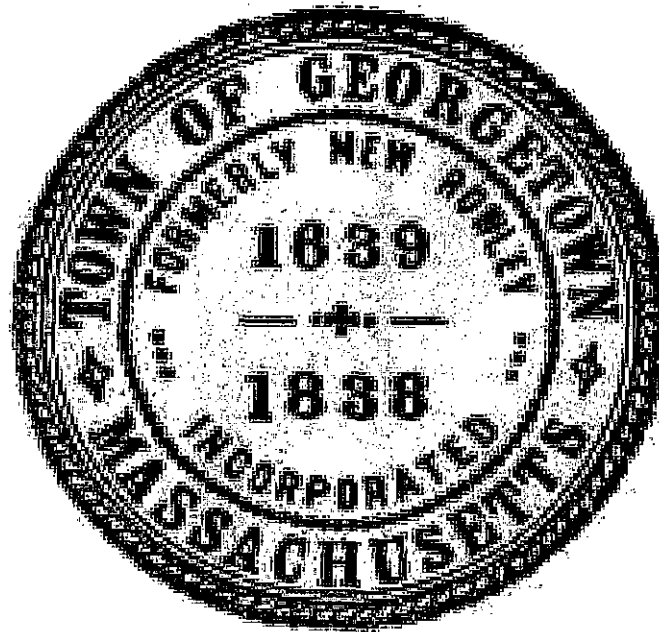


**Finance and Advisory Board  
Annual Report and Recommendations  
For  
Fiscal Year 2023**



**Annual and Special Town Meeting**

**Monday, May 2, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Georgetown Middle/Senior High School Auditorium**

**11 Winter Street, Georgetown, MA**

**Please bring this book with you to the Annual Town Meeting**

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## Report of the Finance and Advisory Committee

May 2, 2022

To the Citizens of Georgetown:

The Finance and Advisory Committee presents to you the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The volunteers on the Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator, Mr. David Surface. They are Edward Dobie, Chair, Steven Epstein, Vice Chair, Alicia Raspa, Clerk, David Harris, Daryl Lamonica, Michael Kelley and Nichole Coscia.

Our thanks go to all Town Employees and Board & Committee members who provide the essential services that keep the town functioning every day.

As always, preparing the balanced budget as required by law for Fiscal Year 2023 presented challenges. We began the process on March 9, 2022 with a draft budget in deficit over 1.2 million dollars.

The proposed budget did not include capital expenses. A large portion of capital expenses had been approved by the Board of Selectmen and appropriated through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The deficit required we grapple with how to budget funds to cover department payroll and operating expenses. The gap was closed by again dipping into "free cash" funds and limiting department spending increases. Though hesitant to do so, we approved taking \$429,121 from Free Cash reducing Free Cash to \$505,527. The Finance Committee will continue to work towards keeping that amount above \$500,000.

Without knowing and still not knowing what additional funds the state legislature and governor will send when they close out the FY 2022 state budget, we know that the 2023 House Budget proposes sending additional funds to Georgetown, the exact amount can only be projected based on estimates provided to date. The final numbers will be known after the state budget is approved, which we anticipate will be mid to late June.

What we do know is that the budget we present to you is balanced without having to draw from the Stabilization Fund or Capital Improvement Fund. Always welcome news to Moody's Investors Service, which last winter announced we've maintained its Aa3 rating on the town's outstanding bonds. The Aa3 rating reflects Georgetown's moderately sized tax base supported by increasing residential and industrial development, high resident incomes and wealth, the town's balanced financial operations and maintenance of adequate reserves over the past three fiscal years through conservative budgetary practices.

The fiscal uncertainty required delaying implementation of moving forward with hiring more full-time firefighters. Likewise, it delayed increasing the Police Department budget to fully fund state mandated changes made in An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth (Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020).

Some departments limited their budget requests to under the increase in the levy limit, others did not. Where they did not, we limited increases to a 3% increase, funding we could approve only because as noted above our free cash balance.

The Committee is concerned with the ongoing increases in legal expenses that continue to exceed the amount approved by Town Meeting, and the continued litigation; It is uncertain moving forward how those expenses will be paid.

For the first time since the fall of 2019, the Committee expects we'll hold a Fall Special Town Meeting at which additional funds provided by the state may be appropriated to fund some departments' most pressing needs or to reduce our reliance on reserve funds to balance the budget,

Respectfully,

*Edward Dobie*

Edward Dobie, Chair  
Finance and Advisory Committee

## **A VOTER'S GUIDE TO TOWN MEETING**

At Town Meeting, the voters approve or disapprove moneys allocated to Town departments necessary for operation throughout the following fiscal year.

The Board of Selectmen, School, Highway, Police, and other departments are then bound by this allocation. If they expect to exceed this limit, then they must go back to the taxpayers at a Special Town Meeting and ask for more. It is a popular misconception that the Board of Selectmen or School Committee control the spending of your tax dollar. This is not true, they only get to spend what you allot to them at Town Meeting.

Other decisions are also reached at Town Meeting that affects your day to day living in Georgetown. All zoning by-laws and changes must be approved at Town Meeting as well as street acceptances, license fees and penalties, and requests for purchase of capital equipment.

### **Who's Who at Town Meeting:**

The **Moderator** presides and regulates the proceedings, decides all questions of order, and makes public declaration of all votes.

The **Finance Committee's** primary duty is to advise and make recommendations to Town Meeting on the budget and other areas of finance. Statutorily, their authority is limited to making transfers from the town's reserve fund to other line items in the budget for extraordinary or unforeseen occurrences.

The **Town Clerk** keeps accurate records of the minutes of Town Meeting and records all votes passed as declared by the Moderator.

**Town Counsel** sees to it that the presented articles are in proper form and is available for consultation with the Moderator on legal questions during the meeting.

The **Board of Selectmen** (or Select board as is more politically correct) is a five person elected board that holds the responsibility of "day to day" operations of the Town. It is this board that sets the time and place for the Town Meeting and prepares and issues the Warrant.

The **Town Administrator** serves as the chief administrative officer and manages the Selectmen's office, prepares for Selectmen's meetings, coordinates with department heads, and is liaison with Town Counsel. At the present time the Town Administrator also serves as the Acting Finance Director.

### **The Order of Business:**

- Meeting called to order
- Return of the Warrant
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Introduction of visitors
- Complimentary Resolutions (appreciation certificates, etc.)
- Reports of committees

- Consideration of the Warrant Articles
  - What are commonly referred to as “stock items” are called early in the meeting and most often consist of:
    - standard operating budgets, such as Light Department
    - Road Machinery Fund continuation
    - cable television revolving Account
  - Articles then normally follow in numerical order an exception may be by a motion to amend that an article be “taken out of sequence.” On occasion there may be circumstances that make this desirable or necessary. A majority of the voters present must be obtained to move the sequence of articles.

### **Procedure for Each Warrant Article:**

- The Moderator will announce the article number.
- The Motion is made by the appropriate board or sponsor of the article.
- The Moderator may repeat the article.
- A “Second” is required to open the discussion.
- Report of Advisory Committees (usually Finance Committee and/or Planning Board).
- Explanation by appropriate board or petition sponsor.
- Discussion:
  - Those who wish to speak must be recognized by the Moderator. Raising your hand should do it or you may proceed to any of the floor microphones to do so.
  - Once recognized, please state your name and address.
  - Address all remarks to the Moderator and all questions through the Moderator.
  - When the Moderator senses that the meeting is ready to vote, the motion will be repeated prior to the vote being taken.

When discussion has come to a close and the motion has been repeated for clarity, the Moderator will call for a vote.

### **Votes:**

**Voice vote:** Most often this process begins with “All in Favor (raise the voting slips you received when checking in at the meeting)”. If the voice vote (raise of voting slips) has obvious results, the Moderator will then state that the motion passed or failed.

### **Standing count/show of hands:**

If the vote (raise of voting slips) seems too close to call by a voice vote (raise of voting slips), or the vote is immediately questioned by seven voters (“I question the vote”), the Moderator will ask the Tellers to come into the meeting and count the votes. Each Teller has a pre-specified area to count. The Moderator will ask those in favor of the motion to hold up their voting slips—they are counted and the results are tabulated and reported to the Moderator. The process is then repeated for those against the motion. The Moderator will then announce whether the motion has passed or failed and the vote tally.

**Ballot vote:** Voting by secret ballot is done if prior to a standing count, a motion is made and carried to count by written secret ballot. The Town Clerk then disburses specific ballot slips and they are collected in an orderly manner in a ballot box and counted. The results are given to the Moderator who will announce the results to the Town Meeting.

**Once a vote is counted - by standing vote/show of hands or ballot vote - it cannot be questioned.**

## Vote Quantum (Proportion) Required:

### Majority

- to pass an affirmative main motion - (budget etc)
- to pass the acceptance of a road if it is part of a subdivision plan

### 2/3 required

- to amend zoning by-laws
- to appropriate from Stabilization fund
- to take or purchase land or easements (generally)
- to take or purchase land for a Public Domain
- to transfer Municipal land (not for park purposes) to another board or municipal purpose
- to sell or abandon land or easements acquired other than by purchase and held for specific purpose (schools, playgrounds...) in charge of a board or committee other than Selectmen
- to make changes or additions to a Town Map prepared or approved by planning board and adopted by town meeting
- road acceptance if NOT part of a subdivision plan

### 4/5 required

- to PAY UNPAID BILLS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR which may be unenforceable due to the insufficiency of an appropriation (at special town meeting 9/10)

## Motions & Terminology

For those who have attended many Town Meetings, the "language" of the meeting may be sometimes somewhat confusing. Massachusetts General Laws and the Town of Georgetown By Laws are full of such terminology in "legalese." The following are some of the most often used motions and a listing of some basic terminology. These are written in, hopefully, an every day understandable language.

## Common Town Meeting Motions:

end the Meeting	"I move to adjourn"	Majority
amending a Motion	"I move to Amend by..."	Majority
end Debate	"I move the Question"	2/3
consider something out of scheduled order	"I move to change the order of business and consider..."	Majority
object to Procedure	"Point of Order"	none - Moderator rules
request another method of voting	"I move that vote be taken by..."	Majority
request counted vote (after vote has been declared)	"I move for a count"	7 voters -
reconsider a vote (must have voted on prevailing side)	"I move to Reconsider....."	Majority
request information	"I request Point of Information"	none - Moderator rules

# **Terminology:**

## **Appropriation**

- An authorization by Town Meeting to make obligations and payments from the treasury for a specific purpose.

## **Assessed Valuation**

- The value set on real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for setting the tax rate.

## **Capital Budget**

- A multi year plan of spending for large capital items requested by Town Departments. Most of these are voted on individually as warrant articles.

## **Cherry Sheet**

- Called so due to the cherry pink color paper on which it was originally printed.
- A form from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue showing all of the State and County charges and reimbursements to the Town as certified for the following year.
- Supposed to be received by March 1 of each year from the State Tax Commission.

## **Fiscal Year**

- A 12 month period commencing on July 1 to which the annual town budget applies. The moneys appropriated at the May Town Meeting are for the next fiscal year starting July 1.

## **Free Cash**

- The amount of Surplus Revenue over and above uncollected taxes of prior years.
- Free Cash must be certified by the State Director of Accounts.

## **General Fund**

- The major town fund created with town receipts and tax revenues from which the majority of town expenses are met.

## **Operating Budget**

- A plan of proposed spending and the proposed means of paying for it for the next fiscal year.

## **Reserve Fund**

- This fund is established by voters at Annual Town Meeting.
- To use these monies, transfers may be authorized by the Finance Committee and only for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures" that do not warrant calling of a Special Town Meeting.
- Any unexpended balance of this fund is closed out to Surplus Revenue at fiscal year end.

## **Stabilization Fund**

- This fund is designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending.
- These moneys may be invested (and accrue interest) by the town.
- These moneys may be appropriated by a 2/3 vote at any Town Meeting for any legal purpose.

## **Surplus Revenue**

- This fund represents the amount by which Cash, Accounts Receivable, and other assets exceed the town's liabilities and reserves.

## **Transfers**

- The town may by majority at any Town Meeting, transfer any amount previously appropriated to any other use authorized by law.



REVENUE SOURCE	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Budgeted	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
<b>TAXES</b>					
REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$21,593,010.98	\$22,039,835.98	\$22,875,622.00	\$23,500,002.00	2.73%
PREVIOUS YEARS TAXES	\$188.17	\$141.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TAX TITLE REDEEMED	\$90,138.30	\$12,697.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	\$1,638,381.33	\$1,592,247.91	\$1,570,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	1.91%
LOCAL MEAL TAX	\$79,732.98	\$78,852.29	\$70,000.00	\$85,000.00	21.43%
INT/PENALTIES P/P TAXES	\$940.24	\$1,131.50	\$784.00	\$950.00	21.17%
INT/PENALTIES R/E TAXES	\$29,560.47	\$37,114.11	\$31,288.00	\$30,500.00	-2.52%
INT/PENALTIES TAX LIENS	\$39,742.98	\$3,561.58	\$37,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
INT/PENALTIES MVE TAXES	\$7,212.32	\$8,800.57	\$7,271.00	\$7,500.00	3.15%
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$49,194.44	\$99,251.73	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	0.00%
CANNABIS HOST		\$78,546.99	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$23,528,102.21</b>	<b>\$23,952,181.61</b>	<b>\$24,639,965.00</b>	<b>\$25,371,952.00</b>	<b>2.97%</b>
<b>FEES AND CHARGES</b>					
COLLECTOR'S DEMAND FEES	\$20,891.12	\$19,891.33	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	0.00%
MUNICIPAL LIEN FEES	\$8,425.00	\$10,875.00	\$10,600.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
OTHER DEPT. REVENUES	\$98.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOWN CLERK FEES	\$4,800.00	\$230.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS	\$20,296.45	\$21,309.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
PLANNING BD. FILING FEES	\$3,850.00	\$4,250.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
POLICE X-DUTY ACCTG FEES	\$2,726.65	\$3,435.20	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	0.00%
POLICE ACCIDENT REPORTS	\$780.00	\$525.00	\$400.00	\$750.00	87.50%
FIRE DEPT X-DUTY ACCTING FEES	\$712.88	\$683.40	\$0.00		
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	\$480.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
RENTAL INCOME	\$39,999.96	\$54,003.68	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%
BOARD OF HEALTH FEES	\$36,858.00	\$38,210.00	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	0.00%
COA YOGA REVENUE	\$5,953.00	\$106.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
COA VAN REVENUE	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES AND CHARGES</b>	<b>\$146,281.06</b>	<b>\$153,218.61</b>	<b>\$129,100.00</b>	<b>\$134,950.00</b>	<b>4.53%</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>					
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - MISCELLAN	\$4,501.00	\$11,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RETURNED CHECK REVENUE	\$225.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
NON-RECURRING MISC REVENUE	\$235,498.79	\$48,574.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	
MISC- MEDICAID REIMBRUSE	\$31,308.39	\$78,914.34	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	0.00%
SCHOOL LUNCH W/O ACCT RECOVERY	\$144.40	\$493.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	
BMO REBATE		\$349.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$35,273.77	\$6,027.67	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
CANNABIS HOST	\$96,047.82	\$586,945.36	\$225,000.00	\$500,000.00	122.22%
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$402,999.17</b>	<b>\$733,304.57</b>	<b>\$296,000.00</b>	<b>\$571,000.00</b>	<b>92.91%</b>
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>					
SELECTMENS BUSINESS LICEN	\$2,275.00	\$875.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
SELECTMENS PERMITS	\$145.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE LICs	\$5,525.00	\$6,925.00	\$6,900.00	\$6,100.00	-11.59%
POLICE DEPT PERMIT	\$3,212.50	\$6,100.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%
FIRE DEPT PERMITS	\$20,980.80	\$15,769.68	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
BLDG INSP PERMITS	\$120,180.97	\$112,679.00	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00	20.00%
GAS/PLUMB PERMITS	\$14,164.00	\$10,343.00	\$8,000.00	\$14,000.00	75.00%
WIRE INSPECTOR PERMITS	\$26,931.00	\$19,833.00	\$19,000.00	\$26,000.00	36.84%
<b>TOTAL LICENSE AND PERMITS</b>	<b>\$193,414.27</b>	<b>\$172,563.68</b>	<b>\$155,900.00</b>	<b>\$188,100.00</b>	<b>20.65%</b>

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Budgeted	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>					
STATE OWNED LAND	\$140,235.00	\$145,185.00	\$143,009.00	\$162,977.00	13.96%
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	\$4,016.00	\$4,016.00	\$26,418.00	\$26,109.00	-1.17%
SCHOOL AID CHAPTER 70	\$5,528,560.00	\$5,527,768.00	\$5,564,938.00	\$5,639,758.00	1.34%
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL GOVT AID	\$760,692.00	\$760,692.00	\$787,316.00	\$808,574.00	2.70%
CHARTER SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENT				\$6,529.00	
VETERANS BENEFITS	\$30,069.00	\$26,082.00	\$25,973.00	\$30,172.00	16.17%
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,463,572.00</b>	<b>\$6,463,743.00</b>	<b>\$6,547,654.00</b>	<b>\$6,674,119.00</b>	<b>1.93%</b>
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE</b>					
QECB TAX CREDIT	\$34,823.37	\$16,754.19	\$31,902.00	\$27,677.00	-13.24%
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$34,823.37</b>	<b>\$16,754.19</b>	<b>\$31,902.00</b>	<b>\$27,677.00</b>	<b>-13.24%</b>
<b>FINES AND FORFEITURES</b>					
REGISTRY MOVING VIOLATION FINE	\$28,410.98	\$26,627.06	\$20,000.00	\$26,000.00	30.00%
SOLICITATION FINES	\$245.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
COURT FINES	\$4,972.78	\$2,262.50	\$2,400.00	\$6,200.00	158.33%
PARKING CLERK FINES	\$435.00	\$701.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	-33.33%
<b>TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES</b>	<b>\$34,063.76</b>	<b>\$29,650.56</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>	<b>\$32,700.00</b>	<b>42.17%</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>					
BOND PREMIUM	\$80,125.00	\$75,504.00	\$70,884.00	\$10,755.00	-84.83%
TRANSFER FROM WETLANDS			\$34,333.00	\$34,743.00	1.19%
TRANSFER FROM CPA	\$187,100.00	\$175,600.00	\$164,300.00	\$158,800.00	-3.35%
TRANSFER FROM WATER ENT	\$271,147.00	\$271,147.00	\$271,147.00	\$271,147.00	0.00%
TRANSFER FROM ELECTRIC	\$576,286.46	\$493,629.29	\$525,000.00	\$525,000.00	0.00%
TRANSFER FROM SRF	\$33,296.75	\$21,060.00	\$21,060.00	\$18,497.00	-12.17%
TRANSFER FROM TRUST			\$0.00	\$12,430.00	
TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE ENT			\$0.00	\$26,993.00	
TRANSFER FROM STAB		\$0.00	\$195,479.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH				\$429,121.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING</b>	<b>\$1,147,955.21</b>	<b>\$1,036,940.29</b>	<b>\$1,282,203.00</b>	<b>\$1,487,486.00</b>	<b>16.01%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE SOURCE:</b>	<b>\$31,951,211.05</b>	<b>\$32,558,356.51</b>	<b>\$33,105,724.00</b>	<b>\$34,487,984.00</b>	<b>4.18%</b>

		2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Proposed	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>General Government</b>						
<b>Town Meetings</b>						
	Salaries	\$1,426.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0%
<b>Total Town Meetings:</b>		<b>\$1,426.00</b>	<b>\$1,720.00</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>-2.703%</b>
<b>Selectmen</b>						
	Expenses	\$742,551.86	\$741,545.15	\$817,433.00	\$827,325.00	1.210%
	Salaries	\$167,810.04	\$185,329.84	\$179,555.50	\$198,593.21	10.603%
<b>Total Selectmen:</b>		<b>\$910,361.90</b>	<b>\$926,874.99</b>	<b>\$996,988.50</b>	<b>\$1,025,918.21</b>	<b>2.902%</b>
<b>Finan and Advis Comm</b>						
	Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0%
<b>Total Finan and Advis Comm:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>						
	Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,376.00	\$136,376.00	0%
	Salaries		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Reserve Fund:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$136,376.00</b>	<b>\$136,376.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Town Accountant</b>						
	Expenses	\$1,822.52	\$1,768.63	\$3,540.00	\$1,800.00	-49.153%
	Salaries	\$90,971.90	\$91,490.94	\$114,937.84	\$116,150.70	1.055%
<b>Total Town Accountant:</b>		<b>\$92,794.42</b>	<b>\$93,259.57</b>	<b>\$118,477.84</b>	<b>\$117,950.70</b>	<b>-0.445%</b>
<b>Assessors</b>						
	Expenses	\$11,667.77	\$13,747.58	\$26,425.00	\$25,900.00	-1.987%
	Salaries	\$139,140.00	\$147,176.02	\$151,078.91	\$154,062.49	1.975%
<b>Total Assessors:</b>		<b>\$150,807.77</b>	<b>\$160,923.60</b>	<b>\$177,503.91</b>	<b>\$179,962.49</b>	<b>1.385%</b>
<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>						
	Expenses	\$49,025.81	\$80,009.28	\$53,231.00	\$24,257.00	-54.431%
	Salaries	\$153,260.82	\$165,102.82	\$168,892.84	\$177,660.00	5.191%
<b>Total Treasurer/Collector:</b>		<b>\$202,286.63</b>	<b>\$245,112.10</b>	<b>\$222,123.84</b>	<b>\$201,917.00</b>	<b>-9.097%</b>
<b>Town Counsel Expense</b>						
	Expenses	\$74,901.03	\$121,470.11	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	0%
<b>Total Town Counsel Expense:</b>		<b>\$74,901.03</b>	<b>\$121,470.11</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Tax Title Foreclosure</b>						
	Expenses	\$3,538.64	\$1,224.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0%
	Salaries		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Tax Title Foreclosure:</b>		<b>\$3,538.64</b>	<b>\$1,224.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>						
	Expenses	\$7,467.36	\$7,087.20	\$7,925.00	\$8,050.00	1.577%
	Salaries	\$62,150.37	\$63,030.37	\$87,479.61	\$89,229.00	2.000%
<b>Total Town Clerk:</b>		<b>\$69,617.73</b>	<b>\$70,117.57</b>	<b>\$95,404.61</b>	<b>\$97,279.00</b>	<b>1.965%</b>
<b>Elections</b>						
	Expenses	\$13,078.58	\$9,550.22	\$11,055.47	\$11,500.00	21.053%
	Salaries	\$8,903.04	\$15,228.49	\$6,000.00	\$13,105.00	118.417%
<b>Total Elections:</b>		<b>\$21,981.62</b>	<b>\$24,778.71</b>	<b>\$17,055.47</b>	<b>\$24,605.00</b>	<b>44.265%</b>
<b>Registrars</b>						
	Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$700.00	-74.074%
	Salaries	\$888.00	\$1,437.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0%

		2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Proposed	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
Total Registrars:		\$888.00	\$1,437.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	-44.444%
Conservation Committee						
	Expenses	\$4,412.75	\$2,473.00	\$2,473.00	\$2,473.00	0%
	Salaries	\$86,971.63	\$68,917.69	\$103,218.00	\$105,282.36	2.000%
Total Conservation Committee:		\$91,384.38	\$71,390.69	\$105,691.00	\$107,755.36	1.953%
Planning Board						
	Expenses	\$10,353.96	\$13,139.40	\$16,527.00	\$12,194.91	-26.212%
	Salaries	\$111,134.62	\$113,613.47	\$115,644.54	\$123,951.71	7.183%
Total Planning Board:		\$121,488.58	\$126,752.87	\$132,171.54	\$136,146.62	3.008%
Zoning Board Of Appeals						
	Expenses	\$219.13	\$127.28	\$220.00	\$220.00	0%
	Salaries	\$27,181.89	\$27,725.94	\$28,280.15	\$28,845.76	2.000%
Total Zoning Board Of Appeals:		\$27,401.02	\$27,853.22	\$28,500.15	\$29,065.76	1.985%
Total General Government:		\$1,768,877.72	\$1,872,914.43	\$2,125,142.87	\$2,149,776.13	1.159%
Public Safety						
Police Department						
	Expenses	\$182,923.41	\$200,689.03	\$186,150.00	\$186,885.00	0.395%
	Salaries	\$1,371,315.79	\$1,326,768.50	\$1,444,594.00	\$1,492,987.82	3.350%
Total Police Department:		\$1,554,239.20	\$1,527,457.53	\$1,630,744.00	\$1,679,872.82	3.013%
Communications Center						
	Salaries	\$263,552.79	\$292,026.50	\$289,674.00	\$298,364.22	3.000%
	Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Communications Center:		\$263,552.79	\$292,026.50	\$289,674.00	\$298,364.22	3.000%
Police Crossing Guard						
	Salaries	\$18,752.75	\$11,875.33	\$20,558.30	\$20,969.00	1.998%
Total Police Crossing Guard:		\$18,752.75	\$11,875.33	\$20,558.30	\$20,969.00	1.998%
Fire Department						
	Expenses	\$90,891.38	\$107,320.86	\$114,804.01	\$118,248.13	3.000%
	Salaries	\$468,876.09	\$497,386.69	\$507,334.74	\$522,554.78	3.000%
Total Fire Department:		\$559,767.47	\$604,707.55	\$622,138.75	\$640,802.91	3.000%
Inspection Services						
	Expenses	\$4,293.53	\$1,229.88	\$5,807.00	\$5,981.21	3.000%
	Salaries	\$145,482.38	\$165,087.93	\$152,008.68	\$156,568.94	3.000%
Total Inspection Services:		\$149,775.91	\$166,317.81	\$157,815.68	\$162,550.15	3.000%
Total Public Safety:		\$2,546,088.12	\$2,602,384.72	\$2,720,930.74	\$2,802,559.11	3.000%
Education Total Georgetown Schools		\$15,755,013.00	\$16,148,889.00	\$16,634,767.00	\$17,133,810.01	3.000%
School Assess/Misc						
	Expenses	\$655,628.00	\$761,402.00	\$849,203.00	\$1,064,531.00	25.356%
Total School Assess/Misc:		\$655,628.00	\$761,402.00	\$849,203.00	\$1,064,531.00	25.356%
Total Education:		\$16,410,641.00	\$16,910,291.00	\$17,483,970.00	\$18,198,341.01	4.086%
Public Works						
Highway and Street						
	Expenses	\$322,399.62	\$318,841.47	\$377,591.00	\$365,391.00	-3.231%

		2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Proposed	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
	Salaries	\$445,414.55	\$442,092.83	\$449,211.66	\$475,178.54	5.781%
<b>Total Highway and Street:</b>		<b>\$767,814.17</b>	<b>\$760,934.30</b>	<b>\$826,802.66</b>	<b>\$840,569.54</b>	<b>1.665%</b>
<b>Snow and Ice Control</b>						
	Expenses	\$178,379.15	\$223,868.44	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	0%
	Salaries	\$25,936.11	\$23,674.38	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	0%
<b>Total Snow and Ice Control:</b>		<b>\$204,315.26</b>	<b>\$247,542.82</b>	<b>\$104,000.00</b>	<b>\$104,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Street Light Assessment</b>						
	Expenses	\$49,183.38	\$37,131.92	\$37,645.00	\$37,645.00	0%
<b>Total Street Light Assessment:</b>		<b>\$49,183.38</b>	<b>\$37,131.92</b>	<b>\$37,645.00</b>	<b>\$37,645.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Tree Warden</b>						
	Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0%
	Salaries	\$5,366.00	\$5,473.00	\$5,582.79	\$5,694.44	2.000%
<b>Total Tree Warden:</b>		<b>\$17,366.00</b>	<b>\$37,473.00</b>	<b>\$17,582.79</b>	<b>\$17,694.44</b>	<b>0.635%</b>
<b>Total Public Works:</b>		<b>\$1,038,678.81</b>	<b>\$1,083,082.04</b>	<b>\$986,030.45</b>	<b>\$999,908.98</b>	<b>1.408%</b>
<b>Health and Human Services</b>						
<b>Health Department</b>						
	Expenses	\$44,324.08	\$47,061.73	\$63,756.10	\$59,356.20	-6.901%
	Salaries	\$72,997.25	\$84,037.34	\$118,876.00	\$121,253.52	2.000%
<b>Total Health Department:</b>		<b>\$117,321.33</b>	<b>\$131,099.07</b>	<b>\$182,632.10</b>	<b>\$180,609.72</b>	<b>-1.107%</b>
<b>Council On Aging</b>						
	Expenses	\$33,104.66	\$28,050.91	\$41,017.00	\$41,017.00	0%
	Salaries	\$113,956.47	\$115,760.29	\$134,842.98	\$140,118.27	3.912%
<b>Total Council On Aging:</b>		<b>\$147,061.13</b>	<b>\$143,811.20</b>	<b>\$175,859.98</b>	<b>\$181,135.27</b>	<b>3.000%</b>
<b>Veterans Service</b>						
	Expenses	\$75,016.68	\$76,885.39	\$88,980.00	\$88,980.00	0%
<b>Total Veterans Service:</b>		<b>\$75,016.68</b>	<b>\$76,885.39</b>	<b>\$88,980.00</b>	<b>\$88,980.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Georgetown Cares</b>						
	Expenses				\$25,000.00	
<b>Total Georgetown Cares:</b>					<b>\$25,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Health and Human Services:</b>		<b>\$339,399.14</b>	<b>\$351,795.66</b>	<b>\$447,472.08</b>	<b>\$475,724.99</b>	<b>6.314%</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
<b>Library</b>						
	Expenses	\$148,083.77	\$156,024.27	\$165,744.00	\$163,208.00	-1.530%
	Salaries	\$226,827.92	\$232,713.08	\$241,775.70	\$256,537.00	6.105%
<b>Total Library:</b>		<b>\$374,911.69</b>	<b>\$388,737.35</b>	<b>\$407,519.70</b>	<b>\$419,745.00</b>	<b>3.000%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>						
	Expenses	\$65,928.86	\$73,569.36	\$47,750.00	\$47,750.00	0%
	Salaries	\$14,644.34	\$31,480.76	\$43,020.00	\$43,020.00	0%
<b>Total Recreation:</b>		<b>\$80,573.20</b>	<b>\$105,050.12</b>	<b>\$90,770.00</b>	<b>\$90,770.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Historical Committee</b>						
	Expenses	\$250.00	\$325.42	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%
<b>Total Historical Committee:</b>		<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$325.42</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Memorial Day Remembrance</b>						
	Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$1,286.09	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0%

		2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Proposed	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
Total Memorial Day:		\$1,300.00	\$1,286.09	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0%
Total Culture and Recreation:		\$457,104.43	\$495,398.98	\$500,789.70	\$513,015.00	2.441%
Debt Service						
Debt Service		\$3,037,867.31	\$2,786,874.70	\$2,689,528.00	\$2,448,889.58	-8.947%
Total Debt Service:		\$3,037,867.31	\$2,786,874.70	\$2,689,528.00	\$2,448,889.58	-8.947%
Intergovernmental						
State Assessments and Chrgs						
	Expenses	\$396,814.00	\$414,559.00	\$362,176.00	\$387,474.00	6.985%
Total State Assessments and Chrgs:		\$396,814.00	\$414,559.00	\$362,176.00	\$387,474.00	6.985%
Other Intergovernmental						
	Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,715.00	\$18,000.00	41.565%
Total Other Intergovernmental:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,715.00	\$18,000.00	41.565%
Total Intergovernmental:		\$396,814.00	\$414,559.00	\$374,891.00	\$405,474.00	8.158%
Other						
County Retirement						
	Salaries	\$1,772,013.00	\$1,982,235.00	\$2,127,355.00	\$2,294,045.00	7.836%
Total County Retirement:		\$1,772,013.00	\$1,982,235.00	\$2,127,355.00	\$2,294,045.00	7.836%
Workmen's Comp Insurance						
	Expenses	\$161,312.00	\$176,479.00	\$185,302.95	\$150,000.00	-19.051%
Total Workmen's Comp Insurance:		\$161,312.00	\$176,479.00	\$185,302.95	\$150,000.00	-19.051%
Unemployment Insurance						
	Expenses	\$61,424.95	\$42,661.26	\$73,500.00	\$60,000.00	-18.367%
Total Unemployment Insurance:		\$61,424.95	\$42,661.26	\$73,500.00	\$60,000.00	-18.367%
Medical Insurance						
	Expenses	\$2,831,597.03	\$2,821,814.84	\$2,556,626.26	\$3,100,000.00	21.254%
Total Medical Insurance:		\$2,831,597.03	\$2,821,814.84	\$2,556,626.26	\$3,100,000.00	21.254%
Life Insurance						
	Expenses	\$4,541.85	\$4,557.60	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00	2.222%
Total Life Insurance:		\$4,541.85	\$4,557.60	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00	2.222%
Medicare Insurance						
	Expenses	\$277,735.72	\$283,062.99	\$348,235.00	\$320,000.00	-8.108%
Total Medicare Insurance:		\$277,735.72	\$283,062.99	\$348,235.00	\$320,000.00	-8.108%
Dental Insurance						
	Expenses	\$164,806.94	\$165,173.65	\$156,400.00	\$175,000.00	11.893%
Total Dental Insurance:		\$164,806.94	\$165,173.65	\$156,400.00	\$175,000.00	11.893%
Other Unclassified						
	Expenses	\$262,416.32	\$275,765.36	\$325,050.00	\$390,650.00	20.182%
Total Other Unclassified:		\$262,416.32	\$275,765.36	\$325,050.00	\$390,650.00	20.182%
Transfers						
Transfers To Other Funds		\$175,000.00	\$150,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Transfers:		\$175,000.00	\$150,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer To Trust/Agency						
Transfers To Other Funds		\$625,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Transfer To Trust/Agency:		\$625,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

		2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budgeted	2023 Proposed	FY22 vs FY23 (% Change)
Total Other:		\$6,335,847.81	\$6,151,949.70	\$5,776,969.21	\$6,494,295.00	12.417%
Total Expenditures:		\$32,331,318.34	\$32,669,250.23	\$33,105,724.04	\$34,487,983.80	4.175%

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Proposed Budget
Salaries	\$520,000	\$540,000	\$558,000	\$608,000
Expenses	\$805,445	\$815,300	\$805,000	\$984,278
Indirect Expenses	\$271,147	\$271,147	\$271,147	\$271,147
Transfer to Capital Projects	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$850,000
Reserve Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$263,478	\$101,000
Debt Service	\$289,017	\$391,827	\$281,375	\$277,575
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$1,985,609</b>	<b>\$2,118,274</b>	<b>\$2,249,000</b>	<b>\$3,092,000</b>
<b>Total Water Department Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,985,609</b>	<b>\$2,118,274</b>	<b>\$2,249,000</b>	<b>\$2,549,000</b>
<b>Water Department Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$543,000</b>
<b>Total Water Revenue Sources</b>	<b>\$1,985,609</b>	<b>\$2,118,274</b>	<b>\$2,249,000</b>	<b>\$3,092,000</b>
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND				
	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Proposed Budget
Salaries	\$203,795	\$242,151	\$270,703	\$278,512
Expenses	\$159,300	\$90,804	\$103,304	\$106,750
Indirect Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,455
<b>Total Ambulance Expense</b>	<b>\$363,095</b>	<b>\$332,955</b>	<b>\$374,007</b>	<b>\$412,717</b>
<b>Total Ambulance Revenues</b>	<b>\$363,095</b>	<b>\$332,955</b>	<b>\$374,007</b>	<b>\$373,717</b>
<b>Ambulance Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>
<b>Total Ambulance Revenue Sources</b>	<b>\$363,095</b>	<b>\$332,955</b>	<b>\$374,007</b>	<b>\$412,717</b>



**TOWN WARRANT**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
***May 2, 2022***

ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex,  
Greetings. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to  
notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town  
affairs, to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School, 11 Winter Street, on Monday, May 2,  
2022 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget (STM22-01)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2021 Annual  
Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY 2022 budget, and as  
necessary, to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing  
departmental expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the Snow and Ice Deficit FY2022 (STM22-02)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be applied to the  
FY2022 snow and ice deficit, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*FinCom voted in favor of this article 5-0.*

**Article 3: Payment of Prior Year Bills Fund Transfer (STM22-03)**

To see if the Town will vote to approve payment of prior year invoices as printed in  
the Warrant:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tyler Technologies	\$5,802.00
KP Law	\$6,000.00
Cabot Risk	
Strategies LLC	\$1,925.21

**Article 4: OPEB Trust Appropriation (STM22-05)**

To see if the Town will vote the transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to the  
Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Perley School, Town Office, Post Office, Erie Engine House, and Municipal Light Building, fourteen days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 2022.

Henry E. Smith  
George C. Fowler  
Georgetown Town Clerk  
[Signature]  
Deputy Town Clerk  
[Signature]  
Selectmen of Georgetown

Essex, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown by posting up attested copies of the same as within directed.

Georgetown, Massachusetts 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.

[Signature] Constable of Georgetown

A true copy of the Warrant and return:

Attest:

[Signature]  
Town Clerk

### **Consent Calendar**

The use of a Consent Calendar speeds the passage of warrant articles which the Selectmen and Moderator, in consultation with Town Counsel and the Finance and Advisory Committee, believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate.

Each year there are a number of warrant articles which past experience suggests that the action taken on the floor of the Town Meeting will be **routine, non-controversial, and predictable.**

At Town Meeting, said list is then read by the Moderator as"". If any voter has any doubt about passing a motion, or wishes an explanation of any article included in the Consent Calendar, the voter will say "hold" in a loud voice as each article is called out.

The Moderator will then ask if the "hold" is for a question or debate. If it is for a question, an explanation will be given and the article remains on the Consent Calendar. If the "hold" is for debate on the article it is removed from the Consent Calendar and restored to its original place on the warrant to be brought up, debated, and voted in the usual manner.

After calling the individual articles on the Consent Calendar, the Moderator will ask that all articles be passed as a unit by a unanimous vote.

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#### **Article 9: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM22-09)**

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, as defined in Section 34, Chapter 164, General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### **Article 10: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM22-10)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$303,295 (Three hundred three thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars) or any other sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond issue, to be spent by the Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

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**Town Warrant**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 2, 2022**

ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex,  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School, 11 Winter Street on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022 (Monday) at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the articles of this warrant, and further, to meet at the Penn Brook School Gymnasium, 68 Elm Street in said Town, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 (Monday), where the polls will be open from 8 o'clock A.M. until 8 o'clock P.M., to vote by ballot for the following officers: ONE SELECTMAN, for a term of three years, A TOWN CLERK, for a term of three years, A MODERATOR, for a term of three years, ONE ASSESSOR, for a term of three years, A HIGHWAY SURVEYOR, for a term of three years, ONE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for a term of three years, ONE LIGHT COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years, ONE WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years, TWO MEMBERS OF THE PEABODY LIBRARY TRUSTESS, for a term of three years, ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD, for a term of five years.

**Article 1: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM22-01)**

To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 2: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM22-02)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and including support of the schools, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Finance and Advisory Board Proposed Budget and Town Meeting Warrant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 3: Stabilization Fund (ATM22-03)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto

**Article 4: Capital Fund (ATM22-04)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Fund, a special purpose stabilization fund created by vote of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, said funds to be further appropriated by Town Meeting for improvements and/or repairs to municipal buildings and infrastructure, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 5: Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (ATM22-05)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 to be added to the Other Post Employment Liability Trust Fund, created by vote of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Article 6: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM22-06)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds, including retained earnings, of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Water Department under the direction of the Water Commissioners for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 7: Fire Department Ambulance Operating Budget (ATM22-07)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds of the Fire Department Ambulance Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Town's ambulance service under the direction of the Selectmen and Fire Chief for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 8: Local Access Programming (ATM22-08)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for salaries and \$40,000 for expenses and \$18,479 for indirect cost to the general fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for the purpose of providing PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

{BEGIN CONSENT CALENDAR}

**Article 9: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM22-09)**

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, as defined in Section 34, Chapter 164, General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 10: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM22-10)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$305,862 or any other sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond issue, to be spent by the Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

{END CONSENT CALENDAR}

**Article 11: Town Clerk-Amend Dog Licensing Bylaw (ATM22-11)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of Chapter 15 of the Town's General Bylaws relative to the licensing and keeping of dogs, by deleting the text shown in strike-through and inserting the language shown in bold, italics, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Chapter 15. Animals**

**Article II. Restraint and Leashing of Dogs**

[Adopted 5-1-1978 ATM, Art. 22]

**§ 15-4. Fines for dogs running at large.**

Whoever permits his dog to go at large within the town shall be fined \$10 for each offense. Such fine may be recovered by the Dog Officer or by any police officer in the District Court.

**§ 15-5. Noncriminal disposition fines.**

A. The schedule of fines provided for in MGL C. 140, § 173A, for noncriminal disposition of a complaint for a violation of this Article shall be as follows for each offense committed by a person in a calendar year:

(1) First offense: \$10.

(2) Second and subsequent offenses: \$25.

B. In each case, payment of the fine shall operate as a final disposition of the case. Such payment shall be made by postal note, money order or check.

**§ 15-6. Fee allowances for Dog Officer.**

[Amended 5-2-1983 ATM, Art. 26]

The Dog Officer shall be allowed \$2 for each dog found going at large within the town in violation of this Article and shall be allowed boarding fees, consistent with the rates of the impounding kennel, for each day or portion thereof for the care of such dog. These fees shall be paid by the owner or keeper of the dog, if known, otherwise by the Town Treasurer. The Dog Officer shall be paid \$10 by the owner or keeper of each dog for processing its release. This sum shall be paid over to the Town Treasurer.

**§ 15-7. Applicability.**

This Article shall apply only to dogs owned or kept in town.

**§ 15-8. Authority of Board of Selectmen to set fees, fines and charges.**

[Added 5-24-1993 ATM, Art. 36]

The fines, fees and other charges to be assessed under this Article shall be set by the Board of Selectmen, provided that such amended fees, fines or charges are in line with actual costs or reasonable compensation for services rendered, and within any limits set by state laws or regulations.

### **Article III. Dog Licensing**

[Adopted 3-11-1991 STM, Art. 4]

#### **§ 15-9. License required; kennel licenses; *license period fiscal year.***

~~All dogs six months old or older must be licensed and tagged. Licensing will be done by or under the direction of the Town Clerk. Owners or keepers of two or more dogs may obtain a kennel license instead of individual dog licenses. The fiscal year for licensing begins April 1 and ends the following March 31.~~

*A. In addition to the requirements set forth in this Bylaw, the licensing, keeping and control of animals shall be in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited to the provisions of G.L. c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive, as may be amended from time-to-time, which provisions are incorporated herein.*

*B. The owner or keeper of a dog over the age of 6 months shall obtain a license for the dog. The registering, numbering, describing and licensing of a dog shall be conducted in the office of the Town Clerk. .*

*C. The Town Clerk shall not grant a license for a dog unless the owner of the dog provides a veterinarian's certification that the dog has been vaccinated in accordance with section 145B of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, certification that such dog is exempt from the vaccination requirement under said section 145B or a notarized letter from a veterinarian that either of these certifications was issued relative to such dog.*

*D. The license shall be granted upon condition that the dog shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing livestock or fowl. The owner of a dog may add descriptive words, not over 10 in number, upon the license form to indicate the color, breed, weight or special markings of the licensed dog. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall keep affixed around the dog's neck or body, a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which a tag shall be securely attached. The tag shall have inscribed upon it the dog's license number, the name of the town issuing the license and the year of issue. If the tag becomes lost, the owner or keeper of the dog shall immediately secure a substitute tag from the Town Clerk at a cost to be determined by the town and the fee for the substitute shall, if received by the town clerk, be retained by the clerk unless otherwise provided by law. This section shall not apply to a person to whom a valid kennel license has been issued.*

*E. This section shall not apply to a dog or cat housed in a research institution.*

*F. Any household of more than 4 dogs is required to obtain a Kennel License. Any household of less than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, who does not maintain a Kennel may elect to secure a Kennel License in lieu of licensing the dogs individually.*

*G. The owner or keeper must be at least 18 years of age to obtain any Dog License.*

*H. The License Period for individual dog and kennel licenses is January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.*

**1. The term "kennel" shall as be defined in section 136A of the Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as may be amended from time-to-time, as follows, and including the different types of kennels as defined therein:**

**(1) "Kennel": A pack or collection of dogs on a single premise, including a commercial boarding or training kennel, commercial breeder kennel, domestic charitable corporation kennel, personal kennel or veterinary kennel.**

**(2) "Personal Kennel": A pack or collection of more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, owned or kept under single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the department, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit.**

**(3) "Commercial boarding or training kennel", an establishment used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of animals that are not the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such animal; provided, however, that "commercial boarding or training kennel" shall not include an animal shelter or animal control facility, a pet shop licensed under section 39A of chapter 129, a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming and not for overnight boarding or an individual who temporarily, and not in the normal course of business, boards or cares for animals owned by others.**

**(4) "Commercial breeder kennel", an establishment, other than a personal kennel, engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration.**

**(5) "Domestic charitable corporation kennel", a facility operated, owned or maintained by a domestic charitable corporation registered with the department or an animal welfare society or other nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals, including a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a licensed veterinarian, which operates consistent with such purposes while providing veterinary treatment and care.**

**(6) "Veterinary kennel", a veterinary hospital or clinic that boards dogs for reasons in addition to medical treatment or care; provided, however, that "veterinary kennel" shall not include a hospital or clinic used solely to house dogs that have undergone veterinary treatment or observation or will do so only for the period of time necessary to accomplish that veterinary care.**

#### **§ 15-10. Fees.**

[Amended 6-15-1998 ATM, Art. 33]

Licensing fees for ~~one fiscal year~~ **each License Period** or any portion thereof are:



A. For any one spayed or neutered dog: \$10; for any one intact dog: \$15.

[Amended 5-6-2013 ATM, Art. 26]

B. For a kennel license for keeping:

(1) Up to four dogs: \$25.

(2) Up to 10 dogs: \$50.

(3) Over 10 dogs: \$75.

***C. The owner or keeper of unlicensed dogs or kennels will be assessed a late fee of \$25 per dog or kennel, in addition to the licensing fee, if the owner or keeper fails to license their dog(s) or kennel by the last day of February of each year.***

#### **§ 15-11. Fines.**

~~Owners and keepers of unlicensed dogs will be fined, in addition to the licensing fee, as follows:~~

~~A. One month but less than two months in arrears: \$0 per dog.~~

~~B. Two months but less than three months in arrears: \$10 per dog.~~

~~C. Three months but less than four months in arrears: \$15 per dog.~~

~~D. Four months or more in arrears: \$25 per dog.~~

~~Notwithstanding the schedule of fines set forth in MGL c. 140, § 141, or any other provision of law to the contrary, any owner of a dog who fails to license that dog **by the last day of February**, pursuant to the requirements of MGL c. 140, § 137, or who violates the provisions of § 137A or 137B regarding the requirements of kennel licensing and sales of dogs from kennels, or § 138 regarding a change in ownership of a licensed dog or the bringing into the town a dog licensed in some other state, shall be subject to a noncriminal fine of \$25 for the first offense, and \$50 for each offense thereafter, and further, to authorize the Animal Control Officer or the Assistant Animal Control Officer to collect the fines.~~

~~[Added 6-15-1998 ATM, Art. 34]~~

***The Animal Control Officer or the Assistant Animal Control Officer is authorized to enforce this Bylaw and to collect any fines.***

***In addition to the remedies set forth herein and in G.L. c.140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive, or any other applicable provision of law, this Bylaw may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity, including, but not limited to, non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c.40, §21D.***

***If non-criminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this by-law shall be subject to the following penalties:***

**First Offense:                      \$50 fine**

**Second Offense:                      \$100 fine**

**Third Offense:                      \$300 fine**

**Fourth or subsequent  
Offense:                      \$500 fine**

***Subsequent offenses shall be determined as offenses occurring within two years of the date of the first noticed offense. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offense.***

**§ 15-12. Disposition of fees and fines.**

The Town Clerk may retain \$0.75 out of each dog and kennel licensing fee as his/*her* fee for processing the license. The remainder of the licensing fees and all fines will be retained by the town as receipts reserved (for future appropriation, i.e., they will not become operating surplus).

[1] Editor's Note: See also Ch. 97, Officers and Employees, Art. IV, Payment of Fees to Treasury.

**§ 15-13. Review of fees by Clerk and Selectmen.**

The Town Clerk and Selectmen may review these fees and recommend changes to a Town Meeting whenever deemed necessary.

**§ 15-14. Effective date.**

This article shall take effect on ~~April 1, 1991~~ **January 1, 2023** and will supersede the provisions of any existing general or special bylaw contrary to it.

**Article IV. Dog Waste; Violations and Penalties**

[Adopted 5-4-2015 ATM, Art. 29]

**§ 15-15. Removal from public property or property of others.**

A. Any person having care, custody or control of a dog shall be responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any feces left by his or her dog in or upon any public property, including but not limited to any sidewalk, street, thoroughfare, beach or wetland, or in or upon the property of persons other than the owner or person have care, custody or control of said dog. Any person having care, custody or control of a dog off the property of the owner or person in custody of the dog shall have in his or her possession a device or equipment to pick up and remove dog feces. Individuals with disabilities aided by service dogs and law enforcement, emergency or rescue officials with dogs carrying out official duties are exempt from this subsection.

B. Violations and penalties. Any person found in violation of Chapter 15 by the Animal Control Officer, Assistant Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer shall be subject to payment of a fine of \$30 for the first offense; \$50 for the second offense and \$150 for the third and subsequent offenses. In addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, the Animal Control Officer or other designated enforcing person, may enforce these penalties through the Town's Non-Criminal Disposition as outlined in Chapter 1, Article II of the Town's General Bylaws.

**Article 12: Bond Rescinding (ATM22-12)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining, unused amount of \$333,000 of the borrowing authorization approved under Article 1 of the November 15, 2010 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the Penn Brook School Feasibility Study, which project has been completed, and/or it was unnecessary to borrow the full authorization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 13: Bond Rescinding (ATM22-13)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining, unused amount of \$20,004,400 of the borrowing authorization approved under Article 2 of the October 29, 2012 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the design and construction of the Penn Brook Elementary School, which project has been completed, and/or it was unnecessary to borrow the full authorization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 14: Bond Rescinding (ATM22-14)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining, unused amount of \$3,405,726 of the borrowing authorization approved under Article 2 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the design and construction of the Georgetown Middle/High School, which project has been completed, and/or it was unnecessary to borrow the full authorization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 15: Public Safety Building Upgrades (\$200,000) (ATM22-15) Borrowing**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000 for the purposes of making improvements to the Public Safety Building and adjacent property, including all incidental and related costs, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor;; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 16: Ambulance Purchase (\$200,000) (ATM22-16) Borrowing or Lease Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000, or enter into a lease purchase agreement for a term not to exceed 10 years in an amount not to exceed such sum, to purchase and equip a new ambulance, including all incidental and related costs; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 17: Water Treatment Upgrade (ATM22-17) Water Borrowing**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of refurbishing the existing Water Treatment Plant filters and associated facility updates, including all incidental and related costs, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners; and to meet

this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 18: Water Treatment Plant Design (ATM22-18)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings the sum of \$850,000 for the design of Water Treatment Plant Improvements, including all incidental and related costs, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 19: Town Hall Windows (ATM22-19)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash for the purposes of restoring and replacing the windows at Georgetown Town Hall, including all incidental and related costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 20: Community Preservation Committee (ATM22-19) (Submitted by CPC)**

**A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I,**

**Article A: Community Preservation General Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §6, from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2023; and further, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §6, to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for open space, including land for recreational use; a sum of money for historic resources; and a sum of money for community housing; as well as sum of money to be placed in the 2023 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act projects or purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

**Reservations:**

\$120,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for open space, including land for recreational use; and

\$120,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for historic resources; and

\$120,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for community housing.

**Appropriations:**

\$21,000 (less than 5% of the estimated FY revenues) to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article B: Community Preservation Community Housing Category, "Affordable Housing Trust Grant"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate the amount of \$132,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account and \$463,000 from the Undesignated Account, for a total of \$595,000, as a Grant to the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of Affordable Housing initiatives consistent with the Trust's Articles of Incorporation and the most recently accepted Town of Georgetown Affordable Housing Production Plan, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of any dwellings subsequently receiving any of these appropriated monies from the Trust grant to the Town an Affordable Housing Restriction in said dwellings, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restrictions; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article C: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Historic Schoolhouse"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$14,425 to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission for preservation purposes, inclusive of but not limited to, the interior and exterior restoration of the only remaining historic schoolhouse in Georgetown; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action related thereto.

**Article D: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Camp Denison Lodge Restoration"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account \$41,738 for the purpose of providing funding, inclusive of but not limited to, the costs related to the restoration of the Great Hall and lighting in the parking area at Camp Denison on Nelson Street; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article E: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Historic Perley**

### **Building Rehabilitation- HVAC**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$55,000 for the rehabilitation of the Historic Perley Building, inclusive of but not limited to, providing for the purchase and installation of energy efficient and ductless mini-split HVAC units; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Georgetown Historical Commission to enter into to all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this initiative; and further, any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

### **Article F: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Perley School**

#### **Window Restoration**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserves Account the amount of \$27,111.66 and from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account the amount of \$41,858.34, for a total appropriation of \$68,970.00, for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Historic Perley Building, inclusive of but not limited to, the repair of the historic windows and replacement of the deteriorated storm windows that protect them, including all incidental and related costs; all preservation activities will be accomplished in a manner consistent with the guidelines and requirements of United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Department of Interior regulations Standards for Rehabilitation codified in 36 CFR 67); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Georgetown School Committee, and the Georgetown Historical Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this preservation and rehabilitation initiative; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

### **Article G: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Historic Native Species Plantings"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account the amount of \$8,500 for the restoration of native plantings at several locations in Town, including but not limited to, the Municipal Parking Lot, Chestnut Street, the Union Cemetery, and Historical Society land (East Main Street, next to the Brocklebank Museum, wetland adjacent parcel); and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, and the Historical Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this initiative; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto;

### **H: Community Preservation Open Space / Recreational Land Category "Equal Access to American Legion Park"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve \$47,943 to fund the engineering, permitting and implementation of improvements as recommended by the Georgetown Park and Recreation Commission, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the rehabilitation and preservation of the American Legion Park to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of American Legion Park, inclusive of but not limited to, improved site access ; additional structures and features to the playground, beach and dock; ADA Compliant Picnic Tables and other improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state or local building, access, and safety codes; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Park and Recreation Commission to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with the rehabilitation of this initiative; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article I: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category, "Parker River/Lufkins Brook Water Protection"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve \$140,000 to fund the engineering, design and permitting costs for stormwater controls and improvements to meet or exceed current US EPA and MassDEP standards to prevent untreated runoff, including but not limited to, animal feces, petroleum products and sand, into Lufkins Brook at Andover Street and West Street, including all incidental and related cost to protect Lufkins Brook Conservation Area and the brook's flow into the Parker River and to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers, recharge areas and the Parker River watershed; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Surveyor to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the associated costs of this or any related implementation costs; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 21: Community Preservation Community Housing Category, "Affordable Housing Trust Grant"**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate the amount of \$750,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account, as a grant to the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of Affordable Housing initiatives consistent with the Trust's Articles of Incorporation and the most recently accepted Town of Georgetown Affordable Housing Production Plan; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of any dwellings subsequently receiving any of these appropriated monies from the Trust grant to the Town an Affordable Housing Restriction in said dwellings; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restrictions; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Perley School, Town Office, Post Office, Erie Engine House, and Municipal Light Building, fourteen days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 2022.

Amy E. Smith  
George C. Fisher  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk  
DocuSigned by:  
[Signature]  
Selectmen of Georgetown

Essex, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown by posting up attested copies of the same as within directed.

Georgetown, Massachusetts 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.

Dale C. Allen Constable of Georgetown

A true copy of the Warrant and return:

Attest:

Kevin A. McManis  
Town Clerk