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# TOWN WARRANT 2011

TO: Mary F McDonald, citizen of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, to assemble at Georgetown Central School, Georgetown Center, on **Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, 2011, at 10:50am through 7pm, and on Saturday, the eighteenth day of June, 2011, at 9am**, to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2012.

Art. 3. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term ending at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 4. To elect by ballot a Treasurer for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2012.

Art. 5. To elect by ballot a Tax Collector for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, June 30, 2012.

Art. 6. To elect by ballot a Road Commissioner for a term ending at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 7. To elect by ballot a member of the School Committee for a term ending at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 8. To elect by ballot a member of the School Committee for a term ending at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 9. To elect by ballot a member of the Town-Owned Property Management Board for a term ending at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 10. To elect by ballot a Cemetery District Trustee for a term ending at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 11. To elect by ballot a Cemetery District Trustee for a term ending at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

**Articles 1 through 11 will be voted on Tuesday, June 14, beginning at 10:50am, with the remaining articles addressed on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 9am.**

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following: (A) in regard to collection of taxes: Taxes shall become due and payable sixty days from the date printed on the bill, and interest at the rate of seven percent per annum will be charged on all accounts not paid by the due date; and (B) in regard to abatement of taxes: Interest at the rate of three percent per annum will be applied to all accounts from the date the taxes were paid until the overpayment is repaid.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the consent of the Selectmen, to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town, such loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of money raised by taxes during that municipal year.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds on the same.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure, with the specific approval of the Selectmen, of such funds as various Town bodies may receive from government or private grants or donations or similar block-funding gifts in addition to their approved, budgeted expenses, provided that funding does not trigger the expenditure of additional local funds not previously appropriated by the voters.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the elimination of the Generator Reserve Fund and take the \$4000.00 in the Reserve Fund back to Undesignated Fund Balance.

## **AMENDED ORDINANCES**

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Building Permit Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office.)

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Holding Tank Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office.)

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine, ensuring congruity with the Building Permit Ordinance. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office.)

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Waterways and Harbors Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine. (Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office.)

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of funds to pay the following Town Officers' salaries for the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, hereafter designated as the fiscal year 2011-12, and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
First Selectman	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Second Selectman	3,000	3,000
Third Selectman	3,000	3,000
Assistant to the Selectmen	21,063	26,850
Bookkeeper	14,151	14,858
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	7,125	7,125
Deputy Treasurer	0	500
Registrar of Voters	150	150
Tax Collector	11,888	11,888
Town Clerk	3,512	3,512
Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk fees	6,000	6,000
Town-Owned Property Management Board	1,200	1,200
Treasurer	3,649	4,000
Vacation and sick pay annual	2,324	2,324
Vacation and sick pay fund	<u>6,338</u>	<u>6,338</u>
	\$ 86,900	\$ 94,245

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following administrative expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Board of Appeals	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450
Conservation Commission	1,087	1,087
Election expense	1,100	1,100
Emergency generator evaluation (current balance \$4,000)	1,000	0
First Church Georgetown Center maintenance	2,500	2,500
First Church Georgetown Center reserve (current balance \$25,108)	2,000	2,000
Insurance—property and liability	20,000	22,000
Insurance—workers' compensation	4,000	5,000
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	2,000	1,000
Maine Municipal Association	1,600	1,700
Maine Revised Statutes Annotated	500	550
Miscellaneous Town expenses	300	300
Planning Board	650	650
Property assessing	8,500	8,500
Property assessing reserve (current balance \$65,000)	10,000	10,000
Property mapping update	1,650	1,650
Selectmen's contingency	4,000	4,000
Social Security—Town share	13,000	13,000
Street lights	2,750	2,750
Street signs	150	150
Tax collection expense	2,200	2,400
Town Audit	7,400	7,400
Town Counsel	20,000	20,000
Town Office expense	20,100	21,100
Town Office repair/maintenance reserve (current balance \$6,035)	3,000	3,000
Town Report	3,500	2,300
Unemployment compensation—Town share	50	50
Water access reserve (current balance \$10,000)	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$ 135,487	\$ 136,637

**TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town-Owned Property Management Board to solicit and accept donations for wharf repairs and improvements.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following property management expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Operating expenses		
Contingency	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
General operations		
Engineering Studies	1,200	600
Float launch, haul, and store	3,500	3,500
Miscellaneous (paint, dumpster, etc)	350	500
Ordinance Enforcement	900	900
Postage	100	100
Printing and advertising	1,000	1,500
Signage	350	350
Submerged Land Lease	150	150
Utilities	1,000	1,000
Maintenance and repair		
Buildings		
Ice Cream / Bait building	0	1,500
Lobster Pound	3,450	1,500
Love Nest Snack Bar	1,500	1,500

Floats		
Commercial	2,000	2,000
Recreational	1,400	1,000
Hoist service	1,200	2,500
Mowing	860	800
Todd's Landing ramp repair	1,000	1,000
Wharf Structural maint/repair	2,400	1,000
Miscellaneous maintenance	1,000	1,000
Capital expenses		
Building improvements		
Ice Cream / Bait	40,450	37,900
Lobster Pound	0	0
Love Nest Snack Bar	0	31,500
Surveying	1,200	0
Wharf structural improvements	0	6,100
Miscellaneous capital expenses	600	1,000
Parking lot improvements reserve (current balance \$4,634)	0	0
Todd's Landing improvements reserve (current balance \$3,150)	0	0
Wharf rebuilding reserve (current balance \$60,268)	0	0
	<u>\$ 67,610</u>	<u>\$ 100,900</u>

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town-Owned Property Management Board to assess and collect repair costs from anyone whose vessel damages the Town Wharf at Five Islands.

### GEORGETOWN COMMON SCHOOLS

#### Education expenditure articles for the fiscal year 2011-12

Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 997,345	\$ 1,184,130

Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Special Education.

	2010--11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 210,892	\$ 274,651

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Other Instruction.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 13,515	\$ 2,000

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the student and staff support cost category, which includes the guidance, health services, improvement of instructional services, library, technology, and student assessment accounts.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 170,240	\$ 108,728

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the system administration cost category, which consists of the Board of Education and Office of the Superintendent accounts.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 50,453	\$ 50,764

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the School Administration cost category.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 142,457	\$ 153,116

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Facilities Maintenance cost category.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 159,370	\$ 147,832

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Transportation cost category.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 107,848	\$ 111,535

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Food Services cost category.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends</i>	\$ 42,561	\$ 42,561

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year 2011-12 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (EPS), additional local funds for school purposes under 20-A MRSA § 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, State subsidy, and other receipts for the support of the schools.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 1,894,681	\$ 2,075,318

Education revenue articles for the fiscal year 2011-12

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (the State recommends \$1,187,627.15) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the local contribution in accordance with 20-A MRSA § 15688.

The local contribution is the minimum amount the Town must raise under State law in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$1,099,357.00	\$1,143,073.00

Art. 37. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$634,420.00 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$605,341.00 to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

*The School Committee recommends:* YES

The vote on this article must be by written ballot under State law.

The School Committee recommends these local funds to support the educational programs

Georgetown voters have long endorsed, pointing out that EPS is not fully funded by the State for fiscal year 2011-12 and does not adequately address all educational programs. Last year the additional local amount raised was \$437,831.00

Additional Education revenue and expenditure articles for the fiscal year 2010-11

Art. 38. Shall the Town raise and appropriate an additional \$44,532.00 in additional local funds for the 2010-11 school year for the elementary and secondary tuition shortfall as recommended by the School Committee?

*The School Committee recommends:* YES

Art. 39. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year 2010-11 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (EPS), additional local funds for school purposes under 20-A MRSA § 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, State subsidy, and other receipts for the support of the schools.

	2010-11	2010-11
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 1,894,681	\$ 1,939,033

Education reserve fund article for the fiscal year 2011-12

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the capital reserve fund for renovations to the Georgetown Central School, to be expended on recommendation of the School Committee and approval by a majority vote of the Selectmen (current balance \$34,595)

	2010-11	2011-12
<i>The School Committee recommends:</i>	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the officers and directors of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department Inc to solicit and accept donations, grants, and reimbursement claims, and to transfer the funds thus raised to the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to extend and continue the present contract with the Sagadahoc County Fire Association for mutual emergency assistance.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following protection expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town and grant funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Animal Control Officer	\$ 675	\$ 1,025
Coastal Humane Society	1,320	1,320
Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector		
Stipend	2,500	2,500
Mileage	1,200	1,300
Share of building permits and floodplain permits	1,950	1,950
Training	150	200
Plumbing Inspector's share of plumbing permit fees	1,500	1,500
State share of plumbing permit fees	500	500
Fire Department administration	750	2,000
Fire Department advanced life support	8,500	8,500
Fire Department ambulance and fire salaries	13,750	15,000
Fire Department Firefighter 1 instructor	1,000	1,000
Fire Department Officer's stipend	0	3,150
Fire Department training stipend	8,000	10,000
Fire Department vehicle inspection	1,000	1,500
Fire Department ambulance loan	0	0
Fire Department emergency vehicle reserve (current balance \$57,032)	25,000	25,000
Fire Department Five Islands fire house maintenance	1,000	1,000
Fire Department Five Islands reserve fund (current balance \$8,000)	8,000	4,000
Fire Department Replacement Engine (Five Islands)	30,000	0
Harbormaster and moorings	7,925	8,350
Harbor emergency reserve (current balance \$11,973)	1,000	4,500
Shellfish Conservation Committee	<u>14,375</u>	<u>14,040</u>
	\$ 130,095	\$ 108,335

**SANITATION**

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following solid waste disposal expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Capital improvements	\$ 11,000	\$ 3,000
Capital equipment replacement reserve (current balance \$34,000)	2,000	2,000
Contingency	0	2,000
General operations	2,500	2,500
Licensing Fees	400	400
Phone / Utilities	1,000	1,000
Safety Equipment	400	400
Sick / Vacation Time	2,395	2,395
Station Attendants	40,000	36,000
Training	200	200
Household hazardous waste disposal	1,750	1,750
Maintenance and repairs	5,000	5,000
Recycling removal	4,000	4,400
Solid waste removal	80,000	90,000
Universal hazardous waste disposal	<u>1,000</u>	<u>200</u>
	\$ 151,645	\$ 151,245

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following road expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Education and training	\$ 350	\$ 350
Road maintenance		
Culverts and ditching	46,500	46,500
General incidentals	10,000	10,000
Line painting; grading	8,000	8,000
Patching and sealing	13,000	13,000
Tree trimming; mowing; signs	14,000	14,000
Road paving	615,000	0
Road paving loan	<u>194,000</u>	<u>354,896</u>
	\$ 900,850	\$ 446,746

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending \$190,794 for snow removal for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required. Last year's proposed sum was \$183,598.

**RECREATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following local service expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
General assistance	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Georgetown Community Center	7,500	7,500
Recreation Committee	7,730	7,730
Richards Library	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,350</u>
	\$ 25,230	\$ 25,580

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying the following regional service expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Bath Area Food Bank	\$ 450	\$ 600
Bath Area Senior Citizens	800	800
Big Brothers / Big Sisters	500	500
Children's Center	300	300
Coastal Transportation	550	550
Elmhurst Inc	800	800
Family Crisis Services	100	100
Greater Bath Elder Outreach Network	0	200
Hospice Volunteers	1,200	0
Midcoast Maine Community Action	525	525
Patten Free Library	15,861	15,861
Spectrum Generations	920	920
Sweetser	1,224	1,224
Tedford Housing	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>
	\$ 23,580	\$ 22,730

Note: The \$15,861 for the Patten Free Library is based on our 2000 population of 1,020 multiplied by a per capita rate of \$15.55. If the Bath City Council approves a lower per capita rate, the Selectmen are authorized to recalculate the amount to be expended using that lower per capita rate.

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying for the following cemetery expenses for the fiscal year 2011-12 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

	2010-11	2011-12
Cemetery manager	250	250
Maintenance and repair		
Flags and plaques	170	175
Mowing, tree and brush trimming	<u>4,556</u>	<u>4,206</u>
	\$ 4,976	\$ 4,631

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying \$19,948 for MacMahan Island for the fiscal year 2011-12 as authorized by law and to appropriate the Town funds required. This amount is a direct obligation of the Town. Last year's amount was \$19,865.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize paying a sum now estimated at \$861,832 to pay tax to Sagadahoc County and to appropriate the Town funds required. This amount is a direct obligation of the Town. Last year's budgeted amount was \$809,287.

Art. 52. To see what sum, not to exceed \$250,000. the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance to reduce the annual tax commitment.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to bring forward the mandated actual unexpended balance in the following account. The unexpended balance as of 25 May 2011 is shown. Any amount in excess of the budgeted carry-forward will be used to reduce the fiscal 2011-12 appropriation.

	2010-11	2011-12
Common School Funds	\$ 200,000	\$ 174,323

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$505,003 set for the Town by the State in the event that the municipal budget approved at Town Meeting will result in a tax commitment greater than that property tax levy limit.

Note: The vote on this article must be by written ballot under State law. The Selectmen commend members of the Financial Advisory Committee and all Town boards and committees for their hard work in trimming the budget as far as possible. They strongly urge a Yes vote on this article.

The Registrar of Voters will be at the Georgetown Town Office on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, 2011, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to correct the list of voters.

You are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in public places in the Town of Georgetown at least seven days before the time of this meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of June, 2011:

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Geoffrey W. Birdsall

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Dolores J. Pinette

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William F. Plummer, IV  
Selectmen, Town of Georgetown

Attest:

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Catherine L. Collins  
Town Clerk, Town of Georgetown

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary F. McDonald  
Citizen of Georgetown

**Officer's Return**

STATE OF MAINE  
County of Sagadahoc, s.s.

I certify that I have notified the voters of Georgetown of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting attested copies of this warrant in conspicuous public places in the Town of Georgetown, specifically at

the Georgetown Community Center, Five Islands, at	1:28 pm
the Georgetown Country Store, Georgetown Center, at	12:55 pm
the Georgetown Town Office, Georgetown Center, at	11:20 am
the Robinhood Marine Center, Robinhood, at	1:14 pm
the Town Wharf, Five Islands, at	1:36 pm and
the US Post Office, Georgetown Center at	12:51 pm

on June 03,2011, which is more than seven days prior to the meeting.

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Mary F McDonald

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June 03, 2011

Date