

**Annual Town Meeting Minutes
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.

Town moderator, David Surface called the meeting to order at 7:04PM once a quorum was met. He called upon Joseph A. Bonavita, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen to lead the Annual Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Selectman, Douglas W. Dawes was called on to offer invocation. Police Chief Donald Cudmore states we are at capacity at 7:09PM.

David Surface, thanks the election workers Beverly Knapp, Gladie Kneeland, Janice Murphy, Marie Collins, Cris Candia, Kate Semedei and Sandra Gerraughty who will be the assistant town moderator for the night.

The moderator announces Ed Dobie, chairman of the Finance Committee, is retiring and he is thanked for his leadership and service to the town.

David Surface referenced Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 15 that it was his responsibility to preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order and that under Section 17 he had the authority to remove anyone due to disorderly behavior.

Town moderator asks to entertain a motion to appoint Sandra Gerraughty as assistant moderator. Harry LaCortiglia makes a motion to appoint Sandra Gerraughty and Joseph Bonavita seconds the motion. Motion carries.

The moderator proposes a 5-minute time limit. Harry LaCortiglia makes the motion. Selectman David Twiss seconds the motion.

VOTE: The town voted YES

2/3 Vote

David Surface asks to entertain the motion to adjourn Annual Town meeting and convene the Special Town Meeting. Steve Epstein of the Finance Committee makes the motion and Selectman David Twiss seconds the motion. Motion carries. The Special Town Meeting was convened and subsequently dissolved and the body then re-convened to the Annual Town Meeting.

The following non-residents attended the meeting:

John Cashell, Town Planner

Jonathan Eichman, Town Counsel

Carol Jacobs, Superintendent

Bryan McGonigle, Georgetown Reporter

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

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

Passed over by David Twiss

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.

Steve Epstein made the motion and it was seconded by David Twiss that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of, \$31,806,695 by transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund the sum of \$271,147 transfer from Septic Betterment the sum of \$21,060 transfer from the Community Preservation Reserve for Debt Service the sum of \$175,600, transfer from bond premium account the sum of \$75,504 and transfer from free cash the sum of \$108,163 for a total appropriation of \$32,458,169 to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, including support of the Town's public schools, Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, and Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the line items and Finance Committee and Advisory Board's report to the June 15, 2020, Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

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 3 is passed over by the Finance Committee.

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.

Marlene Ladderbush makes the motion and is seconded by Wayne Snow that the Town appropriate \$2,035,700 from Water Department Enterprise Fund FY2021 revenues and \$282,574 from Water Department Enterprise Retained Earnings for the operational and capital expenses of the Water Department under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners in accordance with the Water Department budget as shown in the Finance & Advisory Board's Report to the June 15, 2020 Annual Town Meeting report for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, such that a total of \$271,147 is appropriated for the Water Department's share of the indirect operating cost as appropriated under Article 2, a total of \$1,847,127 is appropriated for the Water Department's direct operating expenses, and a total of \$200,000 is appropriated for the Water Department's FY2021 capital expenses.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Fire Chief Fred Mitchel makes a motion and it is seconded by Joseph Bonavita that the Town appropriate \$363,095 (Three hundred sixty three thousand, and ninety five dollars) from the Fire Department Ambulance Enterprise Fund FY2021 revenues, for the total operational expenses of \$363,095 (Three hundred sixty three thousand, and ninety five dollars), under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, in accordance with the Fire Department ambulance budget as shown in the Finance & Advisory Board's Report to the June 15, 2020 Annual Town Meeting report for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Wayne Snow makes a motion to vote Article 6, 7 and 8 as one vote. David Twiss seconds the motion. Robert Kelly asks to hold on 7. Wayne Snow moves that the Town vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$75,000 for salaries and \$25,000 for expenses relating to provision of PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. David Twiss seconds the motion.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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 7 separate motion. Wayne Snow made a motion, seconded by Steve Epstein to approve Article 7 as printed in the warrant. A question is asked by Robert Kelly as to the amount of the appropriation.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Motion: Finance and Advisory Board

Wayne Snow Moves to approve Article 8 as printed in the warrant. David Twiss seconds the motion.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Sheila Ruth makes a motion and is seconded by Harry LaCortiglia to approve Article 9 as printed in the warrant.

Finance Committee recommends 5-0.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Sheila Ruth makes the motion and it was seconded by Joseph Bonavita to approve Article 10 as printed in the warrant.

Sheila Ruth says Finance Committee voted to pass.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Sheila Ruth makes the motion and Steve Epstein seconds the motion to approve Article 11 as printed in the warrant.

Finance Committee passes

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Selectman David Twiss makes the motion to approve and is seconded by Harry LaCortiglia to approve Article 12 as printed in the warrant, except that no funds shall be appropriated hereunder for project costs.

VOTE: The town voted YES

2/3 VOTE

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

Harry LaCortiglia make a motion to vote Article 13A-I as one vote. Paul Nelson, from Affordable Housing, a hold is recognized by the Moderator on B and E.

Selectman Gary Fowler seconds the motion with the hold on 13B and 13E to be voted separately.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Motion: CPC (Majority Vote)

Move that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund FY2021 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$21,000 to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year; and further to reserve for future appropriation from FY2021 estimated annual revenues the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: \$90,000 for open space including land for recreational use; \$90,000 for historic resources; and \$90,000 for community housing.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Harry LaCortiglia makes the motion. Selectman, David Twiss seconds the motion that the town vote to approve Article 13(B) and appropriate \$86,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Housing Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant. A question is asked from the body. The Moderator responds. The vote is taken.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Motion: CPC (Majority Vote)

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 13(C) and appropriate \$25,700.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Motion: CPC (Majority Vote)

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 13(D) and appropriate \$16,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Harry LaCortiglia makes the motion that the Town vote to approve Article 13(E) and appropriate \$22,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Gary Fowler seconds the motion.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Motion: CPC (Majority Vote)

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 13(F) and appropriate \$26,300.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account and \$32,625.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account, for a total appropriation of \$58,925.00, for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Motion: CPC (Majority Vote)

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 13(G) and appropriate \$25,640.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Motion: CPC (Majority Vote)

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 13(G) and appropriate \$30,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

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.

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 13(I) and appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

A motion was made to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE: The town voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Annual Town Meeting dissolved at 7:56 PM.

It should be noted, that this Town Meeting occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Voters were seated socially distanced, face masks were urged and offered, as well as other precautionary measures were put into place in collaboration with Chief Donald Cudmore, Lt. Scott Hatch, Michael Anderson, David Surface, advisement from Deborah Rogers of the Board of Health and myself. The prospect of having 217 voters turn up was astounding, as we initially predicted we may not get the quorum of 100 to run the meeting. Thank you to the people of Georgetown and the election workers who helped propel this meeting forward safely.

A True Copy Attest

Kerri A. McManus

Town Clerk

**TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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 said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School, 11 Winter Street, on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget (STM20-01)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY 2020 budget, and as necessary, to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 1 was passed over by Selectman, David Twiss.

Article 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the Snow and Ice deficit FY2020 (STM20-02)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be applied to the FY2020 snow and ice deficit, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Steve Epstein makes the motion and Selectman, Joseph Bonavita seconds the motion to move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,315.26 (One hundred thousand three hundred fifteen dollars and twenty-six cents) to be applied to the FY2020 snow and ice deficit.

VOTE: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

The moderator, David Surface suggests to dissolve special town meeting. Selectman David Twiss makes the motion and Selectman Gary Fowler seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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Kerri A. McManus

Town Clerk