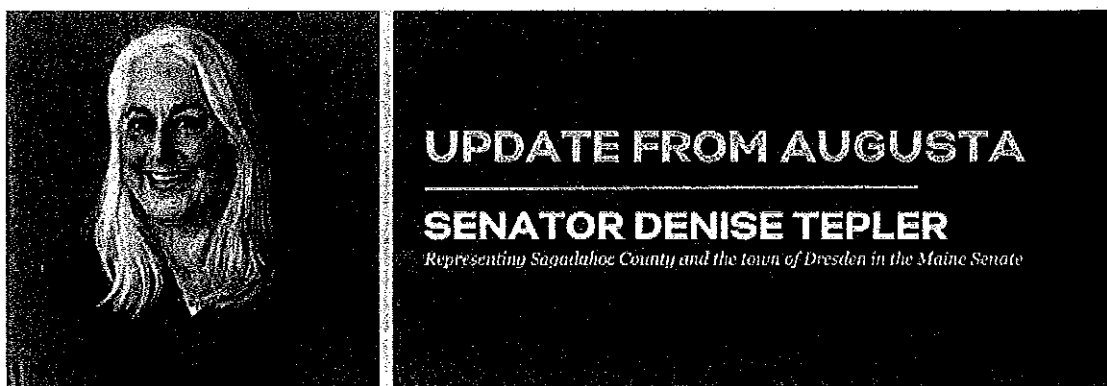
Update from Augusta: Touring with the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

From Senator Denise Tepler <denise.tepler@legislature.maine.gov>

Date Thu 10/16/2025 4:32 PM

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

Having trouble viewing this email? [Read it as a web page.](#)



Dear Neighbor,

As you're probably aware, the federal government remains shut down for the first time in seven years. In this uncertain time, I want to make sure that you have the facts and appropriate resources.

- **Maine State Government remains open.** A federal shutdown generally doesn't affect our state government, so any services accessed through the State of Maine, such as state parks or unemployment insurance, are available (though federal funding lapses for these programs may cause some impact). As your state senator, I proudly voted for a state budget this year that avoided partisan games and the threat of a state government shutdown.
- **Thanks to the Maine Legislature, federal workers have access to paycheck protection during the shutdown.** Earlier this year, we passed legislation that provides access to voluntary, no-interest loans during a government shutdown lasting more than seven consecutive days. Eligible employees can access up to three loans that are equal to their take-home pay, up to \$6,000. Affected employees can contact their lending institution to see if they are participating. Learn more [here](#).
- **Got questions? Our congressional delegation and I are standing by.** A lot of programs can be affected by a shutdown, from national parks to essential benefits and services. If you have any questions, I'll do my best to answer them, but also feel

free to reach out to the members of our congressional delegation, who have direct connections with federal agencies.

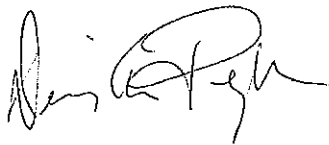
Rep. Chellie Pingree
(207) 774-5019
pingree.house.gov

Sen. Angus King
(202) 224-5344
king.senate.gov

Sen. Susan Collins
(202) 224-2523
collins.senate.gov

I am hopeful that this shutdown will end soon and that access to affordable health care will remain intact for thousands of Mainers and millions of Americans across the country. In the meantime, I will continue to be a resource for you and be your voice in Augusta. You can reply to this message, email me at Denise.Tepler@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515.

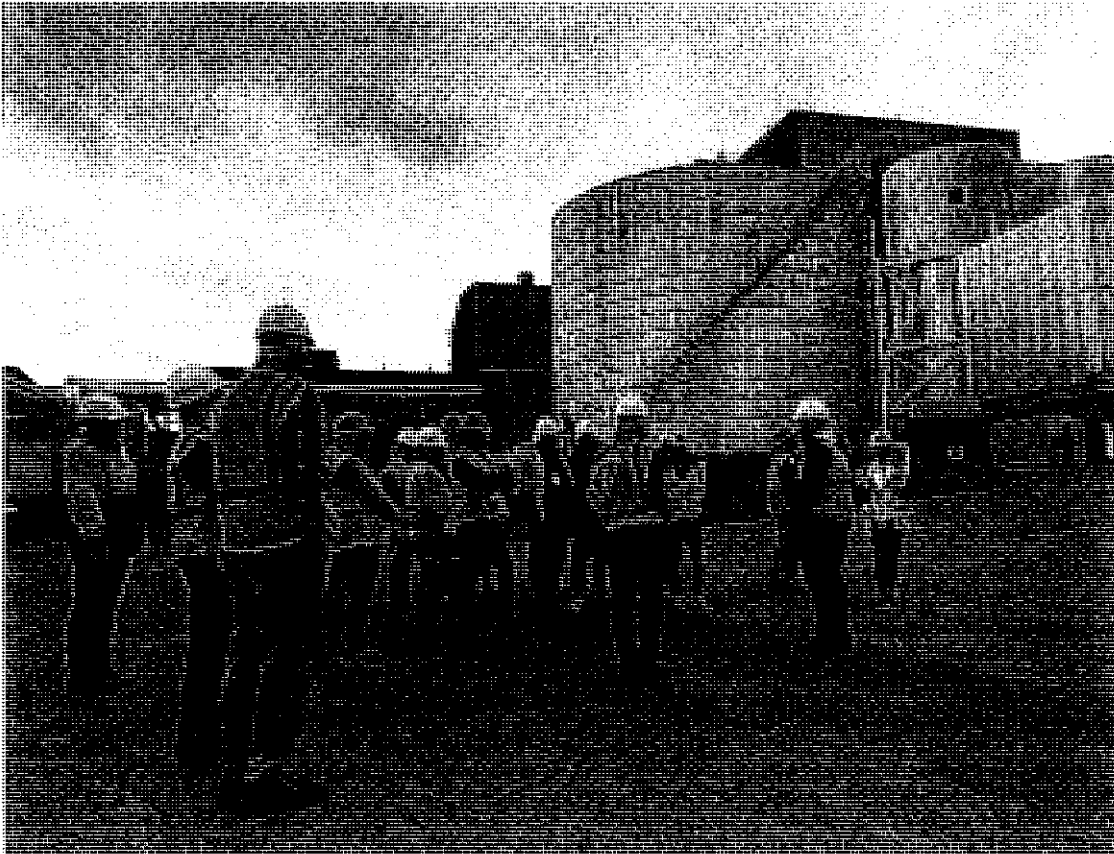
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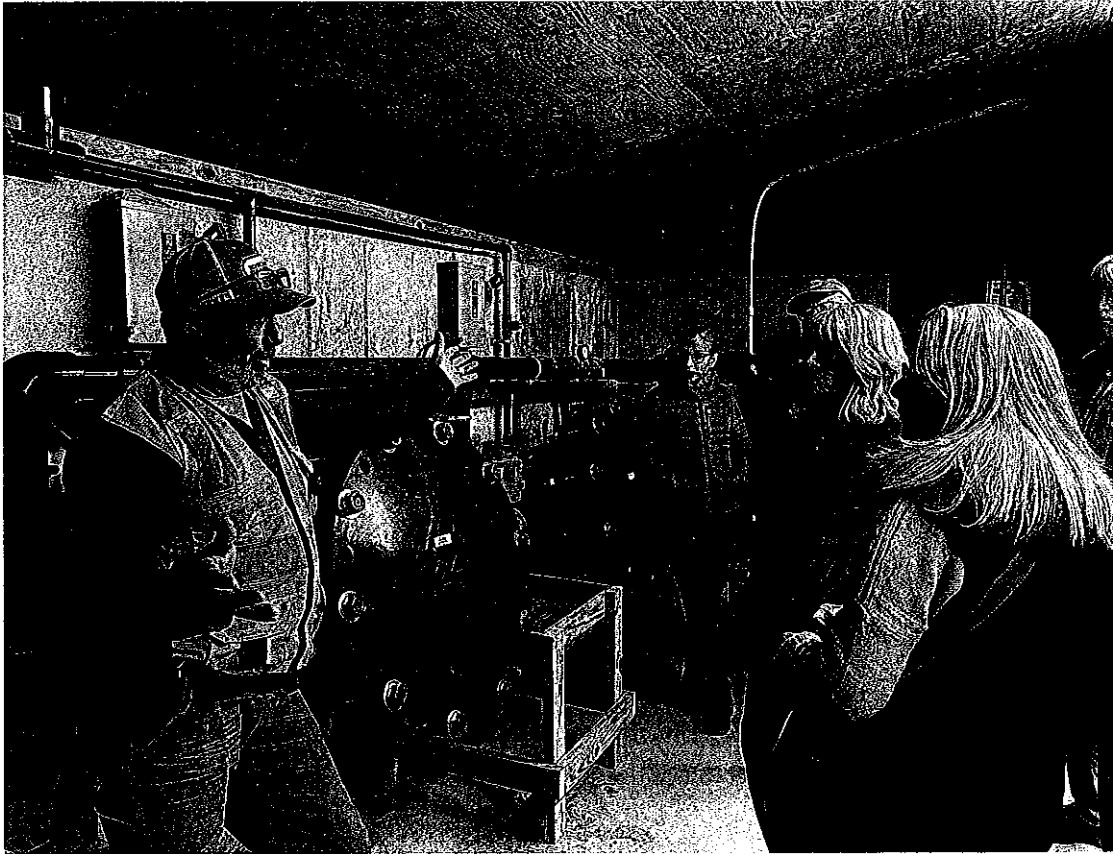
**TOURING THE HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL WASTE HUB, JUNIPER
RIDGE AND THE DEVELOPING EPEC FACILITY IN ORRINGTON**



This week I joined my fellow Environment and Natural Resources Committee members on a tour of the Municipal Waste Hub in Hampden. We were able to observe the equipment they have installed thus far and got an explanation of the processes through which they will process recyclables and extract methane gas.



We also toured the Eagle Point Energy Center (EPEC) in Orrington, which, when completed, will be a waste-to-energy facility.



At Juniper Ridge, we were able to view a number of the facilities, including the leachate system, which captures harmful runoff that would otherwise pollute the ground around the landfill.

I'm very appreciative to the workers at the waste hub and at Juniper Ridge for this tour and for giving us insight into some of the challenges with waste management and how Maine needs to deal with them.

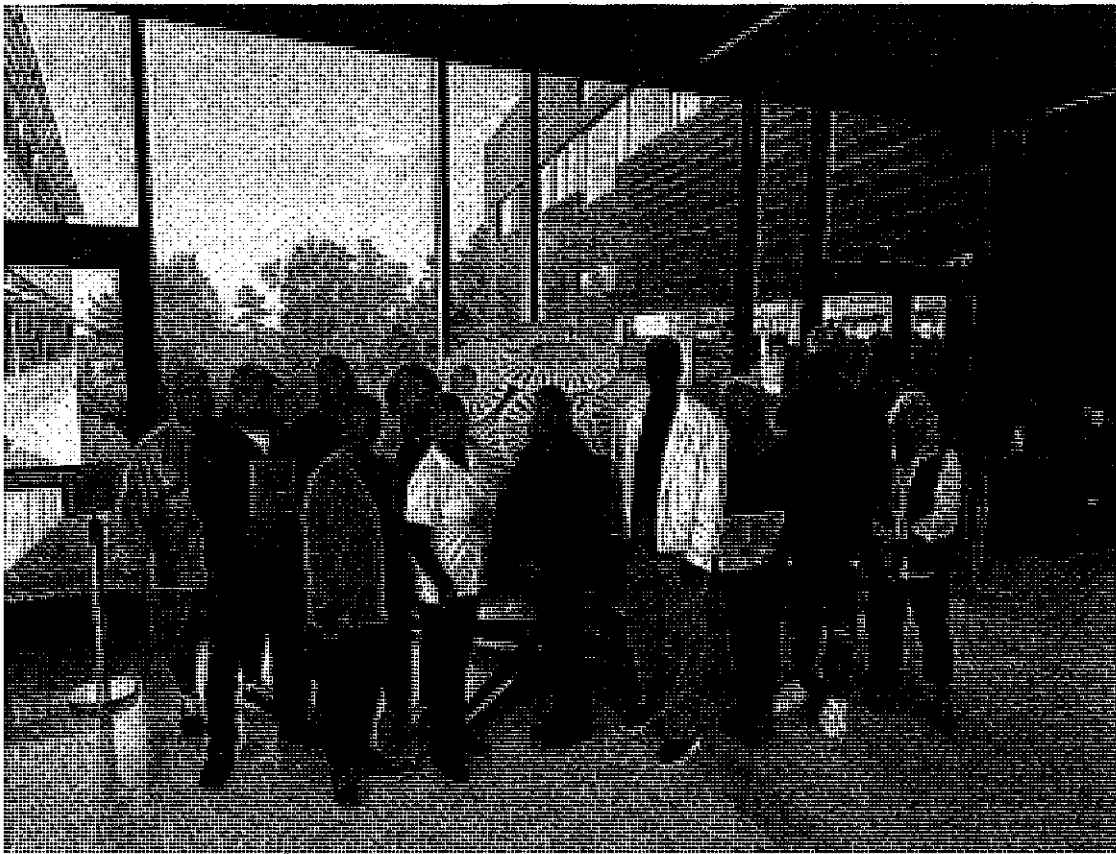
NATIONAL CAUCUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATORS



This past week, I and several of my fellow Maine legislators, as well as other state legislators from around the country, went on a "Blue Economy" Tour with the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators. We saw an experimental living seawall at Stone Labs in Boston, then returned to Maine where we spent time talking with the owners of Luke's Lobster. We learned about their efforts to use every part of the lobster for value added products.

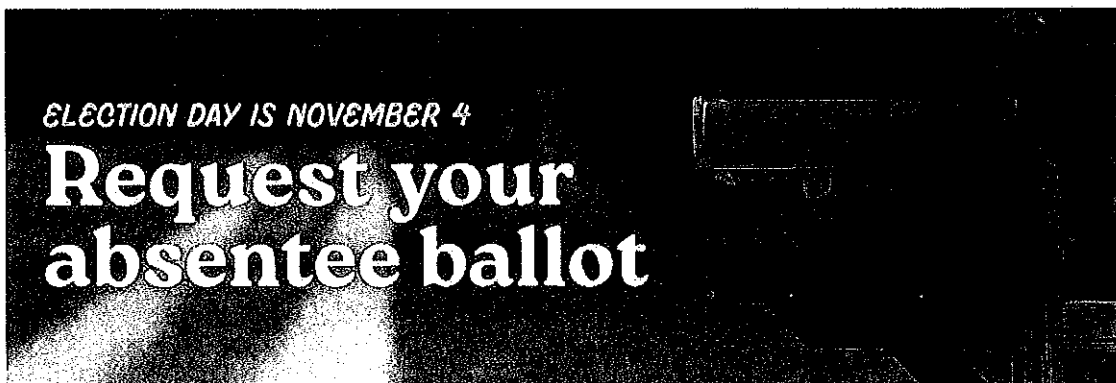
We also spoke with Matt of Bangs Island Mussels in Portland, saw their processing operation and ate oysters from Maine Ocean Farms in Freeport, along with other seafood goodies at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

Finally, we toured Bigelow Labs in Boothbay, where we saw their autonomous underwater ocean gliders, which take various measurements across the Gulf of Maine.



This was a terrific, bipartisan experience, and I came away with some great experiences and legislative ideas on how to continue to protect Maine's wild spaces and working waterfronts that I look forward to sharing with you and my fellow legislators when session begins.

2025 REFERENDUM ELECTION

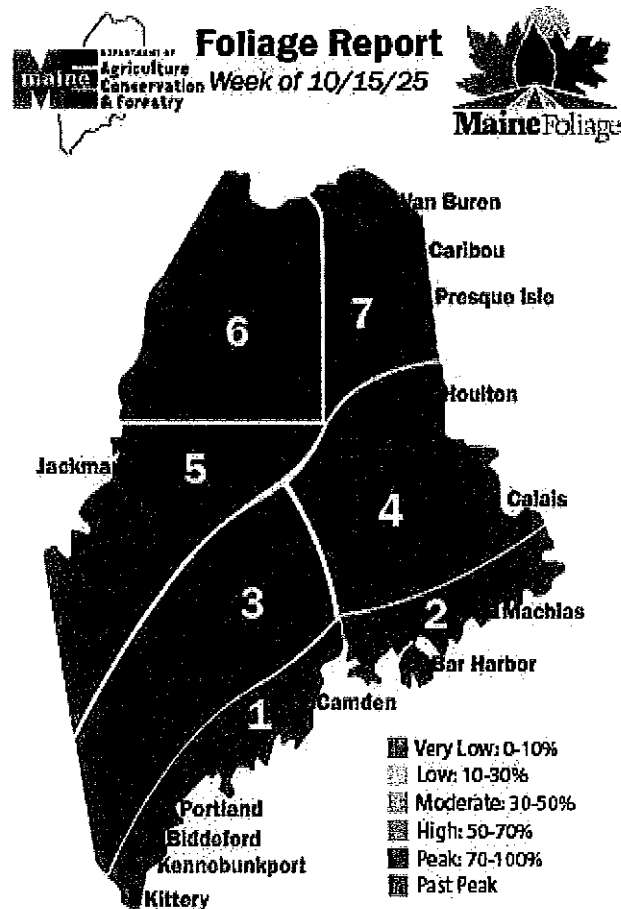


Next month, on November 4, the 2025 Referendum Election will be held. Absentee ballots are now available upon request, and in-person absentee voting began on October 6. The deadline for in-person absentee voting is the Thursday, October 30.

For more information about the referendum questions, please visit the Secretary of State's [2025 Maine Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election](#).

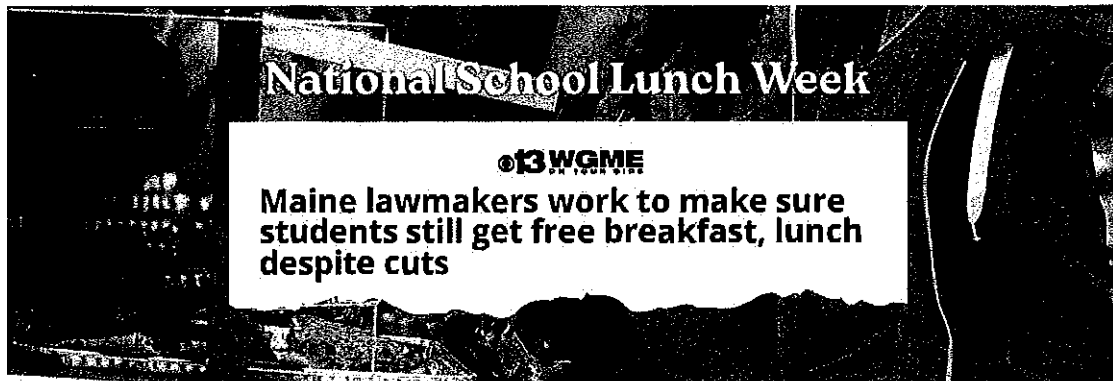
FALL FOLIAGE REPORT

Every week, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry puts out a map tracking the changing of leaves across Maine. Here's this year's final edition:



Our portion of the Midcoast is at peak foliage colors, though they are likely to diminish in the coming weeks. Be sure to take advantage of the stunning viewing opportunities while you still can! **Butler Head Preserve** in Bath, **Bates-Morse Mountain** in Phippsburg and many other hiking trails around the area are great places to get out and enjoy the crisp fall air and sunny weather we will have this weekend.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK



It's National School Lunch Week, a great time to thank the staff who keep Maine students nourished and ready to learn.

This year, I proudly voted to continue and strengthen Maine's nation-leading free school meals program, even in the face of federal cuts, because I know Maine kids can't learn on empty stomachs.

Thank you to the school nutrition staff across our Senate district!

SIGN UP FOR FRAUD ALERTS



In recent months, communities across Maine have reported a concerning increase in instances of deed fraud, where bad actors forge property records, then attempt to sell, mortgage or rent a property, forcing the real owners to go to court to reclaim their property.

This year in the Legislature, we established the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud. Chaired by my colleague, Sen. Henry Ingwersen, this commission will take a close look at the issue and develop ways to better protect Mainers.

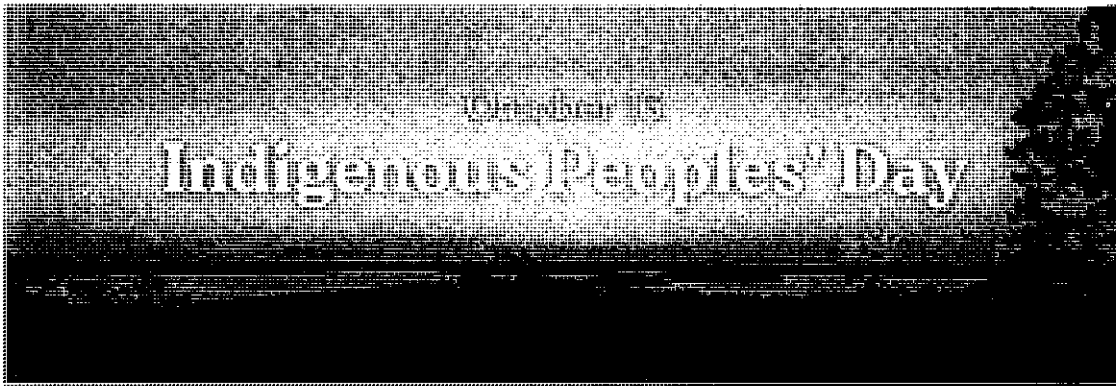
In the meantime, I encourage you to sign up for local fraud alerts, which will notify you if a

document, such as a deed or mortgage, has been recorded under your name.

Fraud Alerts for Sagadahoc County Residents

Fraud Alerts for Lincoln County Residents

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



On October 13, Indigenous Peoples' Day, we honored the Wabanaki Nations, their deep history and ongoing contributions to Maine.

The Wabanaki, or, "The People of the Dawnland," are the original inhabitants of the place we now call Maine. The Wabanaki are made up of four federally recognized tribes: the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseets, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation.

I will proudly continue to support tribal sovereignty in the Legislature, because our neighbors deserve the dignity of self-determination.

[Learn More About Wabanaki History](#)

VOTE FOR DEXTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL!

GO TO: **VoteDexter.com**

Go direct to the DRHS page for voting

The only school from **MAINE**

Friday Night 5G Lights

Dexter Tigers

We NEED your support and VOTE!

HELP A MAINE SCHOOL WIN THE \$1 MILLION GRAND PRIZE
* to fund lights and much needed field upgrades

Dexter Regional High School

was selected as one of T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights TOP 25 FINALISTS from over two thousand schools across the country. No matter what community you call home, show your love and support for Maine Youth Athletics and vote every day through October 24!

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE VOTES. LET'S GO!

The Tigers of Dexter Regional High School are vying for a \$1 million prize from T-Mobile to upgrade their athletic facilities. We can show the entire country how Mainers show up for our friends and neighbors as Dexter faces 24 other finalist schools from across the nation.

You can vote once a day until the competition closes on October 24. Click below to learn more and join Patriots legend Rob Gronkowski in supporting Dexter!

Vote for Dexter!

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 3 State House Station, Augusta, ME, 04333

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RE: Georgetown Co Op - Reimbursement 2

From Mayo, Chris <Chris.Mayo@maine.gov>
Date Mon 10/20/2025 10:57 AM
To Town Office Georgetown <GtwnME@hotmail.com>
Cc Crosby, Sam <sam.crosby@crowley.com>; Mary McDonald <Townofgeorgetownme@gmail.com>

Received, reviewed and submitted to finance.

Thanks!

Chris Mayo
Director of Ports and Marine Transportation
16 State House Station, Augusta ME
O: 1-207-624-3409
C: 1-207-441-1638

From: Town Office Georgetown <GtwnME@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Mayo, Chris <Chris.Mayo@maine.gov>
Cc: Crosby, Sam <sam.crosby@crowley.com>; Mary McDonald <Townofgeorgetownme@gmail.com>
Subject: Georgetown Co Op - Reimbursement 2

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside of the State of Maine Mail System. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Mr. Mayo -

Please see the attached packet for reimbursement from the Town of Georgetown on behalf of the Georgetown Fisherman's Co-Op. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Best,

Tyler J. Washburn
Town Administrator
Town of Georgetown
50 Bay Point Road
Georgetown, ME 04548
(207) 371-2820

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THE RMS EXPRESS

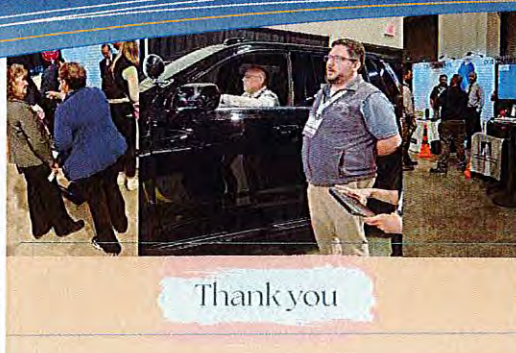
MMA Convention

Risk Management Services is grateful for your participation in our 89th Annual Convention. Your presence and engagement were instrumental in making this event a resounding success.

Our convention was designed to provide valuable educational resources on a variety of critical topics, and we are thrilled that so many of you were able to join us and took advantage of these opportunities.



This year's Risk Management Services Booth featured a new and engaging addition — a hands-on driver simulator that gave attendees a realistic look at safe driving practices. The effort came together through a partnership between MMA Risk Management Services (RMS), the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MBHS), Alliance Integrated Marketing Services (AIMS), and Quirk Auto Group. The idea originated during a June 2025 meeting between MMA RMS and MBHS representatives, Jim Willis and Pat Hood. MBHS connected MMA RMS with AIMS, who operate driver simulators across Maine. To complete the setup, Quirk Auto Group generously provided a new Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor for the simulator. The exhibit was installed and operated by AIMS staff, who guided



In Your Inbox

The 2026 Workers' Compensation Fund Renewal Application has been emailed and were requested to be returned by October 15. We sincerely thank those who have already submitted their completed applications. For members who may still have questions or would like assistance with completing the application, we're here to help. If you would like assistance, please contact Risk Management Services Underwriting Department at rmsunderwriting@memun.org or call 1-(800) 590-5583.

MMA Convention Continues:

variety of driving scenarios. The simulator quickly became a crowd favorite, sparking conversations about road safety and driver awareness.



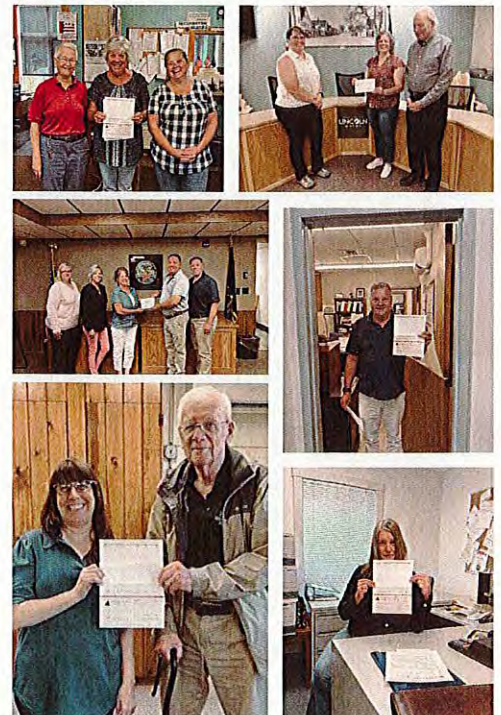
This collaboration highlighted the strong partnerships among state, municipal, and private organizations — all working together toward safer roads in Maine. We hope that you had an opportunity to experience the Driving Simulator. All participants were entered to win a Drivers Safety Tool Kit. Other interactive games and experiences were provided, granting the participants the opportunity to win a Dash Camera, Gas Cards, a Waterhog Absorbent Floor Mat for your community and much, much more. We thank you for your participation and dedication to safety!

This issue:

- ❖ MMA Convention – Thank You!
- ❖ In Your Inbox
 - Workers' Comp Renewal
- ❖ Dividend Distributions

Safety Pays Dividends

The MMA Workers' Compensation Fund and Property & Casualty Pool are pleased to announce that we delivered over **\$1.3 Million in Dividend Distributions this year**. Since 1997, MMA Risk Management Services have returned approximately **\$30 million** in dividends to eligible members. These dividends are a direct result of our partnership with the dedicated members of the Pool and Fund that have made a commitment to safety education, loss prevention, and sound risk management practices. We thank our members for their continued support and partnership.



 **MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES**



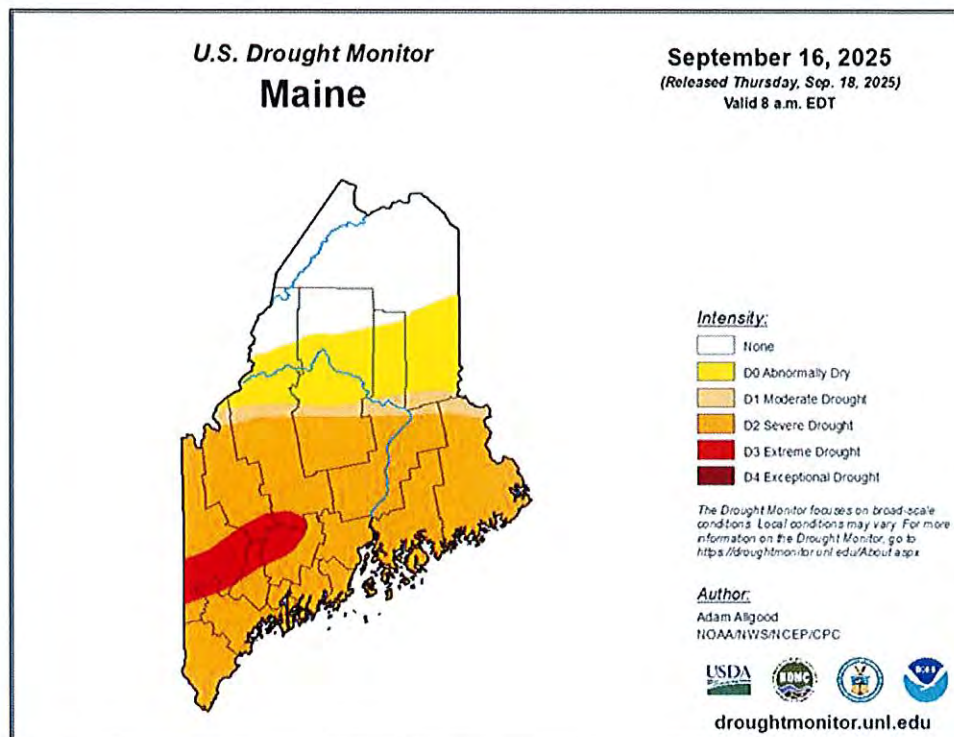
Groundwater Resiliency Project of the Arrowsic Resilience Committee and the Georgetown Conservation Commission.

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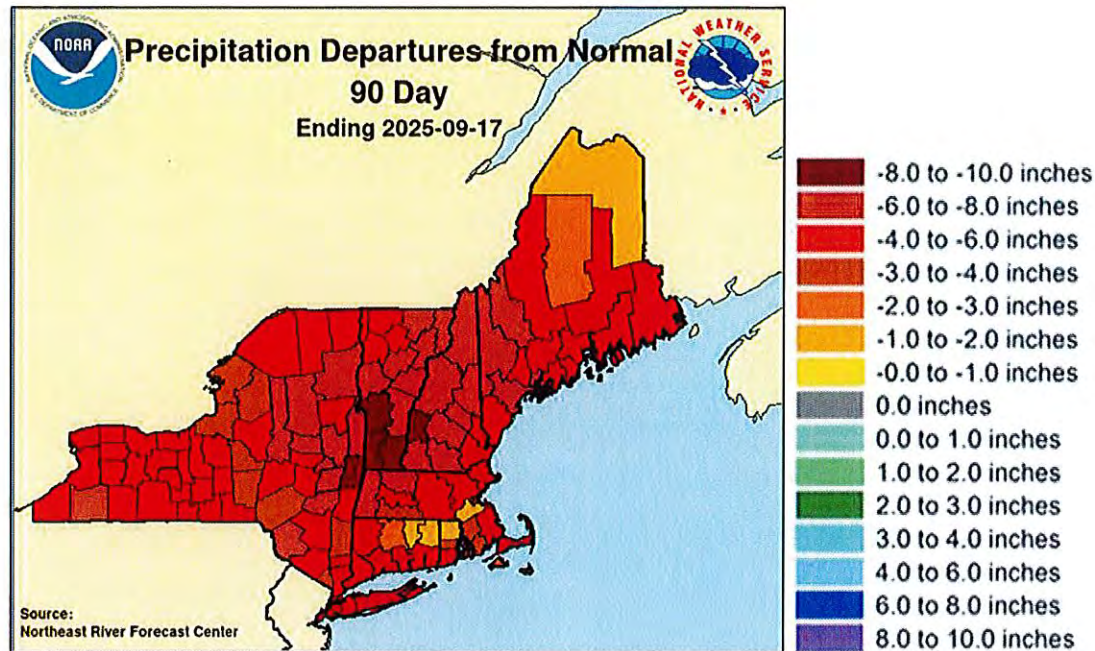
How severe is the current drought?

Unfortunately, dry periods are becoming more frequent in Maine, with some parts of the state experiencing unusually dry or drought conditions almost annually.

Arrowsic, Georgetown and much of Maine are currently experiencing a **Flash Drought**, which typically happens during the warm seasons. As shown on the drought map below, about half of the state is classified as having **severe drought conditions** - including all of Sagadahoc County.



Precipitation is **4 to 6 inches below normal** as compared to the average for this time of year.

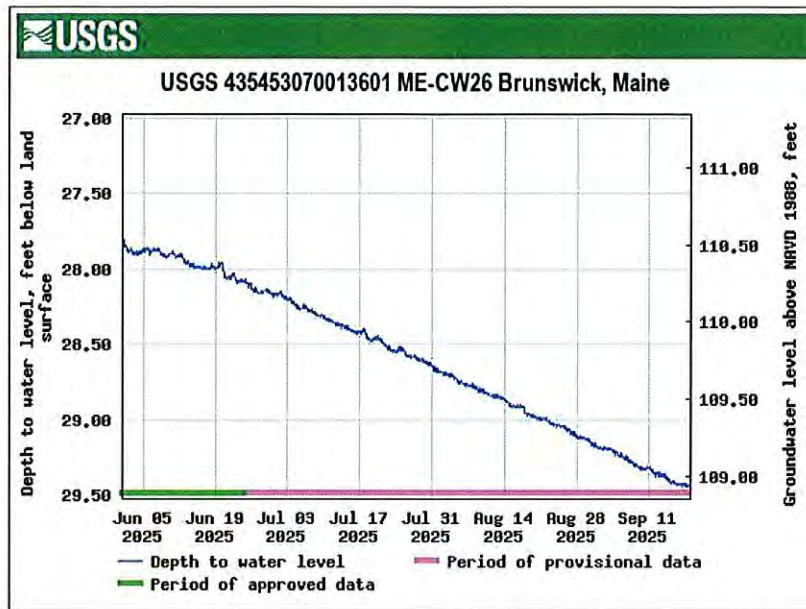


Severe drought in Maine significantly impacts the state's agriculture, increasing the risk of dry wells for residents who rely on private wells, and raising the threat of wildfires. Farmers in Maine are facing challenges with crops and livestock due to the lack of adequate rainfall, forcing them to implement water conservation measures and even truck in water.

At home, you may have noticed trees losing their leaves earlier, reduced yields in your garden, dry streams beds (see picture below), and some wells may have gone dry.



What does drought mean for well owners?



Reports of **dry wells** have increased across the state, with more anticipated due to worsening conditions. Typically, certain types of wells are more prone to water supply problems when drought conditions are present.

These wells include dug wells, shallow bedrock wells, wells located near topographic high points, and wells constructed in areas where bedrock is close to the ground surface.

The graph shows how depth-to-water levels have increased in nearby Brunswick due to the drought (*NAVD is a fixed vertical data point used for measuring water levels*).

Your well may be at risk of running dry if:

- your faucets sputter when turned on or if you have no water.
- you see discolored or muddy tap water,
- there is a change in taste or smell in your water,
- your neighbors are reporting dry wells.

What you can do to reduce the stress on your water supply

- Spread out the timing of water use so that multiple water uses do not co-occur and so the well has time to replenish between uses.
- Cut out non-essential uses, such as outdoor water use for lawn watering, car washing, and pressure washing. This can reduce a household's water use by 30-50%.
- Cut back on shower times, only do full loads of laundry, and turn off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes, shaving, and washing hands.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances with more efficient products. Look for WaterSense certified fixtures to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and still perform well.



- Fix leaks any around the house, especially running toilets which can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy and inexpensive to replace.

What should I do if my well goes dry?

- Contact our WaterWise hydrogeologist Carol White, for advice or assistance carol@cawhitemaine.com
- Please consider reporting your dry well to the [Maine Geological Survey](#) using their online form.



The Maine Drinking Water Program does **not** recommend adding water to a dry drinking water well. This is generally ineffective in restoring your supply, can introduce contaminants, and can cause damage to the well and/or well pump. Instead, bottled water or cistern systems should be considered for temporary emergency water supply. For more information on bulk water, please see our resource page on Bulk Water Haulers.

Where can I find more information?

Visit [Maine Drought Task Force](#) to learn more.

For the latest drought conditions check out the Maine page on the U.S. Drought Monitor [US Drought Monitor Maine](#).

See the Maine Drinking Water Program [Maine Drinking Water Program Drought in Maine](#)

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www.georgetownme.com

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www.facebook.com/GeorgetownME

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www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME

Holiday Office Closures

The Town Office will be closed on December 24 and 25, 2025. The Town Office will be closed on New Year's Eve. The dates below reflect 2026 Holiday Town Office Closures:

Jan 1 – New Years Day
Jan 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 16 – Presidents' Day
April 20 – Patriot's Day
May 26 – Memorial Day
June 19 – Juneteenth
Sept 7 – Labor Day
Oct 12 – Indigenous Peoples' Day
Nov 11 – Veterans' Day
Nov 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving
Dec 24 – In Observation of Christmas
Dec 31 – NYE

The Transfer Station will be open on Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Veterans' Day. The Transfer Station will be closed on July 4th.

2026 Election Dates

Municipal Election

When? June 9

State General Election

When? November 3

Be advised that the Town Office is closed on Election Days.

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TOWN MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON JUNE 13, 2026

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STAY TUNED FOR HEARING DATES!

DOG REMINDER

State law requires dogs to be licensed in each municipality that they reside in for more than 10 days.



IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CALL TOWN OFFICE BEFORE COMING IN. IF THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED, WE TYPICALLY ARE, TOO.

HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL TOWN OFFICE! (207) 371-2820

WHERE? 50 BAY POINT ROAD, GEORGETOWN

MAIL? P.O. BOX 436, GEORGETOWN, ME 04548

