

**Finance and Advisory Board  
Annual Report and Recommendations  
For  
Fiscal Year 2025**



**Annual Town Meeting**

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Georgetown Middle/High School Auditorium  
11 Winter Street, Georgetown, MA**

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To the Citizens of Georgetown:

The Finance and Advisory Committee presents to you the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2025, beginning on July 1, 2024.

The volunteers on the Finance and Advisory Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator, Mr. David Surface. They are Edward Dobie, Chair; Alicia Raspa, Vice-Chair; Barbie Linares, Clerk; David Harris; Michael Kelley; Mark Tashjian; and Gary Fowler.

This year, we approached the budgeting process a bit differently than we have in the past. Knowing that we used \$1 million in the previous year to balance the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, \$429,000 in the previous year, and a combination of ARPA and stabilization funds the year prior, we recognize that the town's revenues will no longer sustain the demands of level services. With that, we began the 2025 budgeting process with the idea that it was likely time to ask the taxpayers for an override to Proposition 2 ½. The budget we present to you today is contingent upon the passage of this override in the amount of \$3 million.

Proposition 2 ½ limits our total allowable property tax base to 2.5% of the assessed property values of our town, and it limits our ability to raise this base by more than 2.5% every year. In an environment of significant inflation and rising costs, this increase does not generate enough revenue to continue providing the same high quality level of town services that the residents of Georgetown enjoy. Proposition 2 ½ also does not protect the individual taxpayer from significant tax increases, as many people have noticed a large increase in taxes as their home assessed values have changed. This does not translate to the same increase in revenue to the town, only a shift in tax burden away from another homeowner or commercial business. Our property tax rates have been declining each year while property taxes take large shifts among our residents and place unexpected burdens on people based mostly on whether their neighbors have recently sold their properties. Meanwhile, our town's ability to collect the revenue we need to sustain our community services suffers.

Many towns and cities are facing the same issues with Proposition 2 ½ and increased costs. We have asked for overrides sporadically throughout the years, as have our neighbors. The state's proposed relief is to offer us the ability to collect an additional 0.25% in local meals tax and our local lodging tax by an additional 1%. These may help larger cities and towns close the budgetary deficit but would not have much of an impact on Georgetown.

The last time the taxpayers of Georgetown passed an override was in 2019, specific to adding a School Resource Officer to our schools. The restriction on funding lasts only one year, we are now able to appropriate that override increase to any general operating budget item. That is one of the reasons we are not allocating the \$3 million override to any particular department or purpose. The proposed override amount was developed as we went through our annual budgeting process. As we mapped out expected revenues, without using free cash or other reserves as we had done in the past, we matched these up with each department's annual budget requests to determine how far apart we were. The result was a deficit of around \$3 million.

This part of the budget process is typical, for fiscal year 2024 we began the budget process with over \$1.7 million in deficit without fully factoring in the school department requests. The police and fire departments have been requesting additional staff and resources for many years, which we have

delayed recommending because of this deficit. Additionally, the school committee typically asks for an increase that the budget deficit cannot support and the schools have deferred spending on curriculum, technology, and maintenance. Departments like the Council on Aging and Library were afforded small increases last year so that they can start to meet the increase in demand for their services. These are all increases which have been requested for many budget cycles.

The town has been lucky with light snowfall over the past two winters, and has not had to draw excessively from free cash to fund additional snow removal expenses. The budget typically underestimates snow removal expenses in order to fund other areas, and this has afforded us some additional “free cash” at the end of the fiscal year. The town has also benefitted from community impact fees received from some cannabis businesses within our borders, although we will no longer collect these fees. These factors have allowed us the ability to use our free cash reserves to support the operating budget for the next fiscal year. However, we use free cash to fund reserve funds and capital expenses in addition to snow and ice removal deficits, and continuing to use our funds this way will lead to more deferred maintenance costs that will compound over time.

This year’s budget cycle began on January 6 with a long, televised and recorded meeting where all of the department heads were able to gather in one room to hear the needs and asks of each other at the same time. We have, in the past, broken these meetings out to separate meetings and hosted only a few departments at a time. We felt like the structure of the one day meeting gave these department heads the ability to hear the needs of other departments and mitigate feelings that any one department is unfairly awarded or punished. Each nonunionized town employee receives raises of 2% annually, which is not market rates but enables the increases to stay within the confines of the 2.5% property tax revenue increase. The increased costs of insurance, employee benefits, and other obligations such as union contracts and payments to regional school districts increase significantly each year and have been the primary drivers of the structural deficit.

The budget we present to you tonight is the result of years of delayed investments in public safety, schools, and maintenance of town resources. We do not benefit from continuing to delay investing in these items and only make the future problems worse. We need to identify additional revenue streams whether from increased commercial activity in town, additional state and federal aid, or other potential sources. Or, we will need to determine if we cut services by eliminating or regionalizing our public safety, schools, or recreation. However, regionalizing services means we lose control over the costs and may not guarantee that they are equal or lower to the costs they are now. We will need to continue to ask ourselves what efficiencies we can gain by working with our neighbors and among our town departments. We also need to continue to ask ourselves what the taxpayers of the town want for services and levels of that service.

If the town does not pass the override ask, we will reconvene and determine what services will be adjusted or eliminated. The recommendation from the state is that we will freeze the current fiscal year 2024 budget and adopt 1/12 of that budget each month while we work on a new proposed budget to be voted on at a future special town meeting. There will be hard choices to make if this occurs and the Finance and Advisory Committee will welcome ideas and input about services to reduce. However, reductions in already limited services may delay projects in town, delay response times for public safety, and cause more students to look elsewhere for education, potentially increasing future costs to the town in outside tuition, legal fees, and other purchased services while reducing current year costs.


We appreciate everyone who has had input and interest in the budget process this and every year, with special thanks to our Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco, Police Chief David Sedgwick, Fire Chief Matt McKay, and Superintendent Dr. Margo Ferrick. The schools and public safety have the most to lose or gain from the budget process by virtue of being the largest departments in town, although each department will be affected. They, along with other department heads, have all put together a budget they believe is sustainable for the near future while providing high quality service to the residents of Georgetown. While we will continue to struggle with the limits of Proposition 2 ½, we are comfortable that we will be able to maintain our budget for the next 3 to 5 years without making major structural changes to the budgets. The Finance and Advisory Committee remains committed to identifying and helping to analyze and provide solutions for the budgetary constraints of the town and looks forward to working with all boards, committees, and residents to do so.

We sincerely hope that you take all of these factors into consideration when reviewing our proposed budget and while casting your vote at Town Meeting and the town election May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our goal has always been and continues to be, providing you, the taxpayer, with a budget that honors our legal obligation toward fiscal responsibility, while providing for services that matter to you and the rest of our community.

Respectfully,

*Alicia Raspa*

Alicia Raspa, Vice-Chair





# 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 purposes.
- 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.

# EXPENDITURES

	DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGETED	FY25 Proposed	% CHANGE
<b>General Government</b>							
	Town Meetings						
		Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
		Salaries	\$521.57	\$872.54	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Town Meetings:</b>		<b>\$521.57</b>	<b>\$872.54</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>11.11%</b>
	Selectmen						
		Expenses	\$830,671.73	\$869,815.83	\$885,675.00	\$942,516.25	6.42%
		Salaries	\$213,516.16	\$198,755.35	\$218,000.00	\$235,280.00	7.93%
	<b>Total Selectmen:</b>		<b>\$1,044,187.89</b>	<b>\$1,068,571.18</b>	<b>\$1,103,675.00</b>	<b>\$1,177,796.25</b>	<b>6.72%</b>
	Finan and Advis Comm						
		Expenses	\$0.00	\$184.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Finan and Advis Comm:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$184.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	Reserve Fund						
		Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,376.00	\$136,376.00	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>0.00%</b>
	Town Accountant						
		Expenses	\$2,064.93	\$1,773.44	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	0.00%
		Salaries	\$113,386.28	\$112,641.28	\$118,453.71	\$121,977.32	2.97%
	<b>Total Town Accountant:</b>		<b>\$115,451.21</b>	<b>\$114,414.72</b>	<b>\$120,553.71</b>	<b>\$124,077.32</b>	<b>2.92%</b>
	Assessors						
		Expenses	\$13,912.71	\$15,273.07	\$25,900.00	\$25,900.00	0.00%
		Salaries	\$151,078.75	\$154,061.93	\$157,106.49	\$161,762.54	2.96%
	<b>Total Assessors:</b>		<b>\$164,991.46</b>	<b>\$169,335.00</b>	<b>\$183,006.49</b>	<b>\$187,662.54</b>	<b>2.54%</b>
	Treasurer/Collector						
		Expenses	\$23,212.89	\$31,776.79	\$23,257.00	\$24,950.00	7.28%
		Salaries	\$171,380.52	\$177,659.96	\$181,193.50	\$187,818.00	3.66%
	<b>Total Treasurer/Collector:</b>		<b>\$194,593.41</b>	<b>\$209,436.75</b>	<b>\$204,450.50</b>	<b>\$212,768.00</b>	<b>4.07%</b>
	Town Counsel Expense						
		Expenses	\$156,048.13	\$99,537.50	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Town Counsel Expense:</b>		<b>\$156,048.13</b>	<b>\$99,537.50</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	Tax Title Foreclosure						
		Expenses	\$3,493.00	\$5,698.21	\$8,000.00	\$15,000.00	87.50%
		Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>Total Tax Title Foreclosure:</b>		<b>\$3,493.00</b>	<b>\$5,698.21</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>87.50%</b>
	Town Clerk						
		Expenses	\$7,592.25	\$8,069.12	\$16,350.00	\$15,729.00	-3.80%
		Salaries	\$87,374.87	\$89,421.80	\$111,370.24	\$114,711.35	3.00%
	<b>Total Town Clerk:</b>		<b>\$94,967.12</b>	<b>\$97,490.92</b>	<b>\$127,720.24</b>	<b>\$130,440.35</b>	<b>2.13%</b>
	Elections						
		Expenses	\$5,327.20	\$11,365.73	\$17,111.00	\$23,711.00	38.57%
		Salaries	\$4,333.52	\$16,841.96	\$18,038.00	\$30,000.00	66.32%
	<b>Total Elections:</b>		<b>\$9,660.72</b>	<b>\$28,207.69</b>	<b>\$35,149.00</b>	<b>\$53,711.00</b>	<b>52.81%</b>
	Registrars						
		Expenses	\$2,346.13	\$505.81	\$200.00	\$2,400.00	1100.00%
		Salaries	\$690.00	\$1,424.13	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Registrars:</b>		<b>\$3,036.13</b>	<b>\$1,929.94</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>	<b>73.33%</b>

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DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGETED	FY25 Proposed	% CHANGE
<b>Conservation Committee</b>						
	Expenses	\$2,439.16	\$12,717.75	\$2,473.00	\$4,473.00	80.87%
	Salaries	\$103,615.42	\$83,539.57	\$56,494.66	\$50,212.50	-11.12%
<b>Total Conservation Committee:</b>		<b>\$106,054.58</b>	<b>\$96,257.32</b>	<b>\$58,967.66</b>	<b>\$54,685.50</b>	<b>-7.26%</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>						
	Expenses	\$16,426.58	\$8,809.54	\$12,194.91	\$12,194.91	0.00%
	Salaries	\$117,582.61	\$123,951.66	\$130,701.06	\$134,622.09	3.00%
<b>Total Planning Board:</b>		<b>\$134,009.19</b>	<b>\$132,761.20</b>	<b>\$142,895.97</b>	<b>\$146,817.00</b>	<b>2.74%</b>
<b>Zoning Board Of Appeals</b>						
	Expenses	\$220.00	\$151.71	\$220.00	\$220.00	0.00%
	Salaries	\$28,329.32	\$11,649.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Zoning Board Of Appeals:</b>		<b>\$28,549.32</b>	<b>\$11,801.05</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total General Government:</b>		<b>\$2,055,563.73</b>	<b>\$2,036,498.02</b>	<b>\$2,201,314.57</b>	<b>\$2,322,253.96</b>	<b>5.49%</b>

# EXPENDITURES

DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGETED	FY25 Proposed	% CHANGE
<b>Public Safety</b>						
Police Department						
	Expenses	\$192,597.78	\$201,701.93	\$191,557.13	\$206,807.50	7.96%
	Salaries	\$1,411,576.42	\$1,475,877.63	\$1,522,847.58	\$1,630,969.75	7.10%
<b>Total Police Department:</b>		<b>\$1,604,174.20</b>	<b>\$1,677,579.56</b>	<b>\$1,714,404.71</b>	<b>\$1,837,777.25</b>	<b>7.20%</b>
Communications Center						
	Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Salaries	\$273,881.57	\$299,150.06	\$304,331.50	\$327,890.40	7.74%
<b>Total Communications Center:</b>		<b>\$273,881.57</b>	<b>\$299,150.06</b>	<b>\$304,331.50</b>	<b>\$327,890.40</b>	<b>7.74%</b>
Police Crossing Guard						
	Salaries	\$12,750.37	\$22,333.35	\$21,389.00	\$22,030.52	3.00%
<b>Total Police Crossing Guard:</b>		<b>\$12,750.37</b>	<b>\$22,333.35</b>	<b>\$21,389.00</b>	<b>\$22,030.52</b>	<b>3.00%</b>
Fire Department						
	Expenses	\$95,283.36	\$113,596.87	\$129,466.00	\$139,993.46	8.13%
	Salaries	\$533,716.59	\$518,526.59	\$533,005.88	\$793,390.82	48.85%
<b>Total Fire Department:</b>		<b>\$628,999.95</b>	<b>\$632,123.46</b>	<b>\$662,471.88</b>	<b>\$933,384.28</b>	<b>40.89%</b>
Inspection Services						
	Expenses	\$2,921.59	\$5,834.00	\$8,228.57	\$9,404.57	14.29%
	Salaries	\$154,017.02	\$166,380.90	\$159,700.32	\$176,464.27	10.50%
<b>Total Inspection Services:</b>		<b>\$156,938.61</b>	<b>\$172,214.90</b>	<b>\$167,928.89</b>	<b>\$185,868.84</b>	<b>10.68%</b>
<b>Total Public Safety:</b>		<b>\$2,676,744.70</b>	<b>\$2,803,401.33</b>	<b>\$2,870,525.98</b>	<b>\$3,306,951.29</b>	<b>15.20%</b>



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	DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGETED	FY25 Proposed	% CHANGE
<b>Education</b>							
	Georgetown Schools						
		Salaries	\$13,946,352.00	\$14,294,482.00	\$15,060,473.94	\$15,274,207.00	1.42%
		Expenses	\$2,687,331.00	\$2,839,177.00	\$2,801,681.32	\$3,717,013.00	32.67%
	<b>Total Georgetown Schools:</b>		<b>\$16,633,683.00</b>	<b>\$17,133,659.00</b>	<b>\$17,862,155.26</b>	<b>\$18,991,220.00</b>	<b>6.32%</b>
	School Assess/Misc						
		Whittier Region	\$706,828.00	\$794,275.00	\$1,015,342.00	\$1,174,926.00	15.72%
		Essex North Sho	\$218,084.00	\$278,782.00	\$278,782.00	\$322,884.00	15.82%
	<b>Total School Assess/Misc:</b>		<b>\$924,912.00</b>	<b>\$1,073,057.00</b>	<b>\$1,294,124.00</b>	<b>\$1,497,810.00</b>	<b>15.74%</b>
	<b>Total Education:</b>		<b>\$17,558,595.00</b>	<b>\$18,206,716.00</b>	<b>\$19,156,279.26</b>	<b>\$20,489,030.00</b>	<b>6.96%</b>
<b>Public Works</b>							
	Highway and Street						
		Expenses	\$359,471.68	\$366,850.97	\$381,391.00	\$378,691.00	-0.71%
		Salaries	\$443,637.76	\$453,073.97	\$494,462.11	\$554,931.99	12.23%
	<b>Total Highway and Street:</b>		<b>\$803,109.44</b>	<b>\$819,924.94</b>	<b>\$875,853.11</b>	<b>\$933,622.99</b>	<b>6.60%</b>
	Snow and Ice Control						
		Expenses	\$278,801.59	\$260,892.69	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	0.00%
		Salaries	\$33,603.80	\$24,524.49	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Snow and Ice Control:</b>		<b>\$312,405.39</b>	<b>\$285,417.18</b>	<b>\$104,000.00</b>	<b>\$104,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	Street Light Assessment						
		Expenses	\$23,614.86	\$45,033.15	\$37,645.00	\$37,645.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Street Light Assessment:</b>		<b>\$23,614.86</b>	<b>\$45,033.15</b>	<b>\$37,645.00</b>	<b>\$37,645.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	Tree Warden						
		Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.00%
		Salaries	\$5,582.79	\$5,694.00	\$5,694.44	\$5,982.58	5.06%
	<b>Total Tree Warden:</b>		<b>\$17,582.79</b>	<b>\$17,694.00</b>	<b>\$17,694.44</b>	<b>\$17,982.58</b>	<b>1.63%</b>
	<b>Total Public Works:</b>		<b>\$1,156,712.48</b>	<b>\$1,168,069.27</b>	<b>\$1,035,192.55</b>	<b>\$1,093,250.57</b>	<b>5.61%</b>

# EXPENDITURES

DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGETED	FY25 Proposed	% CHANGE
<b>Health and Human Services</b>						
Health Department						
	Expenses	\$58,428.84	\$35,711.78	\$45,150.03	\$54,969.95	21.75%
	Salaries	\$120,295.66	\$120,483.97	\$123,678.59	\$127,388.95	3.00%
<b>Total Health Department:</b>		<b>\$178,724.50</b>	<b>\$156,195.75</b>	<b>\$168,828.62</b>	<b>\$182,358.90</b>	<b>8.01%</b>
Council On Aging						
	Expenses	\$33,930.42	\$35,479.18	\$41,017.00	\$41,749.00	1.78%
	Salaries	\$118,173.51	\$139,793.23	\$171,208.64	\$176,344.90	3.00%
<b>Total Council On Aging:</b>		<b>\$152,103.93</b>	<b>\$175,272.41</b>	<b>\$212,225.64</b>	<b>\$218,093.90</b>	<b>2.77%</b>
Veterans Service						
	Expenses	\$82,344.94	\$75,725.29	\$88,980.00	\$88,980.00	0.00%
<b>Total Veterans Service:</b>		<b>\$82,344.94</b>	<b>\$75,725.29</b>	<b>\$88,980.00</b>	<b>\$88,980.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Georgetown Cares	Expenses			\$25,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
	Salaries			\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Georgetown Cares:</b>				<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>
<b>Total Health and Human Services:</b>		<b>\$413,173.37</b>	<b>\$407,193.45</b>	<b>\$470,034.26</b>	<b>\$489,432.80</b>	<b>4.13%</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
Library						
	Expenses	\$165,720.41	\$163,208.03	\$187,977.00	\$207,669.00	10.48%
	Salaries	\$242,240.16	\$288,537.00	\$363,855.00	\$382,515.00	5.13%
<b>Total Library:</b>		<b>\$407,960.57</b>	<b>\$451,745.03</b>	<b>\$551,832.00</b>	<b>\$590,184.00</b>	<b>6.95%</b>
Recreation						
	Expenses	\$72,754.18	\$57,428.09	\$9,600.00	\$29,100.00	203.13%
	Salaries	\$40,691.00	\$43,006.46	\$74,000.00	\$76,220.00	3.00%
<b>Total Recreation:</b>		<b>\$113,445.18</b>	<b>\$100,434.55</b>	<b>\$83,600.00</b>	<b>\$105,320.00</b>	<b>25.98%</b>
Historical Committee						
	Expenses	\$441.40	\$275.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Historical Committee:</b>		<b>\$441.40</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Memorial Day Remembrance						
	Expenses	\$1,364.16	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
<b>Total Memorial Day Remembrance:</b>		<b>\$1,364.16</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Culture and Recreation:</b>		<b>\$523,211.31</b>	<b>\$553,954.58</b>	<b>\$637,932.00</b>	<b>\$698,004.00</b>	<b>9.42%</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
Debt Service		\$2,687,852.50	\$2,446,281.75	\$2,247,217.50	\$2,182,820.00	-2.87%
<b>Total Debt Service:</b>		<b>\$2,687,852.50</b>	<b>\$2,446,281.75</b>	<b>\$2,247,217.50</b>	<b>\$2,182,820.00</b>	<b>-2.87%</b>

# EXPENDITURES

	DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGETED	FY25 Proposed	% CHANGE
<b>Other</b>							
	County Retirement						
		Salaries	\$2,127,355.00	\$2,294,045.00	\$2,443,330.00	\$2,622,456.00	7.33%
	<b>Total County Retirement:</b>		<b>\$2,127,355.00</b>	<b>\$2,294,045.00</b>	<b>\$2,443,330.00</b>	<b>\$2,622,456.00</b>	<b>7.33%</b>
	<b>Workmen's Comp Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$183,317.00	\$128,644.00	\$150,000.00	\$160,000.00	6.67%
	<b>Total Workmen's Comp Insurance:</b>		<b>\$183,317.00</b>	<b>\$128,644.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	<b>\$160,000.00</b>	<b>6.67%</b>
	<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$25,564.08	\$47,569.71	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Unemployment Insurance:</b>		<b>\$25,564.08</b>	<b>\$47,569.71</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>Medical Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$2,916,788.59	\$3,143,086.75	\$3,270,500.00	\$3,499,435.00	7.00%
	<b>Total Medical Insurance:</b>		<b>\$2,916,788.59</b>	<b>\$3,143,086.75</b>	<b>\$3,270,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,499,435.00</b>	<b>7.00%</b>
	<b>Life Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$4,367.25	\$4,355.10	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Life Insurance:</b>		<b>\$4,367.25</b>	<b>\$4,355.10</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>Medicare Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$297,495.98	\$328,420.84	\$326,400.00	\$332,928.00	2.00%
	<b>Total Medicare Insurance:</b>		<b>\$297,495.98</b>	<b>\$328,420.84</b>	<b>\$326,400.00</b>	<b>\$332,928.00</b>	<b>2.00%</b>
	<b>Dental Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$158,800.34	\$154,459.27	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	0.00%
	<b>Total Dental Insurance:</b>		<b>\$158,800.34</b>	<b>\$154,459.27</b>	<b>\$160,000.00</b>	<b>\$160,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>Property &amp; Liability Insurance</b>						
		Expenses	\$340,195.11	\$386,139.12	\$393,850.00	\$385,000.00	-2.25%
	<b>Property &amp; Liability Insurance</b>		<b>\$340,195.11</b>	<b>\$386,139.12</b>	<b>\$393,850.00</b>	<b>\$385,000.00</b>	<b>-2.25%</b>
	<b>Transfers</b>						
		Transfers To Oth	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>Total Transfers:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
	<b>Transfer To Trust/Agency</b>						
		Transfers To Oth	\$75,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>Total Transfer To Trust/Agency:</b>		<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
	<b>Total Other:</b>		<b>\$6,128,883.35</b>	<b>\$6,661,719.79</b>	<b>\$6,808,680.00</b>	<b>\$7,224,419.00</b>	<b>6.11%</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>		<b>\$33,200,736.44</b>	<b>\$34,283,834.19</b>	<b>\$35,427,176.12</b>	<b>\$37,806,161.62</b>	<b>6.72%</b>
	<b>Intergovernmental</b>						
	<b>State Assessments and Chrgs</b>						
		Expenses	\$401,188.00	\$407,609.00	\$350,724.00	\$308,751.00	-11.97%
	<b>Total State Assessments and Chrgs:</b>		<b>\$401,188.00</b>	<b>\$407,609.00</b>	<b>\$350,724.00</b>	<b>\$308,751.00</b>	<b>-11.97%</b>
	<b>Overlay</b>						
		Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00	11.11%
	<b>Total Other Intergovernmental:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>11.11%</b>
	<b>Total Intergovernmental:</b>		<b>\$401,188.00</b>	<b>\$407,609.00</b>	<b>\$368,724.00</b>	<b>\$328,751.00</b>	<b>-10.84%</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$33,601,924.44</b>	<b>\$34,691,443.19</b>	<b>\$35,795,900.12</b>	<b>\$38,134,912.62</b>	<b>6.53%</b>



# REVENUE

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	FY24 BUDGET	FY25	% CHANGE
<b>TAXES</b>						
	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$340,408.66	\$279,410.69	\$332,000.00	\$343,748.00	3.54%
	REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$22,693,707.89	\$22,968,906.33	\$23,879,108.00	\$24,565,711.00	2.88%
	PREVIOUS YEARS TAXES	\$138.79	\$106.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TAX TITLES REDEEMED	\$15,129.81	\$63,053.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	\$1,524,032.45	\$1,605,914.22	\$1,525,000.00	\$1,590,000.00	4.26%
	LOCAL CANNABIS EXCISE TAX	\$144,448.03	\$143,071.99	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00	20.00%
	LOCAL MEALS TAX	\$82,624.76	\$100,756.69	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	0.00%
	INT/PENALTIES P/P TAXES	\$1,519.89	\$1,215.12	\$950.00	\$950.00	0.00%
	INT/PENALTIES R/E TAXES	\$49,681.47	\$39,528.06	\$30,500.00	\$30,500.00	0.00%
	INT/PENALTIES TAX LIENS	\$3,637.43	\$56,687.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	INT/PENALTIES MVE TAXES	\$11,284.69	\$11,260.04	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$54,857.45	\$51,567.68	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Taxes</b>		<b>\$24,921,471.32</b>	<b>\$25,321,478.84</b>	<b>\$26,008,058.00</b>	<b>\$26,791,409.00</b>	<b>3.01%</b>
<b>FEES AND CHARGES</b>						
	COLLECTOR'S DEMAND FEES	\$27,068.47	\$25,371.23	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00	17.65%
	MUNICIPAL LIEN FEES	\$6,225.00	\$4,275.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00	-60.00%
	OTHER DEPT. REVENUES	\$0.00	\$415.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOWN CLERK FEES	\$3,120.00	\$3,348.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
	TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS	\$20,987.00	\$13,541.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
	PLANNING BD FILING FEES	\$6,815.00	\$5,056.11	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	-16.67%
	POLICE X-DUTY ACCTG FEES	\$3,638.90	\$1,632.46	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	0.00%
	POLICE ACCIDENT REPORTS	\$532.85	\$532.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	0.00%
	FIRE DEPT X-DUTY ACCTING FEE	\$815.18	\$267.80	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
	RENTAL INCOME	\$45,327.96	\$42,644.43	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%
	BOARD OF HEALTH FEES	\$39,965.00	\$28,415.78	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	0.00%
	COA YOGA REVENUE	\$5,818.00	\$7,027.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
<b>Total Fees and Charges:</b>		<b>\$160,313.36</b>	<b>\$132,525.81</b>	<b>\$134,950.00</b>	<b>\$125,950.00</b>	<b>-6.67%</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>						
	SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - MISCEL	\$0.00	\$7,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	RETURNED CHECK REVENUE	\$882.95	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	NON-RECURRING MISC REVENUE	\$90,402.83	\$32,359.25	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
	MISC- MEDICAID REIMBRUSE	\$147,560.24	\$128,572.41	\$80,130.00	\$65,000.00	-18.88%
	CANNABIS HOST AGREEMENT	\$960,593.09	\$580,116.10	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
	BMO REBATE	\$0.00	\$898.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	ECO SMITH RECYCLERS	\$0.00	\$1,352.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$15,654.45	\$263,958.15	\$81,677.00	\$225,000.00	175.48%
<b>Total Other Revenue:</b>		<b>\$1,215,093.56</b>	<b>\$1,014,517.25</b>	<b>\$686,807.00</b>	<b>\$290,000.00</b>	<b>-57.78%</b>
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>						
	SELECTMENS BUSINESS LICEN	\$1,375.00	\$1,635.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
	SELECTMENS PERMITS	\$258.00	\$228.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE LICS	\$6,600.00	\$6,300.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	0.00%
	POLICE DEPT PERMIT	\$3,787.50	\$3,862.50	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%
	FIRE DEPT PERMITS	\$13,330.90	\$11,460.00	\$16,000.00	\$11,000.00	-31.25%
	BLDG INSP PERMITS	\$210,234.00	\$157,572.00	\$130,000.00	\$142,000.00	9.23%
	GAS/PLUMB PERMITS	\$16,942.00	\$17,929.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	0.00%
	WIRE INSPECTOR PERMITS	\$32,762.00	\$33,695.50	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Licenses and Permits:</b>		<b>\$285,289.40</b>	<b>\$232,682.00</b>	<b>\$198,100.00</b>	<b>\$205,100.00</b>	<b>3.53%</b>



# REVENUE

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	FY24 BUDGET	FY25	% CHANGE
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>						
	STATE OWNED LAND	\$161,462.00	\$209,313.00	\$247,935.00	\$250,075.00	0.86%
	ABATEMENTS TO VETERANS	\$84,131.00	\$0.00	\$24,898.00	\$21,377.00	-14.14%
	ABATEMENTS TO THE ELDERLY	\$3,514.00	\$3,514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	SCHOOL AID CHAPTER 70 MGL	\$5,564,938.00	\$5,639,758.00	\$5,713,498.00	\$5,837,882.00	2.18%
	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL GOVT	\$787,316.00	\$829,831.00	\$843,108.00	\$864,950.00	2.59%
	VETERANS' BENEFITS	\$30,378.00	\$25,180.00	\$25,810.00	\$21,750.00	-15.73%
	CHARTER SCHOOL TUITION REIM	\$0.00	\$42,041.00	\$16,891.00	\$11,513.00	-31.84%
<b>Total State Revenues:</b>		<b>\$6,631,739.00</b>	<b>\$6,749,637.00</b>	<b>\$6,872,140.00</b>	<b>\$7,007,547.00</b>	<b>1.97%</b>
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE</b>						
	QECB TAX CREDIT	\$33,491.81	\$25,068.52	\$21,000.00	\$22,036.00	4.93%
<b>FINES AND FORFEITURES</b>						
	REGISTRY MOVING VIOLATION	\$28,749.18	\$46,267.54	\$26,000.00	\$35,000.00	34.62%
	SOLICITATION FINES	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
	COURT FINES	\$7,670.00	\$2,840.00	\$6,200.00	\$4,000.00	-35.48%
	FIRE ENFORCEMENT FINE	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%
	PARKING CLERK FINES	\$345.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Fines and Forfeitures:</b>		<b>\$36,864.18</b>	<b>\$50,107.54</b>	<b>\$32,700.00</b>	<b>\$39,500.00</b>	<b>20.80%</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>						
	BOND PREMIUM	\$70,884.00	\$10,755.00	\$9,772.00	\$8,911.00	-8.81%
	TRANSFER FROM WETLANDS	\$34,333.00	\$34,743.00	\$18,643.00	\$16,570.00	-11.12%
	TRANSFER FROM CPC (DEBT)	\$164,300.00	\$166,390.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TRANSFER FROM WATER ENT	\$271,147.00	\$271,147.00	\$271,147.00	\$280,620.00	3.49%
	TRANSFER FROM ELECTRIC	\$505,919.17	\$515,811.11	\$525,000.00	\$525,000.00	0.00%
	TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE	\$0.00	\$27,455.00	\$47,473.76	\$65,472.45	37.91%
	TRANSFER FROM AHT	\$0.00	\$12,430.00	\$18,933.79	\$22,034.63	16.38%
	TRANSFER FROM CABLE TV	\$0.00	\$18,497.00	\$20,380.59	\$21,101.00	3.53%
	TRANSFER FROM STAB	\$195,479.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH		\$429,121.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
	TRANSFER FROM ARPA	\$747,819.00				
<b>Total Other Financing:</b>		<b>\$1,989,881.17</b>	<b>\$1,486,349.41</b>	<b>\$1,911,350.14</b>	<b>\$939,709.08</b>	<b>-50.84%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$35,274,143.80</b>	<b>\$35,012,366.37</b>	<b>\$35,865,105.14</b>	<b>\$35,421,251.08</b>	<b>-1.24%</b>

<b>WATER ENTERPRISE FUND</b>				
	<b>FY 2022 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2023 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2024 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2025 Proposed Budget</b>
Salaries	\$558,000	\$608,000	\$653,500	\$608,000
Expenses	\$805,000	\$984,278	\$1,025,178	\$953,300
Indirect Expenses	\$271,147	\$271,147	\$271,147	\$280,620
Transfer to Capital Projects	\$70,000	\$850,000	\$0	
Reserve Fund	\$263,478	\$101,000	\$100,000	\$211,205
Debt Service	\$281,375	\$277,575	\$311,175	\$1,309,375
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$2,249,000</b>	<b>\$3,092,000</b>	<b>\$2,361,000</b>	<b>\$3,362,500</b>
<b>Total Water Department Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,249,000</b>	<b>\$2,549,000</b>	<b>\$2,361,000</b>	<b>\$2,362,500</b>
<b>Water Department Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$543,000</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Total Water Revenue Sources</b>	<b>\$2,249,000</b>	<b>\$3,092,000</b>	<b>\$2,361,000</b>	<b>\$3,362,500</b>
<b>AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND</b>				
	<b>FY 2022 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2023 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2024 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2025 Proposed Budget</b>
Salaries	\$270,703	\$278,512	\$271,480	\$293,409
Expenses	\$103,304	\$106,750	\$158,800	\$160,250
Indirect Expenses	\$0	\$27,455	\$47,474	\$65,472
Reserve Fund			\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Ambulance Expense</b>	<b>\$374,007</b>	<b>\$412,717</b>	<b>\$527,754</b>	<b>\$569,131</b>
<b>Total Ambulance Revenues</b>	<b>\$374,007</b>	<b>\$373,717</b>	<b>\$452,754</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>Ambulance Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$169,131</b>
<b>Total Ambulance Revenue Sources</b>	<b>\$374,007</b>	<b>\$412,717</b>	<b>\$527,754</b>	<b>\$569,131</b>

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 6, 2024**

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 6th day of May, 2024 (Monday) at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1: Fund Appropriations (STM24-01)**

To see if the Town vote to transfer from available funds the following sums of money, to be expended by the respective Departments or Officers indicated, for the project and purchases itemized and described, including all incidental or related costs; or take any other action in relation.

**A) School Committee**

Amount: \$10,000

Funds to be expended by: Supt. of Schools

Purpose: Participation in the PASS Program

Funding Source: Opioid Special Purpose Stabilization Fund

**B) Highway Department**

Amount: \$20,000

Funds to be expended by: Highway Surveyor

Purpose: Complete Streets Project Completion

Funding Source: Free Cash

**C) Highway Department**

Amount: \$121,336.98

Funds to be expended by: Highway Surveyor

Purpose: To fund snow & ice deficit

Funding source: Free Cash

**Article 2: Stabilization Fund** (STM24-02)

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

**Article 3: Capital Fund** (STM24-03)

To see if the Town will vote to 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 4: Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund** (STM24-04)

To see if the Town will vote to 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 5: Reserve Fund for Accrued Liabilities** (STM24-05)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Reserve Fund for Accrued Liabilities, or take any other action in relation thereto.

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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, seven days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

[Signature] Selectmen  
[Signature] of  
[Signature] Georgetown  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

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.

[Signature]  
Constable of Georgetown  
A true copy of the Warrant and return.

4-22-24  
Date

Attest:  
[Signature]  
Town Clerk



**Town Warrant**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 6, 2024**

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TWO SELECTMEN, each for a term of three years

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, each for a term of three years

ONE ASSESSOR, for a term of three years

ONE LIGHT COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years

ONE WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years

ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD, for a term of five years

TWO MEMBERS OF THE PEABODY LIBRARY TRUSTEES, each for a term of three years

BALLOT QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$3,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024?

**Article 1: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM24-01)**

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

**Article 2: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM24-02)**

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, 2024, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 3: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM24-03)**

To see if the Town will vote to 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, 2024, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 4: Fire Department Ambulance Operating Budget (ATM24-04)**

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, 2024, or take any other action in relation thereto.

{BEGIN CONSENT CALENDAR}

**Article 5: Local Access Programming (ATM24-05)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for salaries and \$50,000 for expenses and \$20,381 for indirect costs to the general fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 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.

**Article 6: Council on Aging Revolving Fund (ATM24-06)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 121-1 of the Town's General Bylaw, Revolving Funds, to establish a new Council on Aging revolving fund in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of managing fees and payments associated with Council on Aging-organized classes and trips, as shown below; and to establish a spending limit of \$15,000 for fiscal year 2025, with such spending limit to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 for the ensuing fiscal year, to increase the same; or take any action thereto.

Fund: Council on Aging

Revenue Source: Payments from Council on Aging Program participants for classes, trips and special programs.

Authority to Spend Funds: Council on Aging

Use of Fund: Compensating Council on Aging vendors for the provision of classes, trips and special programs.

**Article 7: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM24-07)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$307,234.26 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.

**Article 8: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM24-08)**

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the directions and control of the Municipal Light Board. As defined in Section 34,

Chapter 164 of the General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 9: Opioid Special Purpose Stabilization Fund (ATM24-09)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums of money from the Opioid Special Purpose Stabilization Fund as printed in the Warrant, or take any other action in relation thereto:

**A) School Department**

Amount: \$10,000

Funds to be expended by: Supt. of Schools

Purpose: PASS Program

**B) Selectboard**

Amount: \$7,500

Funds to be expended by: Town Administrator

Purpose: Pettengill House-Salisbury MA

{END CONSENT CALENDAR}

**Article 10: Capital Projects (ATM24-10)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money, to be expended by the respective Departments or Officers indicated, for the capital projects and purchases itemized and described, including any incidental or related costs; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**C) Police Department**

Amount: \$100,000

Funds to be expended by: Police Chief

Purpose: Costs Associated with Feasibility of the New Public Safety Building

Funding Source: Free Cash

**D) Police Department**

Amount: \$30,000

Funds to be expended by: Police Chief

Purpose: Weapons Replacement

Funding Source: Free Cash

**E) Highway Department**

Amount: \$133,000

Funds to be expended by: Highway Surveyor

Purpose: To Purchase and equip new 1-Ton Dump Truck

Funding Source: Capital Stabilization Fund



**(F) Fire Department**

Amount: \$85,000

Funds to be expended by: Fire Chief

Purpose: To purchase and equip a new Command Vehicle

Funding Source: Free Cash

**F) Selectboard**

Amount: \$85,000

Funds to be expended by: Town Administrator

Purpose: To purchase and install new Computer Hardware

Funding Source: Free Cash

**G) Town Clerk**

Amount: \$21,000

Funds to be expended by: Camp Dennison Committee

Purpose: To Purchase a new Voting Machine and Associated Equipment

Funding Source: Free Cash

**H) Board of Selectmen**

Amount: \$28,000

Funds to be expended by: Town Administrator

Purpose: Town Hall Carpeting Replacement

Funding Source: Capital Stabilization

**I) School Committee**

Amount: \$100,000

Funds to be expended by: Supt. of Schools

Purpose: Cell Phone Repeater

Funding Source: Capital Stabilization

**J) School Committee**

Amount: \$150,000

Funds to be expended by: Supt of Schools

Purpose: Auditorium Seat and Carpet Replacement

Funding Source: Capital Stabilization

**Article 11: Amendment to Section 63-1 of the Town's General Bylaws, Finance and Advisory Board (ATM24-11)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 63-1 of the Town's General Bylaw, Finance and Advisory Board, by deleting the text shown in strike-through and adding the text shown in bold italics, as set forth below, or take any other action in relation thereto.

§ 63-1. Establishment; membership; terms.

[Amended 5-4-1992 ATM, Art. 9; 5-4-2015 ATM, Art. 23]

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to maintain a board of seven members to be known as the "Finance and Advisory Board," ~~who shall hold no elective office in the Town, and~~ who shall serve without pay *and who shall not serve as an elected or appointed member of any board, committee or commission of the Town that receives an appropriation from the Town's operating budget.* The term of appointment for said Board members shall be for alternating three-year terms or for such shorter periods as may be necessary to fill vacancies. At or following each Annual Town Meeting, the Moderator shall appoint members to said Board; provided, however, that to implement this reduction in the size of the Finance and Advisory Board, one of the Board member positions expiring June 30, 2015 and one expiring June 30, 2016 shall not be filled.

**Article 12: Alarm Systems (ATM24-12)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6-11 of the Town's General Bylaw, Alarm Systems, by deleting \$250.00 in paragraph C and replacing it with \$300.00, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 13: Right to Farm Bylaw (ATM 24-13)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaw by adding a new Chapter, Right to Farm, as set forth below, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to assign appropriate Chapter and section numbers for said bylaw, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Chapter XX: **Right to Farm**

§XX-1 **Purpose and Intent.**

The purpose and intent of this by-law is to state with emphasis the right to farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under amendment Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution and all statutes and

regulations thereunder including but not limited to General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3; Chapter 90, Section 9; Chapter 111, Section 125A; and Chapter 128, Section 1A. We the citizens of Georgetown restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution.

This by-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town boards and commissions. This by-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

#### **§XX-2 Definitions.**

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following: farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil; dairying; production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities; growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations; raising of livestock including horses; keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and keeping and raising of poultry, cattle, swine, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following: operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town; control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organisms of plants and animals; application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides; conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm; processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto; maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of agricultural products; and on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

#### **§XX-3 Right to Farm Declaration.**

The right to farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Georgetown. The above-described activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant

incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming in the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this by-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

#### **§XX-4 DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION**

Within twenty-one (21) days after the execution of a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of any real estate is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists, for the purchase or exchange of real property, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessory interest in real property, located in Georgetown, the landowner shall present the buyer or occupant with a disclosure notification which states the following:

"It is the policy of Georgetown to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, or other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that may cause noise, dust or odors. Buyers and occupants are also informed that the location of property within Georgetown may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances."

A copy of the disclosure notification shall be signed by the landowner prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of real property. A copy of the disclosure notification must be filed with the Board of Selectmen prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. In addition, the Town may mail a copy of this disclosure notification to all landowners once each fiscal year by inclusion in its mailing of real estate or excise taxes.

Any violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$300 and shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen or its designee. The Town is authorized to enforce this section under the non-criminal disposition provision of G.L. c.40, §21D.

#### **§XX-5 Resolution of Disputes.**

The Town hereby designates the Board of Selectmen to serve as facilitator and advocate for encouraging the pursuit of farming and agriculture in Georgetown, and to promote agricultural-based economic



opportunities in the Town, which shall work with Town officials and boards to promote and protect agricultural interests.

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending on the nature of the grievance. The filing of a grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved person may have. The Board of Selectmen shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance within an agreed upon time frame. The Zoning Enforcement Officer may forward a copy of any grievance to the Board of Selectmen for review. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Board of Selectmen, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

**§XX-6 Severability Clause.**

If any part of this by-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this by-law. The Town of Georgetown hereby declares the provisions of this by-law to be severable.

**Article 15: Amendment to Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 165, Reduced Frontage Residential Lots**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Chapter 165 Zoning, by adding the following language to Article I and Article II:

Article I: General Provisions, Section 165-7 Definitions and word usage, to add a new subsection (6) as follows:

(6) Reduced Frontage Residential Lot. A lot in the RA, RB, or RC zoning districts having no less than 50 feet of frontage and three times the minimum area and Continuous Building Area required at the time the lot was created.

Article II: Use and Intensity Schedules, Section 165-11, Attachment 3, Intensity of Use Schedule, to add Note 19 into the table section "Minimum Lot Requirements" after "Frontage (feet)" and adding the following below the list of NOTES:

19. In the RA, RB, and RC Zone, required frontage shall be reduced to 50 feet provided that the lot has three times the minimum area and Continuous Building Area required at the time the lot was created.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16: Amendment to Zoning Bylaws, Article XIII: Special Permits and Site Plan Review, Section 165-75 (ATM 24-16)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Article XIII: Special Permits and Site Plan Review, Section 165-75: Lapse of Special Permit, to delete the text shown in strike-through and add the text shown in bold italics, as set forth below:

A special permit shall lapse within ~~two~~ ***three*** years from the grant thereof if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the case of permit for construction if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause. Such ~~two~~ ***three*** years shall be extended by the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal from the grant thereof to the Land Court or Superior Court under law. (MGL c. 40A, § 17).

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17: MBTA Zoning (ATM 24-17)

Article VIII § 165-60-: MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District (MCMOD)

**A. Purpose**

The purpose of the MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District (MCMOD) is to allow multi-family housing as of right in accordance with Section 3A of the Zoning Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A).

**B. Establishment and Applicability**

This MCMOD is an overlay district having a land area of approximately 64.41 acres in size that is superimposed over the underlying zoning district(s) and is shown on the Zoning Map.

1. **Applicability of MCMOD.** An applicant may develop multi-family housing located within a MCMOD in accordance with the provisions of this § 165-60.
2. **Underlying Zoning.** The MCMOD is an overlay district superimposed on underlying zoning districts. The regulations for use, dimension, and all other provisions of the Zoning Bylaw governing the respective underlying zoning district(s) shall remain in full force, except for uses allowed as of right or by special permit in the MCMOD. Uses that are not identified in § 165-60 are governed by the requirements of the underlying zoning district(s).
3. **Sub-districts.** The MCMOD contains the following sub-districts, all of which are shown on the MCMOD Boundary Map:
  - a. Downtown Core District, which is generally comprised of certain parcels along the intersection of Routes 97 & 133;
  - b. Downtown – Upper District, which is generally comprised of certain parcels north of the intersection of Routes 97 & 133;
  - c. Downtown – Lower District, which is generally comprised of certain parcels south of the intersection of Routes 97 & 133.

### C. Definitions.

For purposes of this Section -- the following definitions shall apply.

1. **Applicant.** A person, business, or organization that applies for a building permit, Site Plan Review, or Special Permit.
2. **As of right.** Development that may proceed under the Zoning in place at time of application without the need for a special permit, variance, zoning amendment, waiver, or other discretionary zoning approval.
3. **Building coverage.** The maximum area of the lot that can be attributed to the footprint of the buildings (principal and accessory) on that lot. Building Coverage does not include surface parking.
4. **Lot.** An area of land with definite boundaries that is used or available for use as the site of a building or buildings.
5. **Lot Coverage.** The percentage of the plot or lot area covered by the building, paved area, surface parking, or other built structures.
6. **MBTA.** Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
7. **Mixed-use development.** Development containing a mix of residential and commercial uses.
8. **Dwelling, Multi-Family.** A building designed for, or containing, three (3) or more dwelling units.
9. **Dwelling, Two-Family.** A building designed for or containing two (2) dwelling units.
10. **Open space.** Contiguous undeveloped land within a parcel boundary.
11. **Parking, surface.** One or more parking spaces without a built structure above the space. A solar panel designed to be installed above a surface parking space does not count as a built structure for the purposes of this definition.
12. **Permit Granting Authority.** The Permit Granting Authority shall include the Planning Board for the issuance of permits.
13. **Residential dwelling unit.** A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.
14. **Section 3A.** Section 3A of the Zoning Act.
15. **Site plan review authority.** The Planning Board shall have authority over site plan review
16. **Sub-district.** An area within the MCMOD that is geographically smaller than the MCMOD district and differentiated from the rest of the district by use, dimensional standards, or development standards.

### D. Permitted Uses

1. **Uses Permitted as of Right.** The following uses are permitted as of right within the MCMOD:
  - a. Multi-family housing.
  - b. Two-Family dwellings.
  - c. Business uses as allowed in the "Business and Commercial A" (CA) district, as shown in 165 attachment 2 "Use Regulations Schedule, when part of a mixed-use development and located on the ground floor.

### E. Dimensional Standards

1. **Table of Dimensional Standards.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Zoning, the dimensional requirements applicable in the MCMOD are as follows:

Standard	Downtown Core	Downtown – Upper & Lower
Lot Size (square feet)		
Minimum	5,000	5,000
Height		



Stories (Maximum)	3	2
Feet (Maximum)	40	35
Open Space		
Minimum Open Space	40%	50%
Max Lot Coverage	60%	50%
Setbacks (feet)		
Front yard setback	0	20
Rear yard setback	10	10
Side yard setback 1	0	15
Side yard setback 2	0	15
Parking		
Minimum # of parking spaces per unit	1 per one bedroom or studio 2 per two bedroom or greater	1 per one bedroom or studio 2 per two bedroom or greater
Density (Dwelling units per acre)		
Density, Maximum	20 units per acre	

2. **Multi-Building Lots.** In the MCMOD, lots may have more than one principal building.
3. **Exceptions.** Limitations of height shall not apply to flagpoles, chimneys, radio and television antennae, windmills, silos, water tanks, public utility structures, solar panels, and similar non-inhabitable structures.

#### F. Off-Street Parking

These parking requirements are applicable to development in the MCMOD.

1. **Number of parking spaces.** The following minimum numbers of off-street parking spaces shall be permitted by use, either in surface parking or within garages or other structures:
  - a. 1 space per studio or 1 bedroom dwelling unit, 2 spaces per two bedroom or greater

#### G. Site Plan Review

1. **Applicability.** Site plan review is required for a project that proposes 3 or more dwelling units. An application for site plan review shall be reviewed by the Permit Granting Authority.
2. **Requirements.** As part of any application for Site Plan Review for a project within the MCMOD, the Applicant must adhere to Article 13, Section 165-83 of this zoning bylaw.

#### H. Affordability Requirements

1. All requirements of § 165-71, "Inclusionary Housing Balance Bylaw" of this zoning bylaw shall apply to this section 165-70.

#### I. Design Guidelines

1. The Planning Board may adopt and amend, by simple majority vote, Design Standards which shall be applicable to all rehabilitation, redevelopment, or new construction within the MCMOD. Such Design Guidelines must be objective and not subjective and may only address the scale and proportions of buildings, the alignment, width, and grade of streets and sidewalks, the type and location of infrastructure, the location of building and garage entrances, off street parking, the protection of significant natural site features, the location and design of on-site open spaces, exterior signs, and buffering in relation to adjacent properties. Design Guidelines may contain graphics illustrating a particular standard or definition in order to make such standard or definition clear and understandable.



**Article 18: Water Borrowing Authorization (ATM 24-18)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$22,900,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading the West Street Water Treatment Plant, including the addition of treatment filters, clearwell, and associated facility updates, and all incidental and related costs, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners; and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Water Commissioners and Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, for said purpose with debt service payments to be made from the Water Enterprise Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 19: Community Preservation (ATM 24-19)**

**Article 19(A): Community Preservation General Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate, pursuant to G.L. 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 2025; and further, pursuant to G.L. 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 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 2025 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act projects or purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

**Reservations:**

\$130,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for open space, including land for recreational use; and

\$130,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for historic resources; and

\$130,000 (>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 19(B): Community Preservation Open Space / Recreational Land Category, "American Legion Park Bandstand Electrical Service"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve Account the amount of \$17,000.00 (Seventeen thousand dollars) to design and upgrade the electrical systems for the American Legion Park Bandstand, including all incidental or related costs; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, and the Georgetown Park and Recreation Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this rehabilitation 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 19(C): Community Preservation Open Space / Recreational Land Category, "Perley School ADA"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Account the amount of \$205,168.34 (Two hundred five thousand one hundred sixty eight dollars and thirty four cents) and from the Undesignated account the amount of \$20,831.66 (Twenty Thousand eight hundred thirty one dollars and sixty six cents), for a total appropriation of \$226,000.00 (Two hundred twenty six thousand dollars), to fund the engineering, permitting and construction of improvements as recommended by the Georgetown Park and Recreation Commission, for the rehabilitation of the Perley Playground, including but not limited to, improved accessibility, improved site access, additional structures and features, and all incidental and related costs; all improvements are to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable 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 facility. 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 19(D): Community Preservation Open Space / Recreational Land Category “OSRP Update”.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to transfer the unused funds remaining from appropriations approved under Article 17 of the June 2, 2003 Annual Town Meeting (Cp\_app\_007 Rec Field Search Funds) in the amount of \$250.00 (Two hundred fifty dollars), under Article 30 of the May 3, 2004 Annual Town Meeting (Cp\_app\_014 Trails and Access Preservation) in the amount of \$4,464.25 (Four thousand four hundred sixty four and twenty five cents), and under Article 20 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting (Cp\_app\_020 Trails and Access Preservation) in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars), and to appropriate an additional \$50,285.75 (Fifty Thousand two hundred eighty five dollars and seventy five cents) from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account, for a total appropriation of \$65,000 (Sixty five thousand dollars), to fund an update of the Town’s currently expired Open Space and Recreation Plan; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with the update. 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 19(E): Community Preservation Open Space / Recreational Land Category “Perley School Fitness Court”.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate \$120,000.00 (One hundred twenty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account to design and install a fitness court at the Perley School grounds, including all incidental and related costs, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, 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 this project. 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 19(F): Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category, “ALP and Penn Brook Field Lighting”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate \$200,000.00 (Two hundred thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account to fund the replacement of the 26 existing 1000-watt metal handle lights and replacement of the circuit breaker panel at American Legion Park, and the replacement of 45 existing 1000-watt metal handle lights at the Penn Brook baseball/softball fields, including all incidental and related costs; the new lighting will be LED energy efficient fixtures to meet current codes and specifications; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Park and Recreation Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the associated costs of this project. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (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 19(G): Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, “Peabody Library Storage Buildout”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. 44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account the amount of \$85,826.00 (Eighty-five thousand eight hundred twenty six dollars), and transfer the amount of \$4,174.00 (Four thousand one hundred seventy four dollars) remaining from the appropriation approved under Article 14 at the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting (Cp\_app\_015: Erie Four Display Case), for a total appropriation of \$90,000 (Ninety thousand dollars), for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Historic Peabody Library Building to finish a rough framed storage area on the third floor, including but not be limited to, sub floor areas, additional insulation if need, wall board, painting, and finish flooring, and all incidental and related costs; all preservation and rehabilitation 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 further, the Board of Selectmen, and the Georgetown Historical Commission, are authorized 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 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 19(H): Community Preservation Community Housing Category, “Affordable Housing Trust Grant”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. 44B, to appropriate the amount of \$132,152.71 (One hundred thirty-two thousand one hundred fifty-two dollars and seventy-one cents) from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account and \$262,847.29 (Two hundred sixty-two thousand eight hundred forty-seven dollars and twenty nine cents) from the Undesignated account. for a total appropriation of \$395,000.00 (Three hundred ninety five thousand dollars), 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.

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, seven days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Amy E. Smith Selectmen  
Benjamin of  
[Signature] Georgetown  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

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.

[Signature]  
Constable of Georgetown  
A true copy of the Warrant and return.

4-29-24  
Date

Attest:

[Signature]  
Town Clerk

