

Town Warrant
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
June 15, 2020

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 15th day of June, 2020 (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 22nd day of June, 2020 (Monday), where the polls will be open from 10 o'clock A.M. until 6 o'clock P.M., to vote by ballot for the following officers: one Housing Authority Member for two years; two Selectmen, one Assessor, two School Committee Members, one Light Commissioner, one Water Commissioner, and two Peabody Library Trustees, for three years; and one Planning Board Member, and one Housing Authority Member for five years.

Article 1: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM20-01)

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

Article 2: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM20-02)

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, 2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 3: Fund Transfer (ATM20-20)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds to fund Employee Health Insurance Line Item, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 4: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM20-06)

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds 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, 2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 5: Fire Department Ambulance Operating Budget (ATM20-07)

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, 2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: Local Access Programming (ATM20-08)

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for salaries and \$25,000 for expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 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 7: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM20-09)

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, 2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM20-10)

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$305,440 (Three hundred five thousand four hundred forty 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.

Article 9: Amend General Bylaws, Chapter 121 (ATM20-17)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 121 of the Town's General Bylaws, Revolving Funds, by adding the language shown in bold as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto.

§121-1 Establishment.

There are hereby established in the Town of Georgetown pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, the following Revolving Funds:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUND
Zoning Board of Appeals	Applicants' fees	Zoning Board of Appeals	Application review, including but not limited to review services, clerical, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies

Conservation Commission – Camp Denison	Program fees, facilities use charges and outside vendor charges	Conservation Commission	Maintaining support of the land and facilities, including, but not limited to utilities, seasonal staff, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies; supporting local educational programs and outreach programs; marketing and improvements
Fire Alarm	Annual fees charged for connection for municipal fire alarm system	Fire Department	Maintaining municipal fire alarm system
Inspections Department	Fees associated with electronic permit tracking software	Inspections Department	Funding permit tracking software fees, training, computer upgrades, data storage and electronic data conversion of existing paper files, and contract work associated with the electronic permitting system

§121-2 Expenditure Limitations.

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

And, further, to set the fiscal year spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

Program or Purpose	Fiscal Year Spending Limit
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$20,000.00
Conservation Commission – Camp Denison	\$60,000.00

Fire Alarm	\$14,000.00
Inspections Department	\$16,000.00

, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: Accept General Laws Chapter 41, Section 110A (Town Clerk) (ATM20-11)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.41, §110A, which provides that any public office in Town may remain closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time, and as a result, the provisions of G.L. c.4, §9 apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday, or take any other action in relation thereto.

A majority vote is required to approve this article.

Article 11: Accept General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A (Treasurer/Tax Collector) (ATM20-15)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A, which establishes an alternative procedure for disposing of abandoned funds held in the custody of the Town, allowing expedited treatment of uncashed checks, or take any other action in relation thereto.

A majority vote is required to approve this article.

Article 12: Acquisition of Right of Way for Border to Boston Recreational Trail (Rail Trail Committee) (ATM20-12)

To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, for recreational trail purposes, the fee, long-term leases, permanent recreational trail easements, and temporary and/or permanent construction, drainage, utility and related easements as may be necessary or appropriate to construct and use a recreational trail in, on and under a portion or portions of the parcel or parcels of land identified on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Border to Boston Trail in the Towns of Boxford & Georgetown Essex County,” dated January 27, 2020, a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, as said plan may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan; (b) transfer the care, custody and control of a portion or portions of the Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforesaid plan from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for recreational trail purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit petitions to the General Court to allow the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions; and, further, (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and

execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing purposes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

A 2/3rd vote is required to approve this article.

Article 13: Community Preservation (CPC) (ATM20-13)

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 2021 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 2021; and further, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §6, to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues 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 2021 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act projects or purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

Reservations:

\$90,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for open space, including land for recreational use; and

\$90,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for historic resources; and

\$90,000 (>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.

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 \$86,000.00 (Eighty Six Thousand Dollars) 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

C: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, “Peabody Library History Room Enclosures”

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 \$25,700.00 (Twenty Five Thousand dollars) to enhance the safety and preservation of the local historical collection by replacing the current open shelving in the History Room with wall-length cases having glass doors which can be secured; closed shelving will serve the purpose of a) keeping stored materials free of dust and other contaminants; b) controlling access to the irreplaceable historic materials when the room is in use; and c) providing a more dust free environment to the patrons using the room; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Peabody Library Trustees, 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 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve 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.

D: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, “Historic Perley Building ADA Doors”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$16,000.00 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) to provide ADA access to the bathrooms and emergency exits at the Georgetown Senior Community Center located in the historic Perley Building with the purchase and installation of two automatic low-energy door openers and four Rim Panic Exit Devices and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, 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 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.

E: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, “Camp Denison Fire Suppression”.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account the amount of \$22,000.00 (Twenty-Two Thousand dollars) for the purpose of providing funding for the costs related to the installation of a fire suppression system for the kitchen at the Camp Denison lodge; 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.

F: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, “ Perley School Preservation”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserves Account the amount of \$26,300.00 (Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred dollars) and from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account the amount of \$32,625.00 (Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five dollars), for a total appropriation of \$58,925.00 (Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five dollars), for preservation work to the Historic Perley Building, which includes but is not limited to, exterior repairs and painting of the soffits, moldings, louvers, handrails, doors, and including all incidental and related costs, such as costs associated with equipment rentals necessary to accomplish work; 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 further, the Board of Selectmen, Georgetown School Committee, 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 preservation 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.

G: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category “Open Space Pond Preservation – testing and treatment”.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account the amount of \$25,640.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty dollars) for the purpose of funding comprehensive testing and management of cyanobacteria and other invasive species by the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and the Highway Surveyor in order to preserve and protect Pentucket Pond, and Rock Pond and their associated hydrological connections from injury or harm caused by invasive species of harmful aquatic biota; and further to restore, rehabilitate and preserve said ponds, and any hydrological conveyance associated with the ponds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and Highway Surveyor to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for this preservation 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.

H: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category, “Universal Access Trails Feasibility Survey”.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account the amount of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to fund a study for the identification of the optimum location for, and the design and development of, a Universal Access Trail to be created

on existing Conservation and Active Recreational Town Lands, including the costs incidental and related to the engineering, legal, permitting, and development of the ultimate location; the study shall include, but is not be limited to, preparation of an analysis of the potential physical, environmental, and property ownership constraints, as well as the opportunities and advantages affecting different sites for the development of trails, and will be developed in relation to the existing 2019 Open Space Linkage Analysis report (OSLA) and Trail grading, materials, and amenities, and designed to accommodate universal access, including access for wheelchairs and those who are visually impaired; said trail will be developed for the broader goal of establishing a community open space network and an economic development plan to attract visitors to the area by highlighting Georgetown's natural splendor as well as to enhance the quality of life for Georgetown residents and visitors; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Conservation Commission, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this study; 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.

I: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category, “Arboreal Initiative”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account to fund an Arboreal Initiative that shall include, but not be limited to, the performance of tree assessments; the cropping, trimming, and or removal of trees, as deemed necessary; and the replacement of removed trees on any municipal lands owned by Georgetown in an effort to preserve the green space and aesthetic values of our public properties; the species and size of the replacement trees to be determined by the location and appropriate growth and development potential of the replacement trees at any assessed and identified location; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and the Tree Warden, 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 (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.