

**Town Warrant**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 5, 2008**

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 Penn Brook School Gymnasium in said Town, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008 (Monday) to act on Article 1 of this warrant for which polls will be open from 8 o'clock A.M. until 8 o'clock P.M., and to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School on the 5th day of May, 2008 (Monday) at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the remaining articles of this warrant:

**Article 1: Annual Town Election (ATM08-01)**

To vote by ballot for the following officers: one Selectman, one Assessor, two Library Trustees, one Light Commissioner, one Water Commissioner, and two School Committee members each for three years; one Planning Board Member and one member of the Georgetown Housing Authority each for five years, and to vote on the following questions:

**Ballot Questions**

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$45,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of purchasing and equipping two vans for the use of the School Department, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**QUESTION 2**

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$43,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of purchasing two heavy duty copiers, for the School Department, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**QUESTION 3**

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$60,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of purchasing security upgrades at the Middle-High School, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$91,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**QUESTION 5**

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$125,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of repair/replacement of the roof at the Public Safety Building, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**QUESTION 6**

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to assess an additional \$50,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of repair/replacement of the roof at the Old Highway Garage, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**QUESTION 7**

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2008 entitled “An Act Providing for an Increase in the Georgetown Board of Selectmen from Three to Five Members,” be accepted?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Article 2: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM08-02)**

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

**Article 3: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM08-03)**

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, 2008, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 4: Stabilization Fund (ATM08-04)**

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

**Article 5: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM08-05)**

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, 2008, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Consent calendar Article 6-12**

**Article 6: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM08-06)**

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, 2008, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 7: Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund (ATM08-007)**

To see if the Town will vote to continue the Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be

funded by applicants' fees to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of application review including, but not limited to review services, clerical, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies. The Zoning Board of Appeals may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$ 20,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 8: Road Machinery Fund (ATM08-008)**

To see if the Town will vote to continue the Road Machinery Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by payments for rental of Highway machinery and shall be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of purchasing highway equipment. The Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$25,000, or the balance in the account, whichever is lesser, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 9: Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison (ATM08-009)**

To see if the Town will vote to continue a Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by program fees, facility use charges and outside vendor charges to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the support of the land and facilities including, but not limited to utilities, seasonal staff, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies. The Conservation Commission may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$9,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 10: Local Access Programming (ATM08-010)**

To see if the Town will vote to continue a Cable Television Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by the Annual License Fee and the PEG Capital Funding (Section 7.4 of the contract) paid by Comcast and Verizon to the Town to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of Local Access Programming, including but not limited to, utilities, salaries, equipment, maintenance and office supplies. The Cable Advisory Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 11: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM08-011)**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$222,538, 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 12: Fire Department, Fire Alarm Revolving Fund (ATM08-012)**

To see if the Town will vote to continue a Georgetown Fire Department Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by the annual fees charged for connection to the Municipal Fire Alarm system to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the Municipal Fire Alarm System. The Fire Department may expend from the account an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 13: School Department Appropriation, Transportation Vans (ATM08-039)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$45,000 to purchase and equip two vans for the use of the School Department, including all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to approve a capital expenditure exclusion to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½), Proposition 2 ½ so called, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: Increases in local property taxes for the purposes of funding a Capital Expenditure Exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½) are limited to a single fiscal year.*

**Article 14: School Department Appropriation, Heavy Duty Copiers (ATM08-040)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$43,000 for the purchase of two heavy duty copiers for the purpose of establishing a centralized copy center for the School Department, including all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to approve a capital expenditure exclusion to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½), Proposition 2 ½ so called, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: Increases in local property taxes for the purposes of funding a Capital Expenditure Exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½) are limited to a single fiscal year.*

**Article 15: School Department Appropriation, Middle/High School Security Improvements (ATM08-041)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$60,000 for the purchase security upgrades at the Middle-High School, including all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to approve a capital expenditure exclusion to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½), Proposition 2 ½ so called, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: Increases in local property taxes for the purposes of funding a Capital Expenditure Exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½) are limited to a single fiscal year.*

**Article 16: Fire Department Override, Wages (ATM08-042)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an additional amount of \$91,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operation of the Fire Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008, provided that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (g), Proposition 2 ½ so called, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: Increases in local property taxes for the purposes of funding a Levy Limit Override under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (g) become part of the base for calculating future years' levy limits (i.e., are not limited to a single fiscal year).*

**Article 17: Public Safety, Roof Replacement (ATM08-017)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 for the repair/replacement of the roof at the public safety building, including all costs

incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to approve a capital expenditure exclusion to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½), Proposition 2 ½ so called, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: Increases in local property taxes for the purposes of funding a Capital Expenditure Exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½) are limited to a single fiscal year.*

**Article 18: Old Highway Garage, Roof Replacement (ATM08-019)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the repair/replacement of the roof at the old highway garage, including all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to approve a capital expenditure exclusion to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½), Proposition 2 ½ so called, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: Increases in local property taxes for the purposes of funding a Capital Expenditure Exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, § 21 C (i ½) are limited to a single fiscal year.*

**Article 19: Public Safety, Incident & Report Generation System (ATM08-016)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$115,000, for the purpose of replacing the incident and report generation system in the police/public safety dispatch area, or take any other action thereon.

**Article 20: Energy Conservation Improvements (ATM08-033)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of engineering, purchase, and installation of energy conservation related equipment to be installed at various town buildings, or take any other action thereon.

**Article 21: Highway Department, lease of brush machine (ATM08-018)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to purchase, lease or lease/purchase a brush cutting machine, for a period up to or exceeding three years, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for such purchase or lease, or take any other action related thereto.

**Article 22: Ladder Truck Payment (ATM08-027)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$77,000 for the Fiscal Year 2009 lease payment for the Fire Department ladder truck, or take any other action thereon.

**Article 23: Union Cemetery Maintenance (ATM08-024)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of maintenance and repair of the Union Cemetery, East Main Street, or take any other action thereon.

**Article 24: Cultural Council (ATM08-013)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$875 for the support of the function/operations of the Georgetown Cultural Council, or take any other action thereon.

**Article 25: Citizens Petition (ATM08-031)**

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Chapter 161, Wetlands Protection, of the Town Code

**Article 26: Citizens Petition Affordable Housing Trust Fund (no bylaw or ordinance) (ATM08-032)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 55C, establishing a trust to be known as the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust Fund whose purpose shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town for the benefit of low and moderate income households; appointment of the Board of Trustees and the authority of said Board shall all be as set forth in G.L. c.44, §55C, provided, however, that any member of the Board of Trustees may be removed for cause after the opportunity for a hearing; and further, that the Board of Trustees shall provide for an independent annual audit of the books and records of the Trust, and upon receipt of the audit by the Board of Trustees, a copy shall be provided forthwith to the Board of Selectmen, *and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute a Declaration of Trust and Certificate of Trust consistent with the provisions above and with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §55C*, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 27: Community Preservation Committee (ATM08-020)**

**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 2009 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 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 2009; and further to reserve for future appropriation a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for open space, historic resources, and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the 2009 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes; and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto,

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>Source of Appropriation</b>
	<b>Appropriations:</b>		
A	To fund, for historic resources purposes, the restoration and preservation of the Samuel Brocklebank Museum and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with the Georgetown Historical Society setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of the Samuel Brocklebank Museum grant to the Town a historic preservation restriction in said museum, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restriction; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of approval hereof shall be returned to the Historic Resources	\$47,000	\$47,000 from Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve

	Reserve Fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the such expenditures the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;		
B	To fund, for historic resources purposes, a survey to document historic structures as proposed by the Georgetown Master Plan to be included in the Massachusetts Historical Commission Inventory, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission; provided, however, that 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 Historic Reserve 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;	\$20,000	\$20,000 from Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve
C	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the historic restoration and preservation of Harry Murch Park through the undertaking of the site preparation work necessary therefor, and further, to relocate memorials currently located a said park to the Historic Veterans Memorial Green at Jackman and Warren Streets and to properly provide for their preservation, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission and the Town Highway Department; provided, however, that 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;	\$150,000	\$115,000 from Community Preservation Undesignated Account; \$35,000 from Community Preservation Historic Reserve
D	<p>To fund, for open space and land for recreational use, the acquisition and related appraisal, survey and legal costs associated with the purchase of two parcels of land as follows: the first parcel of approximately 4.51 acres, identified as Assessors Map 16, Lot 11F, and as described in Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 11034, page 0597; and a second parcel of approximately 10 acres, identified as Assessors Map 16, Lot 12, and as described in Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 07328, page 0507; such parcels to be managed and controlled by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Georgetown;</p> <p>and further to provide for the costs of the engineering, permitting, development and legal expenses necessary to create an Active Recreational Municipal Utility on said parcels;</p> <p>and further, that the Board of Selectmen, Community Preservation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission, as appropriate, be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, and apply for and accept any grants to defer the costs associated with the purchase and development of the parcels necessary to effectuate this vote;</p> <p>and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 § 31, as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B as amended, to any organization qualified and willing to hold</p>	\$315,000	\$315,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account

	such a restriction in accordance with M.G.L.c. 44B; 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;		
E	To fund, for historic restoration and rehabilitation purposes, the four historic cabins at Camp Denison to provide ADA access and use of these facilities; 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;	\$5,000	\$5,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account
F	To fund, for open space and land for recreational use purposes, the creation of a recreational path, to be expended under the direction of The Recreational Path Committee,, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any instruments and apply for and accept any grants that may be available for this project; provided, however, that 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;	\$250,000	\$250,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account
	<b>Project Appropriation Subtotal</b>	<b>\$787,000</b>	
G	Administrative Expenses of CPC	\$25,000	\$25,000 from CPA FY09 Estimated Revenue
	<b>Administrative Expenses Appropriation Subtotal</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	
H	Open Space Reserve	\$65,000	\$65,000 from CPA FY09 Estimated Revenue
I	Historic Resources Reserve	\$65,000	\$65,000 from CPA FY09 Estimated Revenue
J	Community Housing Reserve	\$65,000	\$65,000 from CPA FY09 Estimated Revenue
	<b>Reserves Subtotal</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,007,000</b>	

### Explanation:

This article proposes projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The descriptions of the proposed projects/actions are contained below:

- Samuel Brocklebank Museum** – The Captain Samuel Brocklebank Museum, home of the Georgetown Historical Society, believed to have been built in the 1660's, displays Georgetown's early artifacts and furnishings .Early portions of the house represent one of the oldest structures in Georgetown today. The red cedar roof shingles have deteriorated over the years, and water damage is now staining and destroying the



inside walls. The roof replacement is now required, in order to preserve the structure. Some of the exterior clapboards on the main house, as well as the attached ell need replacement, in addition to sealing and painting the building.

- **Historic Resources Survey** – This item provides for the necessary funding for the research of historic properties, creating reports of these properties and their inclusion in the MA Historical Commission Inventory. Identification, evaluation and protection of historic properties are the primary goals of the Historical Commission and the creation of the survey is the required first step in the preservation process. The inclusion of properties in the MA Historical Commission Inventory serves as the basis for National Register Nominations and the establishment of Historic Districts which are necessary to qualify for grants from the MA Historical Commission. The Georgetown Master Plan includes the creation of Historic Districts and the Historical Commission is seeking to comply with these recommendations.
- **Harry Murch Park** - This item provides the funding for the construction activities required in the preliminary phase of site preparation for Harry Murch Park. For the purposes of this project, we define the preliminary construction phase as the removal of the existing bituminous walk, bench pads, benches and adjacent trees, the salvaging of the monuments and flagpole, raising the existing concrete cover in lawn, all aspects of grading including filling the site to an appropriate grade and stabilizing the site by establishing a lawn and installing an irrigation system. This item also provides funding to allow the Highway Department to move the Veterans' Monuments currently located at Harry Murch Park to the Veterans' Memorial Green at the intersection of Warren and Jackman Streets. This will allow for a secure location where the Veterans' Monuments can be appropriately and prominently displayed, since Harry Murch Park will be inaccessible during the site preparation phase of the construction sequence. The safe relocation of those Memorials, as well as additional steps necessary to provide for the preservation of the Memorials and the Veterans' Green are also provided for.
- **Acquisition of Land for Development of Active Recreational Use** - This item proposes acquisition of two parcels of land and development thereof for active recreation purposes. The 2007 Master Plan for the Town of Georgetown identified the need for 40 acres of additional Active Recreational Lands that would be required to serve the town's existing and ever growing population. The acquisition of these proposed parcels is the first step towards satisfying that need.
- **ADA Upgrades for Camp Denison Cabins** – The Camping Cabins at Camp Denison are not currently ADA accessible. This article will provide funding to allow the volunteers at the camp to make 4 of them comply with ADA standards.
- **Creation of Recreational Path** –
  - Mass Highway has formally notified the Georgetown Board of Selectmen of a \$960,000 commitment towards the preliminary (25%) design of the entire Border to Boston Multi-use trail from Salisbury to Danvers.
  - The bidding process for the preliminary (25%) design is currently in process and is expected to be awarded before the end of 2008.
  - The 25% preliminary design is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.
  - Each town is responsible for acquiring the rights to the former RR right-of-way and must be formalized pending the results of the 25% design.(This work is underway as part of Phase II of the project)
  - Should the project qualify for final design and construction with Federal funds, it is possible that Georgetown may be responsible for approximately 10% of the project costs.
  - The current estimates for Georgetown based on the Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike Study are: Construction \$4.4; Final Design - \$330K; & Preliminary (25%) Design \$220K.
  - Therefore to be financially prepared for this obligation, \$250,000 is requested for a FY2009 appropriation. The obligation balance will be requested at the next town meeting for a FY2010 appropriation.

- The funds will be spent on satisfying the local match and outstanding acquisition expenses. If a local match is not required, funds will be placed back into the CPC account.
- **Administrative Expenses** – The CPA authorizes the appropriation of up to 5% of the FY09 estimated annual revenues to be appropriated for the expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.
- **Open Space Reserve** – The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of FY09 estimated annual revenues be spent or set aside for Open Space purposes.
- **Historic Resources Reserve** – The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of FY09 estimated annual revenues be spent or set aside for Historic Resources purposes.
- **Community Housing Reserve** – The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of FY09 estimated annual revenues be spent or set aside for Community Housing purposes.

**Article 28: Senior Citizen Tax Exemption (ATM08-014)**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provision of G.L. c.59, section 5, clause 41C to adjust the eligibility limits for exemptions granted under MGL Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C by reducing the qualifying age from 70 to 65, and/or by increasing the “Whole Estate” limits from \$28,000 to \$40,000 if single, and from \$30,000 to \$55,000 if married, to be effective in the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2008, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 29: Senior Citizen Property Tax Abatement (ATM08-015)**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the sum of money included in the overlay account from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the purpose of providing Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off abatements for Fiscal Year 2009, which work-off abatement program was authorized by the Town’s acceptance of G.L. c.59, §5K, thereby increasing the size of the program from 10 to 20 participants, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 30: Fire Department Establish, “Strong Fire Chief” (ATM08-030)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request the General Court to not take action on and withdraw Senate Bill 2343 "An Act Providing for the Establishment of a Strong Fire Chief In the Town of Georgetown", and further that the Town accept G.L. c.48, §§42, 43, and 44, the so-called “Strong Fire Chief” statute, which establishes a fire department under the control of an officer to be known as the Chief of the Fire Department, or take any other action related thereto.