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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

Each year as we prepare this message, members of the Board of Selectmen remark on how busy the year has been. This year was no exception. The Town had four major and continuing problems to deal with: the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, improving Town roads, a protracted legal issue, and how to deal with Town-owned property.

The State required all towns with water frontage (ocean, lake, or stream) to draw up new ordinances covering what can be built and, mostly, what cannot be built in the shoreland. Our Planning Board worked on this project through all of 2007 and 2008 and finally had an ordinance ready for a Special Town Meeting in March 2009. You approved their work, but the State did not. It insisted that we could not use the definition for "developed area" that we have used in Georgetown since 1993. Members of the Planning Board went right back to work, arguing with the State and preparing an appeal.

We appointed a committee to work with the Road Commissioner on how to schedule work on Town roads. At that time, with fuel and asphalt prices going through the roof, the Road Committee proposed a ten-year program of rebuilding and paving Town roads, then said the Town should borrow enough money to complete the whole program in just three years, before the price of asphalt went up again. We approved his priority list for paving, and you approved borrowing the money at last year's Town Meeting. The first three roads to benefit from this program were the Robinhood Road, the Indian Point Road, and the Bay Point Road.

The Town is still involved in a lawsuit against a taxpayer who applied for a permit to build a garage and built one much larger than the one shown in the plans approved by the Planning Board. This case began in 2004 and finally made it to court in 2007. The judge ordered the applicant to get a new permit, but the Planning Board refused to grant a permit without a variance and the Board of Appeals refused to grant a variance.

Town property has been an ongoing concern. The Town acquired a house at the top of the hill in Five Islands. Its former owner, Aleada Pinkham, died years ago and no one paid the taxes on her house, so it became Town-owned. The building was in extremely poor shape. We proposed at the Special Town Meeting in March 2009 to raise funds to remove the building, but the article failed to pass. We also had the Eileen Stevenson lot on

west side of Robinhood Cove surveyed and appraised before we could offer it for sale.

Many changes occurred in the Town Office this year. We bought a fancy new copier that you are welcome to use at the low price of 20 cents a page. We now have handicapped-access doors to the Town Office and to the multipurpose room in the school for elections and public meetings. And we have a new assistant. A number of good candidates applied to take Don Ludgin's job when he retired at the end of June 2009, but we were particularly delighted when the Town Treasurer, Mary McDonald, applied. With her knowledge of the Town's finances, we couldn't have found anyone better. She worked alongside Don in May and June and took over at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

A major change for everyone in Town began this year when crews from the Woolwich contractor Reed & Reed moved the old "Singing Bridge" south of its old place over the Back River and began building a new, wider, quieter bridge to take its place. The new bridge will be finished next year.

One of the things that we as Selectmen are always proud of is the amount of effort you put into governing our Town. As you know, volunteers do much of the work of managing our harbors and waterways, our Transfer Station, and our shellfish resources, to name just three of our hard-working committees. A few receive small stipends for their efforts (such as members of the School Committee and the Town-Owned Property Management Board), but most put in many hours of work for the Town without any pay at all. Part of our work as Selectmen is, as always, to thank the many individuals who cooperate as members of the team that makes Georgetown work. Ours is a wonderful Town, and all the effort you put into it makes it that much better.

Dolores J Pinette
Charles W Collins
Geoffrey W Birdsall
Selectmen



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W. Bruce MacDonald

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MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF GEORGETOWN

Dear Neighbors:

It has been an honor to serve as your state representative in Augusta for the 123rd Legislature and to continue to do so in the 124th Legislature. I appreciate all of the input I have received from your calls, e-mails, at your doors and at community events. It helped me to represent our area during a very difficult legislative session.

Rising fuel prices, a nationwide economic downturn and a slumping housing market have made 2008 a tough year for all Mainers. In Augusta, the Legislature had to balance its budget by cutting nearly \$150 million in state spending, while simultaneously dealing with massive federal cuts. Tough choices had to be made that affected the lives of many people. While we expect a much more responsive federal administration in coming years, the state will still face an even more drastic shrinking of state government in the next biennium.

However, this should not overshadow the many positive things that the 123rd Legislature accomplished. Among them, we passed consumer protection measures that will help protect Maine homeowners from predatory lenders and telephone customers from the deceptive practice of "slamming." We invested in rebuilding roads and bridges, protecting the environment and natural resource-based industries, stimulating research and development, and enhancing higher education. We also protected Maine's environment by banning toxic chemicals, joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and conserving working waterfront and farms.

As the winter looms before us, much of the focus in Augusta has now turned to energy. Even with home heating fuels becoming more affordable many Mainers will struggle to make ends meet this year due to the global economic crisis. I took part in a bipartisan task force which looked for both short- and long-term solutions to our energy insecurity. Its recommendations will require both careful consideration and quick action by the next Legislature.

Working for and with the people of Georgetown continues to be an honor. Whether it is joining in recognizing Hal Bonner at the opening of the Weber-Kelley Preserve, joining in efforts to keep one of the best elementary schools in the state going strong, or fighting to sustain the lobster fishery, I am committed to stand with you in my role as your State Representative.

Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on state issues or if you need assistance with any state government matter. I can be reached at home at 633-0570 or by e-mail at bmacdon@roadrunner.com.

Sincerely,

W. Bruce MacDonald
State Representative

District 61 Arrowsic, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Georgetown, Southport and Westport Island

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COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC

CAROL A. GROSE, COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 2

☞ BOWDOINHAM ☞ GEORGETOWN ☞ PHIPPSBURG ☞ RICHMOND ☞ WOOLWICH ☞

March 2009

Citizens of Sagadahoc County District 2,

I am honored that you have elected me as County Commissioner for District 2. With two months of service behind me, I marvel at the broad range of County services that are provided to the region and the myriad of complex issues that the Board of Commissioners addresses at their bi-weekly meetings.

What has impressed me the most during my short tenure is the professionalism that permeates the organization from top to bottom and the ever-present recognition that the County's mission is to provide high quality, affordable services to Sagadahoc County and its citizens. And with every decision made, the Board of Commissioners takes into consideration that it is incumbent upon the County to be prudent financial stewards, especially in these extremely difficult times.

During the next year, my service to the County, and particularly my representation of District 2, will be focused upon providing an open conduit for communications between citizens, Sagadahoc municipalities and the County as well as continuing to seek ways to provide efficient, affordable regionalized services. My ability to represent District 2 will be only as good as my knowledge of the specific questions, concerns and ideas of my constituents. I invite you to share your County related thoughts with me by contacting me at 443-2843 or Thebus@suscom-maine.net.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Grose
Sagadahoc County Commissioner

Sagadahoc County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS, 2008-09

MODERATOR

Alison Freeman

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Dolores J Pinette, 2009, Chair

Charles W Collins, 2010

Geoffrey W Birdsall, 2011

TREASURER

Mary McDonald

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

Catherine Collins

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Dale Savoie

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nina Roth-Wells, 2009, Chair

Donald Cowing, 2010

Kristin Malin, 2011

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Ed Pert, 2009

A Myrick Freeman, 2010, Chair

Bruce Blessington, 2011

CEMETERY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Clayton Heald, 2009, Chair

Claire Reynolds, 2010

Georgia Kennett, 2011

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS, 2008-09

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:		Larry Mann
ASSESSOR:		William Van Tuinen, Madison
ASSISTANT TO THE SELECTMEN:		Donald Ludgin
ATTORNEY:		Carl W Stinson, Bath
AUDITOR:		David Shorette, Portland
BALLOT CLERKS:	Democratic:	Amanda Campbell Kristin Coombs Shannon Grady Donald Ludgin Jeanne Bailey McGowan Mary Ann Taylor Patricia Thibodeau Kate Winne
	Green Independent:	Rosalie Paul
	Republican:	Jennifer Beaulieu Joyce Devito Leona Dufour Emily R Herman Mary McDonald Claire Reynolds Marnie Stevens Sharon Trabona Robert Trabona Claudia Hayward
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:		Jim Peavey
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR:		Claire Darrow
DIRECTOR, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:		Catherine Collins
DIRECTOR, TOWN OFFICE GALLERY:		Larry Mann
ELECTION WARDEN:		Reed Fulton
FIRE CHIEF:		George Dufour
FOREST WARDEN:		Jane Whittaker
HARBORMASTER:		Robert Trabona
HEALTH OFFICER:		Catherine Collins
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:		Jon L Hentz
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:		James Bean
SHELLFISH WARDEN:		David Knauber
SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND BARK:		
TOWN OFFICE CUSTODIAN:		
BOARD OF APPEALS:		David Fluharty, 2010 John L Swift, 2011 George C Horne, 2011, alternate Ole Jaeger, 2012 Lindsay Dorney, 2013 Kate MacKay, 2014, Chair
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:		Betty Cole, 2009, Chair John C Jones, 2009 Normand Richard, 2010 David Tudor, 2010 Kate MacKay, 2011
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:		John L Swift, 2009 Richard DeVito, 2010 Jim Paterson, 2010 David Moyes, 2011 Robert Trabona, 2011, Chair

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

HARBOR COMMITTEE:

Howard Heald, 2009, alternate
Peteris Kruze, 2009
David Moyes, 2009
Alex Hadden, 2010
John Teller, 2010, Chair
Rich Start, 2011
Art Tibbetts, 2011

PLANNING BOARD:

Stuart Carlisle, 2009, Chair
Rick Freeman, 2009
John Evans, 2010
Jack Schneider, 2011, alternate
John Jones, 2012
Bud Grant, 2013

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Theresa Pinkham, 2009
Mark Donovan, 2010, Chair
Joyce DeVito, 2011
Lisa Reece, 2011

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

John A Holt, 2009, alternate
Chris Warner, 2009
Cem Giray, 2010, alternate
Michael Rubin, 2010
Chad Campbell, 2011, Chair
Robert Hasenfus, 2011

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Maggie Brown-Koller, 2009
Karren Cowing, 2009, Secretary
Ole Jaeger, 2010
Sharon Trabona, 2010
Alison Freeman, 2011
David Polito, 2011

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation		\$ 85,730.00
Balance brought forward: vacation and sick pay	\$ 8,080.48	
Balance brought forward: FEMA funds	10,993.62	
Paid to: Dolores Pinette, Selectman, Chair	3,500.00	
Charles Collins, Selectman	3,000.00	
Geoffrey Birdsall, Selectman	3,000.00	
Catherine Collins, Town Clerk & Tax Collector	14,850.00	
Mary McDonald, Accountant & Treasurer	17,303.00	
Donald Ludgin, Assistant to the Selectmen	15,063.00	
Robert Trabona, Acting Assistant to the Selectmen	168.70	
Mary McDonald, Assistant to the Selectmen trainee	1,272.70	
Claudia Hayward, Deputy Clerk & Tax Collector	6,612.75	
Vacation and sick pay*	3,437.60	
Ed Pert, member of TOPMB	400.00	
A Myrick Freeman, member of TOPMB	400.00	
Bruce Blessington, member of TOPMB	400.00	
Catherine Collins, Registrar	150.00	
Total spent	69,557.75	
Unexpended	16,172.25	85,730.00
Paid from vacation and sick pay:*		
*James Coombs, Transfer Station	967.50	
*Mark French, Transfer Station	792.00	
*Claudia Hayward, Deputy Clerk & Tax Collector	1,260.00	
*Donald Ludgin, Assistant to the Selectmen	418.10	
Vacation and sick pay carried forward to 2009-10	6,156.63	

Election Expense

Appropriation		1,000.00
Paid to: Catherine Collins, Election Warden	123.25	
Claudia Hayward, Election Clerk and Election Warden	54.38	
Jennifer Beaulieu, Election Clerk	21.75	
Amanda Campbell, Election Clerk	23.56	
Joyce DeVito, Election Clerk	137.76	
Leona Dufour, Election Clerk	32.63	
Shannon Grady, Election Clerk	25.38	
Rosemary Hentz, Election Clerk	25.38	
Emily R Herman, Election Clerk	36.25	
Donald Ludgin, Election Clerk	92.44	
Mary McDonald, Election Clerk	23.56	
Jeanne McGowan, Election Clerk	29.00	
Rosalie Tyler Paul, Election Clerk	19.94	
Claire Reynolds, Election Clerk	36.25	
Marnie Stevens, Election Clerk	18.13	
Patricia Thibodeau, Election Clerk	112.38	
Sharon Trabona, Election Clerk	29.00	
Katherine Winne, Election Clerk	50.76	
Donald Ludgin, posting warrant	20.00	
Marks Printing (nomination papers)	64.20	
Total spent	976.00	
Unexpended	24.00	1,000.00

Town Office Expense

Appropriation		\$ 28,080.00
Received: Liquor advertisement reimbursement	\$ 89.95	
Map sales and copier fees	343.66	
Office equipment reserve fund for copier purchase	2,070.00	
Paid to: Postmaster, Georgetown	1,172.74	
Bath Savings (bank charges)	737.63	
Central Maine Power	882.53	
Catherine Collins (mileage)	265.25	
Custodial supplies	18.80	
Excel Copier Service (new Toshiba E-350 copier)	2,070.00	
Excel Copier Service (repair on old copier)	179.00	
FairPoint / AT&T	2,880.77	
Claudia Hayward (mileage)	46.80	
Heating oil (Town share of school bill)	1,662.25	
David Knauber (custodian)	1,980.00	
Maine Municipal Assn / MMTCTA (convention, training)	445.00	
Mary McDonald (mileage)	87.95	
MMTCTA / MTCCA (Dues)	85.00	
Office supplies and paper	2,894.58	
The Times Record (advertising)	1,240.03	
Treasurer supplies (checks, forms)	517.72	
Trio Software Corp (maintenance agreement)	3,391.90	
Office equipment reserve fund	3,000.00	
Maintenance and repair reserve fund	3,000.00	
Total spent	26,557.95	
Unexpended	1,522.05	28,080.00
Office equipment reserve fund balance, 30 June 2008	6,330.57	
Transfer in	3,000.00	
Transfer out for new copier	2,070.00	
Office equipment reserve fund balance , 30 June 2009	7,260.57	
Maintenance and repair reserve fund balance, 30 June 2008	8,825.03	
Transfer in	3,000.00	
Transfer out for handicapped-access doors	6,349.00	
Maintenance and repair reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009	5,476.03	

Tax Collection Expense

Appropriation		2,500.00
Paid to: Catherine Collins (lien fees)	132.00	
Excise tax stickers	5.00	
Hygrade Business Group (printing tax bills)	501.87	
Postmaster, Georgetown	838.68	
Registrar of Deeds, Sagadahoc County	494.00	
Wise Business Forms (mailing tax bills)	393.41	
Total spent	2,364.96	
Unexpended	135.04	2,500.00

Contingency

Appropriation		4,000.00
Paid to: Bath Animal Hospital (cat taken to shelter)	335.47	
Alison Freeman (moderator, special town meeting)	50.00	
Town Report overexpenditure	461.08	
Property Mapping overexpenditure	1,317.55	
Miscellaneous Town Expenses overexpenditure	1,631.31	
Planning Board and Board of Appeals overexpenditure	171.64	
Total spent	3,967.05	
Unexpended	32.95	4,000.00

Town Report

Appropriation			\$ 3,500.00
Paid to:	The Copy Shop (printing)	\$ 3,017.56	
	Postmaster, Georgetown	943.52	
	Total spent	3,961.08	
	Overexpended	461.08	3,500.00
Additional funds taken from the Selectmen's contingency fund			

Town Audit

Appropriation			7,000.00
Paid to:	Purdy Powers & Co	6,800.00	
	Unexpended	200.00	7,000.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation			15,000.00
Paid to:	Sally Davis (researching Town woodlot title)	420.00	
	Stinson Law Offices	16,613.68	
	Total spent	17,033.68	
	Overexpended	2,033.68	15,000.00
Additional funds taken from other lines			

Maine Municipal Association

Appropriation			1,550.00
Paid to:	Maine Municipal Association dues	1,446.00	
	Unexpended	104.00	1,550.00

Maine Revised Statutes

Appropriation			500.00
Paid to:	Thomson West Payment Center (MRSA)	441.00	
	Unexpended	59.00	500.00

Property Mapping Update

Appropriation			1,500.00
Paid to:	John E O'Donnell & Associates (2008 maps)	1,200.00	
	John E O'Donnell & Associates (2009 maps)	1,447.55	
	Registrar of Deeds, Sagadahoc County	170.00	
	Total spent	2,817.55	
	Overexpended	1,317.55	1,500.00
Additional funds taken from the Selectmen's contingency fund			

Property Assessing

Appropriation			9,000.00
Paid to:	William E Van Tuinen	8,400.00	
	Unexpended	600.00	9,000.00

Property Assessing Reserve

Appropriation			10,000.00
	Transfer to reserve fund		10,000.00
Reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		45,000.00	

Social Security - Town Share

Appropriation			12,500.00
Paid to:	EFTPS (FICA)	10,328.40	
	Unexpended	2,171.60	12,500.00

Workers Compensation

Appropriation			5,500.00
Paid to:	Maine Municipal Association	10,741.20	

Charged to Georgetown School Department	\$	6,380.00	
Total spent		4,361.20	
Unexpended		1,138.80	\$ 5,500.00

Other Insurances

Appropriation			19,500.00
Paid to:			
Cross Insurance (commercial property)		11,440.00	
Cross Insurance (general liability)		2,638.00	
Cross Insurance (GVFD vehicle liability)		4,111.00	
Cross Insurance (public officials liability)		1,000.00	
Total spent		19,189.00	
Unexpended		311.00	19,500.00

Miscellaneous Town Expense

Appropriation			300.00
Paid to:			
Bath Savings Institution (interest on Tax Anticipation Note)		917.80	
Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department (FEMA funds)		456.12	
Intuit, Inc. (payroll update)		349.00	
Kennebec Fire Equipment		72.50	
Donald Ludgin (reimbursement)		29.99	
Maine Municipal Association (GA applications)		15.00	
NE Security System (maintenance plan)		90.90	
Total spent		1,931.31	
Overexpended		1,631.31	300.00
Additional funds taken from the Selectmen's contingency fund			

First Church in Georgetown Center

Appropriation			3,000.00
Paid to:			
Central Maine Power		670.17	
Kaler Oil Company (fuel)		1,260.44	
Frank Piechowski (mowing)		260.00	
Total spent		2,190.61	
Unexpended		809.39	3,000.00
Maintenance reserve fund balance, 30 June 2008		29,020.06	
Received: Insurance payment for water damage to floor		5,537.44	
Maintenance reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		34,557.50	

Volunteers of America

Appropriation			1,000.00
Unexpended (program has ended)		1,000.00	1,000.00

Water Access Reserve

Appropriation			3,000.00
Balance of Water access reserve fund, 30 June 2009			6,000.00

Generator Evaluation Reserve

Appropriation			1,000.00
Balance of Generator evaluation reserve fund, 30 June 2009			2,000.00

Planning Board and Board of Appeals

Appropriation			2,000.00
Georgia Kennett (reportorial work for BOA)		150.00	
Kristin Malin (reportorial work for BOA)		480.00	
Donald Ludgin (recording tapes)		36.99	
Donald Ludgin (reportorial work for BOA)		225.00	
Maine Municipal Associations (workshops)		160.00	
Postmaster, Georgetown		78.04	
Sheepscot Valley Conservation Assn (shoreland maps)		711.00	

Staples (recording tapes)	\$	7.99	
The Times Record (advertising for BOA)		322.62	
Total spent		2,171.64	
Overexpended		171.64	\$ 2,000.00
Additional funds taken from the Selectmen's contingency fund			

Conservation Commission

Appropriation			1,474.00
Grant carry-forward		586.90	
Paid to: Betty Cole (printing and postage)		44.64	
Georgetown Historical Society (building rental)		30.00	
MEACC (dues)		125.00	
David Tudor (water-testing supplies)		81.18	
Total spent		280.82	
Unexpended		1,193.18	1,474.00
Grant fund carry-forward to fiscal year 2009-10		586.90	

Town-Owned Property Management Board

Appropriation			47,800.00
Received: Commercial tie-up fees		1,350.00	
Commercial user fees		5,910.00	
Island Home Club (donation)		200.00	
Island Home Club (right-of-way)		1,000.00	
Carolyn Perry (well usage)		50.00	
Recreational tie-up fees		1,325.00	
Rents (Five Islands Fisheries / Five Islands Seafood)		39,000.00	
Transfer in from reserve for emergency repairs		6,031.00	
Paid to: Atlantic Mechanical (float repairs)		7,794.00	
Atlantic Mechanical (barrels)		4,129.00	
Atlantic Mechanical (hauling and launching floats)		7,242.00	
Atlantic Mechanical (new mooring and dock chain)		4,425.00	
Bruce Blessington (fasteners)		8.58	
Central Maine Power		688.23	
Jeff Chvatal (diving)		225.00	
CGW Inc (Plexiglas)		36.00	
Five Islands Fisheries (wharf clean-up)		162.50	
Hamilton Marine (bumpers)		573.36	
Lonnie's Hydraulic (annual inspection of winches)		987.90	
New England Label (commercial user and skiff stickers)		710.61	
Michael Piechowski (mowing)		860.00	
Pine Tree Engineering (wharf survey)		4,279.50	
Pine Tree Waste (wharf clean-up)		262.73	
David Pinkham (repairs to Bait Shack door)		163.52	
Postmaster, Georgetown (stamps)		88.94	
C W Rogers Hardware (fasteners)		11.70	
Terry Ross (Love Nest flooring)		2,862.64	
Savoie & Sons Landscape (plowing)		480.00	
Stewart Electrical (light fixture; new winch controls)		1,871.00	
Sunset Sign Inc (signs for wharf)		606.87	
The Times Record (advertising bids)		1,154.70	
Treasurer, State of Maine (submerged land lease)		615.02	
Chris White (down payment on wharf building project)		8,000.00	
Jack Williams (pole on dock)		370.00	
Total spent		47,577.80	
Unexpended		222.20	47,800.00
Wharf reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		71,323.00	
Parking Lot reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		4,634.00	
Todd's Landing reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		3,150.00	

COMMON SCHOOLS

The following figures, provided by the School Committee, are taken from Exhibit C of the audit of its books as of 30 June 2009 completed by William H. Brewer, Certified Public Accountant, of Bath, on 8 December 2009. Copies of the complete audit are available at the Georgetown Central School office, at the Town Office, and the Augusta School Department in Augusta.

	<i>budget</i>	<i>actual</i>	<i>variance favorable (unfavorable)</i>
REVENUES			
Local allocation \$	1,403,360.29	1,403,360.00	0.29
Intergovernmental revenues	130,160.00	117,144.37	(13,015.63)
ARRA subsidy	0.00	13,016.04	13,016.04
MaineCare	0.00	10,035.54	10,035.54
Tuition	161,084.00	138,001.00	(23,083.00)
Other	0.00	468.00	468.00
Intergovernmental on-behalf payments	0.00	123,922.11	123,922.11
Total revenues	1,694,604.29	1,805,947.06	111,342.77
EXPENDITURES			
Regular Program			
Board of Education / Superintendent	81,502.00	63,907.75	17,594.25
Office of the Principal	150,062.00	141,926.28	8,135.72
Instruction	1,035,577.00	987,614.27	47,962.73
Improvement of instruction services	33,274.00	31,581.96	1,692.04
Health services	13,344.00	11,220.12	2,123.88
Library	32,486.00	30,946.55	1,539.45
Technology	51,727.00	45,683.73	6,043.27
Student support services	5,783.00	3,460.20	2,322.80
Operation and maintenance	159,389.00	126,322.99	33,066.01
Guidance	36,122.00	37,256.86	(1,134.86)
Transportation	110,848.00	109,212.06	1,635.94
Food service	30,561.00	30,561.00	0.00
Student assessment	1,200.00	52.50	1,147.50
Special services administration	11,200.00	10,919.00	281.00
Gifted and talented	7,873.00	6,332.48	1,540.50
Special education instruction	268,868.00	194,393.98	74,474.00
Maine State Retirement on-behalf payments	0.00	123,922.11	(123,922.11)
ARRA expenses	0.00	13,016.04	(13,016.04)
Total Expenditures	2,029,816.00	1,968,329.88	61,486.12
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(335,211.71)	(162,382.82)	172,828.89
Fund balance, 1 July 2008	335,211.71	336,705.64	1,493.93
Fund balance, 30 June 2009	0.00	174,322.82	174,322.82
Reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		33,485.50	

PROTECTION

Animal Control

Appropriation			\$ 1,934.00
Received: Town Clerk (dog licenses)		\$ 392.00	
Town Clerk (dog late fines/fees)		350.00	
Paid to: Coastal Humane Society		1,224.00	
Unexpended		710.00	1,934.00

Code Enforcement

Appropriation			11,650.00
Received: Building Permits		4,450.00	
Floodplain Permits		100.00	

	Plumbing Permits	\$	3,471.00	
Paid to:	Michael Kreindler, plumbing permit		75.00	
	Robert Trabona, Code Enforcement Officer		2,500.00	
	Robert Trabona (mileage and expenses)		1,129.31	
	Robert Trabona (training)		95.00	
	Robert Trabona, Building Permits		2,225.00	
	Robert Trabona, Floodplain Permits		100.00	
	Robert Trabona, Plumbing Permits		2,528.25	
	Treasurer, State of Maine (share of plumbing permits)		867.75	
	Total spent		9,520.31	
	Unexpended		2,129.69	\$ 11,650.00

Fire Department

	Appropriation			77,213.00
Paid to:	Ambulance attendants (stipends)		6,736.16	
	Bath Savings (ambulance loan: paid off)		25,208.32	
	Fire Department (administrative time)		1,257.52	
	Fire Department (stipends)		4,829.66	
	Midcoast Hospital (Advanced Life Support)		8,500.00	
	Training and maintenance stipends		5,856.38	
	Transfer to New vehicle reserve		10,000.00	
	Vehicle maintenance		2,967.64	
	Vehicle maintenance (actual less budget to reserve)		2,032.36	
	Five Islands Firehouse Maintenance			
Paid to:	Northeast Security (maintenance agreement)		264.00	
	Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department (phone bill)		499.29	
	Total spent		68,151.33	
	Unexpended		9,061.67	77,213.00
	New vehicle reserve fund balance, 30 June 2008		25,000.00	
	Transfer in from Vehicle maintenance excess		2,032.36	
	Transfer in		10,000.00	
	New vehicle reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		37,032.36	

Moorings and Harbor Management

	Appropriation			11,815.00
Received:	Town Clerk (mooring fees)		10,523.00	
Paid to:	George Dufour, Harbormaster		2,447.50	
	George Dufour (expenses)		1,164.86	
	George Dufour (training)		225.00	
	Herb Freeman (handling no-wake buoys)		810.00	
	Hamilton Marine (oil-spill kit)		571.46	
	Postmaster, Georgetown		168.00	
	Robinhood Marine Center (seasonal dockage)		720.00	
	Transfer to Harbor Reserve Fund		400.00	
	Total spent		6,506.82	
	Unexpended		5,308.18	11,815.00
	Harbor reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		10,173.00	

Shellfish Conservation

	Appropriation			24,192.00
	Balances brought forward			
	Beal Island Grant		3,187.48	
	Holt Grant		1,180.00	
Received:	Town Clerk (clam licenses)		7,128.00	
	Shellfish Fines		100.00	
Paid to:	Jon L Hentz, Shellfish Warden		7,026.00	
	Jon L Hentz (mileage and expenses)		2,638.35	
	Jon L Hentz (uniforms and equipment)		468.24	

Bath Printing (Red Tide closures)	\$	88.00	
Byron Campbell (water testing)		300.00	
Chad Campbell (water testing)		675.00	
Jon Hentz (water testing)		375.00	
The Times Record (advertising)		286.00	
Holt Grant expense (cleaning 4th-grade tank)		148.00	
Total spent		12,004.59	
Unexpended		12,187.41	\$ 24,192.00
Shellfish reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		8,498.63	
Beal Island and Holt grants carry forward to 2009-10		4,219.48	

Street Lights

Appropriation			2,750.00
Paid to: Central Maine Power		2,602.17	
Unexpended		147.83	2,750.00

Street Signs

Appropriation			150.00
Paid to: Perma Line (signs)		29.34	
Unexpended		120.66	150.00

SANITATION

Appropriation			149,668.00
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Recycling

Paid to: Lincoln County Recycling		2,866.20	
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Solid Waste

Paid to: City of Bath		54,008.65	
RC Rogers & Sons, Inc		19,423.74	

Transfer Station

Paid to: James Coombs, attendant		13,740.63	
Alison Freeman, attendant		327.88	
Mark French, assistant		10,809.00	
William Husson, attendant		1,047.50	
Jeremy Blaiklock (steps)		1,450.00	
Bryan Buck (gate)		1,400.00	
James Coombs (safety supplies)		22.40	
Alison Freeman (disposal fee)		80.00	
Dave Polito (mall roof)		845.12	
Atlantic Recycling (containers)		7,792.40	
Central Maine Power		457.68	
FairPoint Communications		492.09	
Maine Resource Recovery Association (training)		178.25	
Modern Pest Control		844.00	
C W Rogers Hardware		45.44	
Transfer to Compactor reserve fund		4,000.00	
Treasurer, State of Maine (annual reporting fee)		127.00	
Treasurer, State of Maine (license fee)		246.00	

Universal / Household Hazardous Waste

Paid to: City of Bath (HHHW event)		1,725.15	
Town of Brunswick (HHHW event)		363.66	
CRT processing (Universal HW)		3,162.59	
Total spent		125,455.38	
Unexpended		24,212.62	149,668.00
Compactor reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		28,000.00	

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation	\$	361,328.00
Received: Town Clerk (auto excise tax)	\$	184,440.91
Treasurer, State of Maine (State aid)		33,600.00
Transfer in from paving reserve		111,847.51
Carry forward committed 2007-08 funds		21,738.91
Proceeds from road paving loan		352,000.00
Paving:		
Paid for:		
Bay Point Rd ditching (Savoie & Son)		13,540.00
Bay Point Rd grading (Reno's Excavation)		6,090.00
Bay Point Rd hay, seed for ditches (Savoie & Son)		885.00
Bay Point Rd reclaim (Harry C Crooker)		458.70
Indian Point Rd culverts, hay, seed (Ames Supply)		3,371.42
Indian Point Rd digging up (Savoie & Son)		6,564.00
Indian Point Rd ditching (Savoie & Son)		9,300.00
Indian Point Rd grading (Reno's Excavation)		3,290.00
Indian Point Rd gravel to raise base (Savoie & Son)		18,698.50
Indian Point Rd hauling gravel (Savoie & Son)		2,920.00
Indian Point Rd haying/seeding ditches (Savoie & Son)		1,095.00
Indian Point Rd installing binder (Harry C Crooker)		83,019.00
Indian Point Rd installing culverts (Savoie & Son)		6,125.00
Indian Point Rd installing sub-base (Harry C Crooker)		4,050.00
Indian Point Rd reclaim (Harry C Crooker)		429.52
Indian Point Rd seed blower (Kennebec Equipment Rental)		100.00
Indian Point Rd shoulders (Savoie & Son)		6,216.00
Kennebec Point Rd digging up (Savoie & Son)		10,154.50
Kennebec Point Rd hot top (Harry C Crooker)		3,199.26
Robinhood Rd culvert hot top, rip-rap (Harry C Crooker)	1,444.26	
Robinhood Rd culverts, hay, seed (Ames Supply)		8,952.38
Robinhood Rd ditching (Savoie & Son)		3,967.50
Robinhood Rd driveway aprons (Savoie & Son)		4,000.00
Robinhood Rd grading (Reno's Excavation)		2,800.00
Robinhood Rd haying/seeding ditches (Savoie & Son)		2,366.00
Robinhood Rd installing culverts (Savoie & Son)		30,000.00
Robinhood Rd paving (Harry C Crooker)		239,495.35
Robinhood Rd paving culvert cuts (Savoie & Son)		3,600.00
Robinhood Rd reclaim and gravel (Harry C Crooker)		855.61
Robinhood Rd seed blower (Kennebec Equipment Rental)		100.00
Robinhood Rd shoulders (Savoie & Son)		29,238.00
Stockpiling gravel (Bill Whorff)		339.00
Stockpiling reclaim (Harry C Crooker)		1,194.18
Stockpiling reclaim (Savoie & Son)		520.00
Total paving		508,378.18
Repairs and Maintenance:		
Paid to:		
Ames Supply (culverts, hay, silt fences, grass seed)		1,820.85
Harry C Crooker (reclaim, cold patch, gravel, stone)		10,136.83
Pine State Safety Lines (Robinhood Rd lines)		1,678.20
Reno's Excavation (Loop Rd grading)		2,380.00
Savoie & Son (Bay Point Rd ditching)		3,895.00
Savoie & Son (Indian Point Rd cutting, culverts)		12,857.00
Savoie & Son (Kennebec Point Rd)		1,207.50
Savoie & Son (Loop Rd ditching, culverts)		5,045.00
Savoie & Son (North End Rd shouldering)		9,303.50
Savoie & Son (Old Schoolhouse Rd aprons)		1,000.00
Savoie & Son (ditching, cold patching, various roads)		37,300.00
Jack Williams (mowing roadsides)		3,000.00
Total repairs and maintenance		89,623.88

Other:	Maine Municipal Association (Maine Townsman)	\$	8.00	
	Total spent		598,010.06	
	Overexpended		236,682.06	\$ 361,328.00
	Paving reserve fund balance, 30 June 2009		0.00	
	Bill for \$121,125.60 for paving Indian Point Rd to be carried forward to 2009-10			

Snow Removal

Appropriation			150,000.00	
Paid to:	Mainemoss Inc.	141,150.00		
	Unexpended	8,050.00		150,000.00

HEALTH, WELFARE, AND RECREATION

General Assistance

Appropriation			4,000.00	
Received:	Treasurer, State of Maine (GA reimbursement)	5,137.19		
Paid to:	General Assistance requests	9,241.31		
	Total spent	9,241.31		
	Overexpended	5,241.31		4,000.00
	Balance of \$104.12 due from Treasurer, State of Maine			

Recreation Committee

Appropriation			8,100.00	
Received:	State of Maine (State park fees)	4,512.69		
	Snowmobile fees	264.80		
Paid to:	Barbara Barabe (Get to Know Your Neighbor catering)	1,200.00		
	Bath Area YMCA (swimming lessons)	180.00		
	The Big Chips Trio (Get to Know Your Neighbor music)	200.00		
	Bowdoin College (skating)	300.00		
	Brackett's Market (Superbowl party)	242.77		
	Central Maine Power (Five Islands tennis court lighting)	105.19		
	Joyce DeVito (Blessing of the Fleet supplies)	47.30		
	Joyce DeVito (Get to Know Your Neighbor supplies)	89.29		
	Bob Knowles (Blessing of the Fleet music)	400.00		
	Jack Williams (Five Islands basketball base)	400.00		
Paid for:	Blessing of the Fleet prizes (returned unused)	-200.00		
	Camp scholarships (four families)	600.00		
	Christmas party	284.85		
	Halloween party	443.42		
	Letters for announcement sign	74.28		
	Meet the Candidates (water, cookies)	22.72		
	Parade (food, supplies, and t-shirts)	397.87		
	Skating (food)	170.54		
	Total spent	4,958.23		
	Unexpended	3,141.77		8,100.00

Richards Library

Appropriation			2,000.00	
Paid to:	Richards Library			2,000.00

Social Services Donations

Appropriation			30,980.00	
Paid to:	Bath Area Senior Citizens	800.00		
	Big Brothers / Big Sisters	500.00		
	The Children's Center	300.00		
	Coastal Trans	550.00		
	Community Health and Nursing Services (CHANS)	350.00		
	Elmhurst Inc	800.00		
	Family Crisis Services	100.00		

Georgetown Community Center	\$	7,500.00	
Hospice of MidCoast Maine		1,200.00	
Midcoast Maine Community Action		525.00	
Patten Free Library		15,861.00	
Spectrum Generations		920.00	
Sweetser		1,224.00	
Tedford Shelter		350.00	
Total spent		30,980.00	\$ 30,980.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation			6,650.00
Received: Lot sales		800.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund interest		500.00	
Paid to: Clayton Heald (Manager)		250.00	
Frank Picchowski (mowing)		4,324.00	
Transfer to Trust Fund (lot sales)		800.00	
Total spent		5,374.00	
Unexpended		1,276.00	6,650.00

MISCELLANEOUS

County Tax

Appropriation			844,002.00
Paid to: Treasurer, Sagadahoc County			844,002.00

Fees to Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Received			6,873.00
Paid to: Catherine Collins		4,546.25	
Claudia Hayward		2,326.75	
Total spent		6,873.00	6,873.00

MacMahan Island

Appropriation			17,172.00
Paid to: Sheepscot Island Association			17,172.00

Overlay

			112,993.60
Tax abatements covered by Overlay		11,193.27	
Transferred to Undesignated Fund Balance		101,800.33	112,993.60

Designated fund carry-forwards

Sick / Vacation Liability (as adjusted)		6,156.63	
Conservation Commission (unused grant revenue)		586.90	
School		186,764.24	
Balance of paving funds, committed at year end		121,125.60	
Shellfish Committee (Beal Island grant)		3,187.48	
Shellfish Committee (Holt grant)		1,032.00	
Total designated funds			318,852.85
Total undesignated funds			901,528.09

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McDonald
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Marriages Recorded 15

Births Recorded 10

Deaths Recorded	Martha Staples Nichols	71	October 31, 2008
	Arthur Lewis Haskins	95	March 9, 2009
	Barbara French	80	April 5, 2009
	Anahid Susan Hoffman	58	May 8, 2009
	Alfred T Huchings	51	May 22, 2009
	Lynn A Black	75	June 9, 2009
	Ruth Leona Newman	76	June 14, 2009
	Christine R Simerson	37	June 22, 2009

Clam Licenses Issued

15	Resident Commercial Licenses	@ \$200.00	\$3,000.00	
2	Non-Resident Commercial Licenses	400.00	800.00	
2	Student Commercial Licenses	100.00	200.00	
103	Resident Recreational Licenses	15.00	1,545.00	
9	Non-Resident Recreational Licenses	30.00	270.00	
23	Seven-Day Non-Resident Recreational Licenses	20.00	460.00	
5	Complementary Resident Recreational (over 65)	0.00	0.00	
63	Off-Site Licenses	20.00	1,260.00	
				\$7,535.00
	Retained by Town of Georgetown		7,318.00	
	Town Clerk Fees		217.00	
				7,535.00

Dog Licenses Issued

15	Intact	@ 11.00	165.00	
196	Spayed/Neutered	6.00	1,176.00	
	Late Fees	330.00		
				1,671.00
	Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine		738.00	
	Retained by Town of Georgetown		722.00	
	Town Clerk Fees		211.00	
				1,671.00

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued

61	Hunting Licenses	@ 23.00	1,403.00
34	Fishing Licenses	23.00	782.00
11	Junior Hunting Licenses	9.00	99.00
46	Hunt/fish Combination Licenses	40.00	1,840.00
13	Archery Licenses	23.00	299.00
6	Expanded Archery Licenses - antlered	34.00	204.00
7	Expanded Archery Licenses - antlerless	14.00	98.00
2	Bear Permits	29.00	58.00
3	Night Coyote Hunting Permits	6.00	18.00
11	Migratory Birds	7.50	82.50
19	Spring Turkey	22.00	418.00
15	Muzzleloading	14.00	210.00
5	Fall Turkey	22.00	110.00
1	Pheasant	18.00	18.00

2	Small Game	\$ 16.00	\$ 32.00
1	Military Hunt/Fish	5.00	5.00
1	Superpack	202.00	202.00
1	Non-Resident Fishing	54.00	54.00
1	Non-Resident Hunting	104.00	104.00
1	Supersport Certificates	20.00	20.00
5	Duplicate Licenses	2.00	10.00
1	Over 70 Lifetime License	8.00	8.00
1	Complementary Muzzleloading	0.00	0.00
3	Complementary Waterfowl	0.00	0.00
1	Complementary Bear Permit	0.00	0.00
1	Complementary Pheasant	0.00	0.00
1	Complementary Fall Turkey	0.00	0.00
1	Complementary Spring Turkey	0.00	0.00

\$ 6,074.50

Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine	5,610.50
Town Clerk Fees	436.00
Clerk Fees in excess of \$6 limit per license not collected	28.00

6,074.50

Moorings

528	Resident Mooring Fees	@ 15	7,920.00
119	Non-Resident/Rental Mooring Fees	20	2,380.00
12	New Mooring Applications	50	600.00
	Miscellaneous reinstatement and late fees	80	80.00

10,980.00

Retained by Town of Georgetown	10,333.00
Town Clerk Fees	647.00

10,980.00

Miscellaneous Fees

15	Marriage Licenses Issued	@ 30	450.00
	Certified Copies Births, Deaths, Marriages, Burial Permits		346.00

796.00

Town Clerk Fees

796.00

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Collins
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2007-08 Taxes

Uncollected, 30 June 2008	\$ 43,301.35	
Interest	1,553.78	\$ 44,855.13
Principal Collected	27,694.10	
Interest Collected	1,553.78	
Liens deposited with Treasurer, Town of Georgetown	15,607.25	44,855.13

2008-09 Taxes

Commitment	\$2,815,905.60	
Interest	6,753.81	
Abatements	225.60	2,822,885.01
Principal Collected	2,745,659.62	
Interest	6,753.81	
Abatements	225.60	
Uncollected, 30 June 2009	70,245.98	2,822,885.01

2008-09 Abatements

Richard, Wilfred, and Dorney, Lindsay	36.00	
Trabona, Robert and Sharon	36.00	
McIntyre, Kenneth	153.60	225.60

2008-09 Supplemental Taxes

Adams, Tracy Wilson	213.60	
Supplemental collected		213.60

Unpaid Taxes, 30 June 2009

Alston, Wallace M III et al	11.06	
Annuziata, Jeff Jr	1,224.60	
Bailey, Gage Jr	103.20	
Bailey, Gage Jr	67.80	
Bailey, Linda	96.00	
Bailey, Linda	1,236.60	
Black, Linda L and John	1,081.80	
Brown, Larry W	663.60	
Cholish, William J Jr and Betheny L	2,372.40	
Chop Point, Inc	812.40	
Cunningham Family House Trust	4,471.20	
Cunningham Family Land Trust	3,364.20	
Dell, Bradley	1,458.60	
Fitzpatrick, James R and Terry A	655.20	
French, Barbara	537.60	
Goodrich, Allen R	1,527.60	
Goodrich, Allen R	22.20	
Goodrich, Allen R	424.80	
Goodrich, Allen R	295.80	
Goodrich, Allen R	434.40	
Gould, Judith B	23.10	
Gould, Judith B, Glen C III, and Jon	146.40	
Gould, Judith B, Glen C III, and Jon	26.40	
Gould, Judith B, Glen C III, and Jon	1,268.10	
Graham Holdings LLC	2,534.40	

Gray, Vernon E	\$ 192.60	
Hasenfus-Barabe, Karen	484.20	
Henriques, Caroline J	1,391.40	
Hunt, Arthur W III and M Victoria	2,272.80	
Johnson, Clare M, and Knight, Julie	524.40	
Kiessling, E W	2,598.60	
Kiessling, Edith A & Charles	94.20	
Magliozzi, Dana J and Jennifer M	2,001.27	
Mcaloney, Shannon	1,294.20	
McIntyre, Kenneth	984.00	
Moore, Alvin	537.60	
Moore, Alvin	683.40	
Moore, Bradford L and Heidi A	1,259.40	
Moore, Charles A and Audrey M	247.80	
Moore, Charles A II and Stacey L	1,040.40	
Moulton, Keith	502.73	
Myers, Bruce	50.40	
Myers, Bruce	2,643.60	
Nichols, Martha S	580.20	
O'Donnell, Heidi	2,283.60	
Perry, Roger W and Sara E	1,396.80	
Peters, Paul J	2,832.60	
Peters, Paul J	1,174.20	
Plummer, William F IV and Linda S	1,010.40	
Preble, C A	2,861.40	
Rancourt-Thomas, Karen	452.18	
Rist, Summer D	482.40	
Robinhood Free Meetinghouse Ltd	482.40	
Robinhood Free Meetinghouse Ltd	1,840.20	
S D Family Trust	515.40	
Savoie, Dale	433.80	
Savoie, Dale	1,695.60	
Sprague, Sarah	64.80	
Stevens, Evelyn A and Teri L	2,013.60	
Tibbetts, Arthur E and Joan P	1,779.00	
Tibbetts, Arthur E and Joan P	516.00	
Tibbetts, Arthur E and Joan P	52.20	
Tibbetts, Arthur E and Joan P	474.60	
Tibbetts, Arthur E and Joan P	330.00	
White, Timothy R and Michelle L	201.14	
Whittaker Mildred A	41.40	
Wilton, John P	213.00	
Wilton, John P	2,856.60	
		\$ 70,245.98

Fees Collected

Certified Mail Fees	117.04	
Lien Fees	66.00	
		183.04

Retained by Tax Collector	66.00	
Paid to Treasurer, Town of Georgetown	117.04	
		183.04

2008-09 Excise Taxes Collected

Boat Excise Taxes	11,628.10	
Vehicle Excise Taxes	184,440.91	
		196,069.01

Paid to Treasurer, Town of Georgetown		196,069.01
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Registration Fees Collected

ATV Registration Fees	\$ 34.00	
Boat Registration Fees	525.00	
Snowmobile Registration Fees	42.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees	3,853.00	\$ 4,454.00
Retained by IFW agent and Motor Vehicles agent		4,454.00

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Collins
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bath Savings (checking) beginning balance, 1 July 2008

\$ 150,142.00

Received from the Tax Collector, Town of Georgetown

General property taxes	\$ 2,773,766.21
Supplemental taxes	213.60
Tax interest	8,317.01
Tax liens (all years)	11,159.58
Lien interest	1,199.78
Lien fees	888.18
Town Clerk / Tax Collector fees	6,873.00
Automobile excise taxes	184,440.91
Boat excise taxes	11,628.10
Clam licenses	7,128.00
Dog licenses	392.00
Dog late fees	350.00
Mooring fees	10,523.00
Clerk - other revenue	10.00
Over / under payments	13.68

\$ 3,016,903.05

Received from the Treasurer, State of Maine

Municipal revenue sharing	32,027.15
Education subsidies	130,160.41
Local entitlement	23,842.00
Local preschool entitlement	1,176.00
Miscellaneous State school revenue	10,035.54
Miscellaneous Federal school revenue	23,131.27
State Park fee sharing	4,512.69
Local road assistance	33,600.00
Snowmobile registration	264.80
General Assistance	5,137.19
Property tax relief	10,156.00
Tree growth	0.00
Veterans exemptions	481.00
Shellfish fines	100.00
FEMA Patriots Day storm funds (State 15% share)	9,033.47
FEMA severe winter storm funds (Federal 75% share)	759.30

284,416.82

Miscellaneous Receipts

Tuition revenues	138,001.00
Miscellaneous school revenues	32,597.59
TOPMB (wharf and other rents)	40,050.00
TOPMB (commercial user fees, skiff fees)	7,260.00
TOPMB (recreational user fees)	1,325.00
TOPMB donation (Island Home Club)	200.00
Contractor reimbursements	0.00
Building permit fees	4,450.00
Plumbing fees	3,471.00
Floodplain permits	100.00
Insurance reimbursement	641.00
Cemetery Trust Fund earnings	500.00
Cemetery lot sales	800.00
Map sales	60.00
Copier revenues	283.66

Liquor ad reimbursements	\$ 89.95	
Revenue from copies of the tax rolls	400.00	
Miscellaneous revenue	1,196.00	
Nature Conservancy (payment in lieu of taxes)	30.00	
Tax Anticipation Note	500,000.00	
Faxes and copies	39.40	
Proceeds from road paving loan	352,000.00	
		\$ 1,083,494.60

Total cash receipts 4,384,814.47

Total cash receipts	4,384,814.47	
Interest earned	24,680.99	
Total receipts		4,409,495.46

Disbursements

Check disbursements	3,912,772.60	
Transfers in / out	225,509.27	
Bank charges	737.63	
Total disbursements		4,139,019.50

Checking account closing balance, 30 June 2009 420,617.96

Interest totals, 30 June 2009

Cemetery Trust fund interest	1,858.03	
All other bank and CD interest	24,680.99	

Total funds invested, 30 June 2009

Cemetery Trust fund (Gardiner Savings)	62,228.18	
General funds (Gardiner Savings)	170,951.82	
General funds (Bath Savings)	1,087,610.16	

Fund balances, 30 June 2009

Undesignated Fund Balance	901,528.09	
Designated Fund Balance	318,852.85	

Other receivables outstanding, 30 June 2009

Treasurer, State of Maine (GA for Q2 2009)	1,845.70	
Georgetown School Lunch Program	6,047.98	

Aleada Pinkham tax liens

Written off in 2008-09 for 2000-06 (w/o charges)	1,529.82	
Written off in 2008-09 for 2007-08 (w/o charges)	299.43	

Tax Liens

	<i>lien amount</i>	<i>fees / charges</i>	<i>totals</i>
2007-08 tax liens unpaid, 30 June 2009			
Dell, Bradley	1,175.59	31.32	
Henriques, Caroline	1,598.85	39.64	
Johnson, Clare, & Knight, Julie	498.18	39.64	
Moore, Alvin	482.22	39.64	
Moore, Alvin	649.23	39.64	
Moore, Charles	988.38	44.96	
Nichols, Martha S., estate	268.72	0.00	
Tibbetts, Arthur	490.20	39.64	
Totals	6,151.37	274.48	
Total amount due for 2007-08 tax liens (acquired 2010)		6,425.85	

Reserve Fund Balances, 30 June 2009

Emergency Vehicle Reserve	\$ 37,032.36	
First Church Reserve / Capital Projects	34,557.50	
Generator Evaluation Reserve	2,000.00	
Harbor Emergency Reserve	10,173.00	
Parking Lot Reserve	4,634.00	
Paving Reserve	0.00	
Property Assessing Reserve	45,000.00	
School Facilities Reserve	33,485.50	
Shellfish Conservation Reserve	8,498.63	
Solid Waste Committee Equipment Reserve	28,000.00	
Todd's Landing Reserve	3,150.00	
Town Office Equipment Reserve	7,260.57	
Town Office Maintenance and Repair Reserve	5,476.03	
Water Access Reserve	6,000.00	
Wharf Reserve	71,323.00	
Total reserve fund balances		\$ 296,590.59

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McDonald
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, 11 MARCH 2009

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and read the greeting.

Art. 1. Alison Freeman was elected Moderator to preside at said meeting with 7 votes.

Before continuing with the warrant articles, the Moderator asked that those assembled wait to be recognized by the Moderator before speaking. She also reminded any non-registered voters that they would need a two-thirds vote of the assembly before being able to speak.

Art. 2. The Town voted not to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$15,000 from undesignated fund balances to cover the cost of removing the Aleada Pinkham house (on lot 12 on tax map 13U), taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, filling in any cellar hole, and cleaning up the site.

Art. 3. The Town voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000 from undesignated fund balances to cover the costs of the Board of Appeals, which has had an unusually large number of appeals in the fiscal year 2008-09.

Art. 4. The Town voted to approve amendments to the Building Permit Ordinance.

A motion was made to have a secret ballot vote for Article 4. The motion failed: Yes 47 No 63.

Art. 5. The Town voted to approve the revised Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Map.

Before beginning discussion of Article 5, it was noted that there was a clerical error on page 8, line 19. It should have been all CEO rather than PB as printed. The text of the ordinance was correct but the table was not. It was pointed out that since the text was the critical part of the ordinance, that is what would be considered, not the table. Maine Municipal Association Legal recommended that the ordinance be passed as written and the correction to the table could be made at the next Town Meeting.

A motion to have a secret ballot vote on Article 5 passed.

The result of the secret ballot vote was: Yes, 78; No, 57

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Collins
Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2009

The Town Clerk called the Town Meeting to order at 11:55am and read the greeting.

Art. 1. Alison Freeman was elected Moderator to preside at said meeting with 6 votes. Following her swearing in, the Moderator appointed Claudia Hayward as Deputy Moderator to preside for the Municipal Election.

Art. 2. Catherine Collins was elected Town Clerk for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, 30 June 2010, with 201 votes. Diann Longstreet received four votes, Mark French received two votes, and Claudia Hayward and Sandy Yeager each received one vote.

Art. 3. Dolores Pinette was elected Selectman for a term ending at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting with 207 votes. Bill Plummer IV received three votes and George Browning, Thomas Coffey, Mark Donovan, and Kenneth Malsch each received one vote.

Art. 4. Mary McDonald was elected Treasurer for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, 30 June 2010, with 221 votes. Lisa Donovan received one vote.

Art. 5. Catherine Collins was elected Tax Collector for a term ending at the closing of the Town books, 30 June 2010, with 201 votes. Mary McDonald received two votes and Claudia Hayward, Diann Longstreet, Alvin Moore, and Sandy Yeager each received one vote.

Art. 6. Dale Savoie was elected Road Commissioner for a term ending at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting with 187 votes. Charlie Collins received 10 votes and Mark French and Bill Plummer IV each received one vote.

Art. 7. Nina Roth-Wells was elected a member of the School Committee for a term ending at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting with 156 votes. Margaret Martin received 70 votes.

Art. 8. Bronwen Tudor was elected a member of the Town-Owned Property Management Board for a term ending at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting with 135 votes. Charles Moore Sr received 91 votes.

Art. 9. The following received write-in votes for Cemetery District Trustee for a term ending at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, but no winner was determined from the vote. Clayton Heald, Pam Kakalis, Georgia Kennett, and Edwin Pert each received two votes. Mark Donovan, Ron Hayward, Glenn Irish, Stephen Mace, Troy Mains, Jackie Olsen, Frank Piechowski, Lester Savoie, Michelle Savoie, Ray Swain, Brian Swanson, Andrew Werwaiss, Harold White, and Don Wilson each received one vote.

Following the counting of ballots, the Deputy Moderator read of the vote, then recessed the meeting until 9am Saturday, 13 June 2009.

Moderator Alison Freeman reconvened the meeting at 9am. Before continuing with the warrant articles, she introduced Senator Seth Goodall. Senator Goodall then presented a Recognition Certificate from the Senate to Betty Cole for her 18 years of service on the Georgetown Conservation Committee.

The Moderator then read the results of Tuesday's election. There was no clear winner for the office of Cemetery District Trustee: there had been no declared candidate but many write-in votes. At the Selectman's meeting on Wednesday, one of the write-ins, Harold White, expressed an interest and will be appointed to that position.

Art. 10. The Town voted to adopt the following: (A) in regard to collection of taxes: Taxes shall become due and payable sixty days from the date printed on the bill, and interest at the rate of nine percent per annum will be charged on all accounts not paid by the due date; and (B) in regard to abatement of taxes: Interest at the rate of three percent per annum will be applied to all accounts from the date the taxes were paid until the overpayment is repaid.

Art. 11. The Town voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the consent of the Selectmen, to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town, such loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of money raised by taxes during that municipal year.

Art. 12. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds on the same.

Art. 13. The Town voted to authorize the expenditure, with the specific approval of the Selectmen, of such funds as various Town bodies may receive from government or private grants or donations or similar block-funding gifts in addition to their approved, budgeted expenses.

PETITION ARTICLE

Art. 14. The Town voted not to approve an amendment to Article 16.C.(2) of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Georgetown, Maine, to add and delete the words marked, as follows: "All applications for permits from the Planning Board for work in the Shoreland Zone a Resource Protection District or on a non-conforming structure shall be accompanied by proof that all of the owners of abutting land have been notified of

the nature of the application including the general description and proposed location of the structure or activity as appropriate. The Planning Board shall not act on the application for a permit prior to 14 days after the date of notification to all abutters.”

YES, 35; NO, 48

AMENDED ORDINANCES

Art. 15. The Town voted to approve amendments to the Board of Appeals Ordinance.

Art. 16. The Town voted to approve amendments to the Building Permit Ordinance.

Art. 17. The Town voted to approve amendments to the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Art. 18. The Town voted to approve amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, correcting a typographic error and ensuring congruity with the Building Permit Ordinance.

Art. 19. The Town voted to approve amendments to the Ordinance Governing the Operations of the Town-Owned Property Management Board.

NEW ORDINANCES

Art. 20. An ordinance entitled “Small Wind-Powered Energy Systems Ordinance” was enacted.

Art. 21. An ordinance entitled “Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance” was enacted.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Art. 22. The Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of funds to pay the following Town officers’ salaries for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, hereafter designated as the fiscal year 2009-10, and to appropriate the Town funds required:

First Selectman	\$ 3,500
Second Selectman	3,000
Third Selectman	3,000
Treasurer/Accountant	17,800
Assistant to the Selectmen	21,063
Assistant to the Selectmen trainee	2,545
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	7,125
Registrar of Voters	150
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	15,400
Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk fees	6,000
Town-Owned Property Management Board	1,200
Vacation and sick pay annual	2,324
Vacation and sick pay fund	<u>6,338</u>
	89,445

Art. 23. The Town voted to authorize paying the following administrative expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

Board of Appeals	\$ 1,600
Conservation Commission	1,087
Election expense	1,100
Emergency generator evaluation (current balance \$2,000)	1,000
First Church Georgetown Center maintenance	2,500
First Church Georgetown Center reserve (current balance \$34,558)	2,000
Insurance—property and liability	20,000
Insurance—workers’ compensation	4,000
Maine Municipal Association	1,550
Maine Revised Statutes Annotated	500

Maps and miscellaneous Town expenses	\$ 300
Office equipment reserve (current balance \$7,261)	0
Planning Board	660
Property assessing	8,500
Property assessing reserve (current balance \$45,000)	10,000
Property mapping update	1,500
Selectmen's contingency	4,000
Social Security—Town share	12,713
Street lights	2,750
Street signs	150
Tax collection expense	2,200
Town audit	7,400
Town Counsel	15,000
Town Office expense	18,192
Town Office repair/maintenance reserve (current balance \$5,476)	3,000
Town Report	3,500
Unemployment compensation—Town share	50
Volunteers of America	500
Water access reserve (current balance \$6,000)	<u>3,000</u>
	128,752

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Art. 24. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Town-Owned Property Management Board to solicit and accept donations for wharf repairs and improvements.

Art. 25. The Town voted to authorize paying the following property management expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

Operating expenses	
Contingency	\$ 2,000
General operations	
Float launch, haul, and store	3,500
Miscellaneous (paint, dumpster, etc)	1,350
Postage	100
Printing and advertising	2,000
Submerged Land Lease	145
Utilities	1,000
Maintenance and repair	
Buildings	
Ice Cream / Bait building	3,050
Lobster Pound	3,000
Love Nest Snack Bar	5,040
Floats	
Commercial	500
Recreational	500
Hoist service	1,200
Mowing	0
Todd's Landing ramp repair	3,000
Wharf access erosion control	0
Miscellaneous maintenance	1,000
Capital expenses	
Building improvements	
Lobster Pound	1,500
Love Nest Snack Bar	6,500
Surveying	3,500
Wharf structural improvements	19,050
Miscellaneous capital expenses	400
Parking lot improvements reserve (current balance \$4,634)	0

Todd's Landing improvements reserve (current balance \$3,150)	\$ 0
Wharf rebuilding reserve (current balance \$71,323)	<u>0</u>
	58,335

Art. 26. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Town-Owned Property Management Board to assess and collect repair costs from anyone whose vessel damages the Town Wharf at Five Islands.

GEORGETOWN COMMON SCHOOLS

Education expenditure articles for the fiscal year 2009-10

Art. 27. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$964,233 for the instruction cost category.

An amendment was proposed to extract the wording 'including summer accrual' from the article since this was only needed once and had been included last year. The amendment passed and the article passed as amended.

Art. 28. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$253,142 for the special education instruction cost category.

Art. 29. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$8,874 for the other instruction: co-curricular cost category.

Art. 30. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$170,014 for the student and staff support cost category, which includes the guidance, health services, improvement of instructional services, library, technology, and student assessment accounts.

Art. 31. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$58,705 for the system administration cost category, which consists of the Board of Education and Office of the Superintendent accounts.

Art. 32. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$138,033 for the school administration cost category.

Art. 33. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$152,469 for the operations and maintenance cost category.

Art. 34. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$110,848 for the transportation cost category.

Art. 35. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$31,561 for the food services cost category.

Art. 36. The Town authorized the School Committee to expend \$1,887,879 for the fiscal year 2009-10 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (EPS), additional local funds for school purposes under 20-A MRSA § 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, State subsidy, and other receipts for the support of the schools.

Education revenue articles for the fiscal year 2009-10

Art. 37. The Town appropriated \$1,115,756.51 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (the State recommends \$1,115,756.51) and raised \$1,115,756.51 as the local contribution in accordance with 20-A MRSA § 15690. The local contribution is the minimum amount the Town must raise under State law in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.

Art. 38. The Town raised \$401,160.49 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$344,628.00. Under State law, the vote on this article was by written ballot The article passed with the vote: YES, 73; NO, 10.

Education reserve fund article for the fiscal year 2009-10

Art. 39. The Town raised and appropriated \$7,500 for the capital reserve fund for renovations to the Georgetown Central School, to be expended on recommendation of the School Committee and approval by a majority vote of the Selectmen (current balance \$33,486).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Art. 40. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the officers and directors of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department Inc to solicit and accept donations, grants, and reimbursement claims, and to transfer the funds thus raised to the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department.

Art. 41. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to extend and continue the present contract with the Sagadahoc County Fire Association for mutual emergency assistance.

Art. 42. The Town voted to authorize paying the following protection expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town and grant funds required:

Animal Control Officer	\$ 675
Coastal Humane Society	1,320
Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector	0
Stipend	3,000
Mileage	1,200
Share of building permits and floodplain permits	3,500
Training	150
Plumbing Inspector's share of plumbing permit fees	2,025
Fire Department administration	1,750
Fire Department advanced life support	8,500
Fire Department ambulance and fire salaries	13,750
Fire Department Firefighter 1 instructor	1,000
Fire Department training stipend	8,000
Fire Department vehicle inspection	2,500
Fire Department ambulance loan	0
Fire Department emergency vehicle reserve (current balance \$35,000)	25,000
Fire Department Five Islands fire house maintenance	1,000
Fire Department Five Islands fire house reserve fund	8,000
Harbormaster and moorings	8,843
Harbor emergency reserve (current balance \$10,173)	800
Shellfish Conservation Committee	13,875
Shellfish conservation capital expense (upweller)	0
Shellfish conservation reserve (current balance \$8,499)	0
State share of plumbing permit income	<u>675</u>
	104,563

SANITATION

Art. 43. The Town will voted to authorize paying the following solid waste disposal expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

Capital improvements	\$ 4,000
Capital equipment replacement reserve (current balance \$28,000)	4,000
Contingency	0
General operations	34,295
Household hazardous waste disposal	1,750
Maintenance and repairs	5,000
Recycling removal	3,000
Solid waste removal	89,000
Universal hazardous waste disposal	<u>4,000</u>
	145,045

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Art. 44. The Town voted to renew its commitment to the cost of a two-year road repair and paving project. Town Meeting 2008 authorized the Treasurer to obtain a \$1,500,000 line of credit/loan to be repaid over a six-year period to cover these costs. The money is to be spent only with the approval of the Selectmen on preparation, paving, and finish work on the projects listed in the Road Committee’s 2008 Two-Year Repair and Paving Plan.

Art. 45. The Town voted to authorize paying the following road expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

Education and training	\$ 400
Road maintenance	
Culverts and ditching	42,600
General incidentals	9,900
Line painting; grading	13,400
Patching and sealing	14,200
Tree trimming; mowing; signs	9,250
Road paving	603,000
Road paving loan (first year of Art. 44 line of credit/loan)	138,000
Assign to Road Paving reserve (current balance \$0)	<u>0</u>
	830,750

Art. 46. The Town voted to authorize spending \$149,000 for snow removal for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required. Last year’s proposed sum was \$150,000.

RECREATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Art. 47. The Town voted to authorize paying the following local service expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

General assistance	\$ 8,000
Georgetown Community Center	7,500
Recreation Committee	8,100
Richards Library	<u>2,000</u>
	25,600

Art. 48. The Town voted to authorize paying the following regional service expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

Bath Area Food Bank	450
Bath Area Senior Citizens	800
Big Brothers / Big Sisters	500
CHANS (Community Health and Nursing Services)	350
The Children’s Center	300
Coastal Transportation	550
Elmhurst Inc	800
Family Crisis Services	0
Hospice Volunteers	1,200
Midcoast Maine Community Action	525
Patten Free Library	15,861
Spectrum Generations (Central Maine Area Agency on Aging)	920
Sweetser	1,224
Tedford Housing	<u>0</u>
	23,480

Note: The \$15,861 for the Patten Free Library is based on our 2000 population of 1,020 multiplied by a per capita rate of \$15.55. If the Bath City Council approves a lower per capita rate, the Selectmen are authorized to recalculate the amount to be expended using that lower per capita rate.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Art. 49. The Town voted to authorize paying for the following cemetery expenses for the fiscal year 2009-10 and to appropriate the Town funds required:

Cemetery manager	\$ 250
Maintenance and repair	
Fence maintenance	500
Flags and plaques	100
Monument repair	300
Mowing, tree and brush trimming	<u>3,954</u>
	5,104

UNCLASSIFIED

Art. 50. The Town voted to authorize paying \$18,339 for MacMahan Island for the fiscal year 2009-10 as authorized by law and to appropriate the Town funds required. This amount is a direct obligation of the Town. Last year's amount was \$17,172.

Art. 51. The Town voted to authorize paying a sum now estimated at \$825,198 to pay tax to Sagadahoc County and to appropriate the Town funds required. This amount is a direct obligation of the Town. Last year's budgeted amount was \$844,002.

Art. 52. The Town voted to appropriate \$150,00 from undesignated fund balance to reduce the annual tax commitment.

Art. 53. The Town voted to bring forward the mandated actual unexpended balance in the following account. The unexpended balance as of 28 May 2009 is shown. Any amount in excess of the budgeted carry-forward will be used to reduce the fiscal 2009-10 appropriation.

Common School Funds	200,000
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Art. 54. The Town voted to increase the property tax levy limit of \$461,778 set for the Town by the State in the event that the municipal budget approved at Town Meeting will result in a tax commitment greater than that property tax levy limit.

YES, 53; NO, 3

The vote on this article was by written ballot under State law.

The Moderator swore in the elected officials from Tuesday's election who were present.

The Town Meeting adjourned at 11:26am.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Collins
Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, 23 JUNE 2009

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 12noon and read the greeting.

Art. 1. Donald Ludgin was elected Moderator to preside at the meeting with 6 votes. He announced that the vote on Article 2 would be by paper ballot.

Art. 2. Do you favor approving the Georgetown School Department budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Town Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

YES, 75; NO, 3

The Moderator read the results of the voting.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Collins
Town Clerk

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD OF APPEALS

In past years the Board has received one or two appeals per year. This year we received nine appeal applications, decided seven appeals, and continued one. (We decided the ninth in July.) We held 36 meetings, which included three site visits and eight hearings. In the additional meetings we refined our procedures, revised application forms, and reviewed and recommended changes to various Town ordinances. Most of the latter efforts focused on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and revising the Board of Appeals Ordinance to make it consistent with other revised ordinances. Board members also attended Board of Selectmen meetings and Town hearings and meetings to clarify recommended changes.

Kate MacKay was reappointed to the Board in July, 2008, and Lindsay Dorney appointed in March, 2009. Kate and Dave Fluharty attended MMA's Planning Board/Board of Appeals Workshop in September, 2008. Peter Stevens resigned from the Board due to work demands in December, 2008, after four years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate MacKay

Chair

CEMETERY DISTRICT TRUSTEES: No report received this year.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In the past year, we have:

- Continued our efforts to maintain or upgrade trails and other facilities on Town-owned and conservation properties;
- Continued our efforts to update hiking/walking trail maps and brochures;
- Continued our efforts to educate the public on conservation issues, including organizing a seminar on wind power;
- Conducted water testing on public lands;
- Organized the annual Coastal Clean-up;
- Sought to influence a responsible approach to the recently-enacted Shoreland Zoning Ordinance;
- Began a dialogue on whether to recommend open-space planning in Georgetown;
- Actively participated in and initiated efforts to take advantage of Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping tools in Town planning to increase access to and awareness of public lands;
- Began drafting a summary history of the Conservation Commission in Georgetown;
- Increased contact and cooperation with other local and municipal conservation groups; and
- Arranged for a proclamation from the State Legislature honoring Betty Cole for her 18 years of service to the Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

David Tudor

Chair

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Voters at Town Meeting approved a budget totaling \$4,323,990 for the fiscal year, an increase of \$291,586, or 7.2 percent, from the previous year. The municipal budget showed an increase of \$452,327, or 40.2 percent, to \$1,578,413. The largest contributor to this increase was the need to repave major portions of the Town's roads. However, because of the use of non-property-tax revenues and monies from the undesignated fund balance, the amount to be raised by property taxes for the municipal budget increased by only \$71,438, or 15.9 percent. The school budget showed a decrease of \$141,937, or 6.9 percent, to \$1,895,379. The County budget showed a decrease of \$18,804, to \$825,198. Additionally, the people reaffirmed last year's decision to obtain a line of credit of as much as \$1,500,000 to pave Town-owned roads during the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,

R J Trabona

Chair

HARBOR COMMITTEE

We welcomed George Dufour in his first full year as Harbormaster. After a six-month period without an official Harbormaster, George set to work on a backlog of items including an updated inventory of all moorings and elimination of those that were abandoned or non-compliant with mooring regulations. He used a system of colored tags to notify mooring owners that their mooring was in danger of being dropped unless they contacted him and made necessary corrections. The total number of dropped moorings for this period was about equal to the number of new applications, leaving us with a total of 665 moorings.

Voters at Town Meeting approved several changes in the Waterways and Harbors Ordinance that will clarify the payment period for mooring fees and increase penalties for late or non-payment of these fees. After several years of allowing a generous grace period for payment, and in fairness to the vast majority of boat owners who pay their fees in a timely manner, the new deadlines and penalties will be enforced in the future.

After seven instances where vessels broke adrift from their moorings, all boat owners were advised to pay additional attention to their mooring tackle and have it checked on a more regular basis. One small boat sank, but was quickly recovered. The owner of three derelict vessels anchored in the Little Sheepscot River removed them as ordered. But the owner of a large vessel illegally moored in Five Islands Harbor caused continuing problems for several months. We approved purchase of a mobile oil containment kit for the Harbormaster to use for minor oil spills.

Respectfully submitted,
John Teller
Chair

PLANNING BOARD

As reported by the Code Enforcement Officer, we issued 40 permits during the year. We spent most of our time writing a new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance as required by the State Department of Environmental Protection, completing it in time to be approved at a Special Town Meeting in March. We also rewrote sections of the Building Permit Ordinance to match changes in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The DEP gave us partial approval and partial denial for the new ordinance, objecting to the way we classified 14 lots in various shoreline locations. We classified them as Limited Residential, based on our long-standing definition of developed property; the DEP insisted that they should be in Resource Protection. We have met with DEP representatives, but the matter has not been resolved.

In addition to the innumerable hours and meetings on Shoreland zoning, at Town Meeting in June we presented a Tower Ordinance and a Small Wind-Powered Energy Ordinance. Both were approved.

We meet regularly the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7pm at the Town Office. Our meetings are open to the public, and we invite anyone interested to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart P Carlisle
Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report received this year.

GEORGETOWN'S PRESENT: Citizens of the Year honored since 1988

1988 Carolyn "Billie" Todd	1995 Richard Porter	2003 Ed Pert
1989 Marion Watson	1996 Lloyd Pinkham	2004 William F Plummer IV
1990 Lindsay Crosby	1997 Rosemary Hentz	2005 Jack Williams
1991 Adolf Ipcar	1998 Elaine Holt	2006 Betty Cole
1992 Bridgit "Bridie" Davis	1999 Donald Wilson	2007 Jack Swift
1993 Joanne Kirk	2000 Reed Fulton	2008 David Knauber
1994 Stella Williams	2001 Eugene Reynolds	2009 Georgetta Grindle
	2002 William F Herman	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The worst economic downturn since the Great Depression provides a backdrop for our report this year. In hard terms, it likely means that what little support we received from the State in the past (for special education reimbursement) will trickle down to almost nothing. In fact, it has become clear that the State's determination to enforce a school consolidation law has everything to do with economics and almost nothing to do with education.

Last year's report detailed the complicated choice we all faced as the State and local consolidation efforts got underway. This year, having chosen not to join with our neighboring communities in a local governance restructuring, we have continued as a stand-alone school unit. Since we remain under a mandate to consolidate in some way with a State-recognized partner, we will continue to pursue a fair and equitable partnership. But we are reluctant to predict a specific future course and are cautious about committing ourselves to a permanent arrangement. But we are steadfast in our adherence to the goal that Georgetown retains substantive local control of our students' educational needs. Amid all these difficulties, and in spite of the political wrangling, our small island school endures. We feel guardedly optimistic about our future and the opportunities it might offer.

This year saw us formalize a relationship with the Augusta School Department for administrative and payroll services. Our new superintendent, Connie Brown, is a summer resident of Georgetown who shares a commitment to our school and has provided us with knowledgeable and trustworthy counsel as we seek a State-approved consolidation partner. Of special note: Even though our relationship with the Augusta School Department has exceeded our *highest* expectations, the State does not recognize our current solution as satisfactory. Ironically, this arrangement has achieved administrative cost savings, which is the State's primary impetus for consolidation.

As this is written, it appears that our only choice is a State-approved Alternative Organizational Structure (AOS). An AOS allows a little more freedom to join like-minded communities to create a modified kind of union much like what we have traditionally enjoyed. We may have found such a partner in Union 49 (Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, and Southport). These small, highly-valued waterfront communities share a similar rural, coastal culture that values independence. And, like Georgetown, they are committed to their small, high-quality community schools. We have had a promising initial meeting with members of their board.

Amid this uncertainty, there is still good news to report. Our school's enrollment has substantially increased since our last report. Our students' Maine Educational Assessment scores continue to demonstrate exceptional achievement across every grade level. We signed a fair and equitable three-year teacher contract. We also negotiated a hard-fought agreement with RSU 1 ensuring the right for Arrowsic children to continue attending our school. A reminder: Our Arrowsic students bolster our school's population, enhance our school's culture, and, in an uncertain economy, provide us with valuable, stable revenue.

Our building remains in excellent working condition. Last spring we made upgrades to our plumbing system. We continue to paint and re-carpet floors on a routine basis. Last fall the school building was wired for an emergency generator. Greg Guckenberg and David Knauber deserve special effort for their tireless efforts towards making Georgetown Central School the cleanest public facility in the state.

Our committee recognizes that a quality education requires flexibility in pursuit of learning experiences. In service to the constantly changing needs of our children, we will welcome our first pre-K class to our school next year. We are also taking tentative steps to investigate the possibility of returning seventh and eighth grades back to our school. There is a proposed partnership with Bowdoin College for next year that will bring education-degree students in to observe our excellent classroom teaching.

Our school embraces the concept that learning is fun and that education exists outside of conventional boundaries. Last year the collection and science of composting led to a grant that resulted in the greenhouse behind our school. Community members donated generously for the materials needed to complete the project. We strive for energy efficiency and conservation in our school, and our sixth-grade Energy Patrol monitors rooms for energy use and recycling.

The support of our community is, as always, at the heart of the Georgetown School. Next year will be Wil Ansell's third year of boat-building with our fifth- and sixth-graders. Our fourth-graders continue to share their classroom with a saltwater touch tank containing myriad undersea creatures and learning opportunities with Officer Salty, Jon Hentz. Nurse Heidi (Werwaiss) initiated a fruit and vegetable challenge, encouraging students to eat healthy snacks. Volunteers assisted in teaching our children wreath-making. These are but a sampling of activities that our community volunteers contribute to our children.

We would like to extend our gratitude to an exceptional and dedicated staff. To a person, they have demonstrated the depth of their loyalty and determination to maintain our school as the jewel it is. In particular, we offer our profound thanks to Theresa Lash, principal, and Leslie McMahan (who is so much more than our school's secretary), both of whom found themselves having to take on additional responsibilities as Georgetown

moved from Union 47 to the Augusta School Department's administrative system. It was a Herculean effort that has us in their debt.

The year ahead appears full of promise and new possibilities. When all is said and done, the one constant is our community's remarkable support for its children.

Respectfully submitted,
*Don Cowing, Kristin Malin, and
 Nina Roth-Wells*

GEORGETOWN'S FUTURE: students educated at public expense, 2008-09

Georgetown Central School*		Bath School Department	
Other schools			
Kindergarten	5	Bath Middle School	Brunswick High School
Grade 1	15	Grade 7	Grade 10
Grade 2	8	Grade 8	4 Lincoln Academy, Grade 9
Grade 3	9	Morse High School	SAD 75, Grade 12
Grade 4	10	Grade 9	16 Woolwich Central School
Grade 5	10	Grade 10	3 Grade 7
Grade 6	6	Grade 11	7
		Grade 12	4 Regional Vocational Center
			Grade 12
Totals	63		46

* Georgetown Central School includes 11 tuition students from Arrowsic.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Georgetown Central School offers an unparalleled education for students who attend Kindergarten through Grade 6. Given its small size, the school stands out as an academic giant among its peers. Students receive a rich curriculum delivered by an outstanding faculty in an environment that is supportive and compassionate. For example, several sixth graders received perfect scores in mathematics in the Maine Education Assessment. Students exceeded the standards in many areas and excelled in writing.

Students extend their academic experience through community service. Students from Georgetown were featured in The Tide as part of the boat-building program and spoke to members of the Georgetown Historical Society as part of its May program. Making use of the new greenhouse, students designed and built a wonderful extension to their classroom work through the cultivation of plants. Food from the greenhouse was used as part of the school lunch program and donated to local food pantries.

Children of all ages participated in such activities as the Mountain Bike Club, the Math Team, and Theater Kids. They entertained families and friends for Mother's Lunch and an event for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and friends. The school has a robust music program and each spring treats the community to a band and chorus concert.

The staff in the Georgetown Central School is among the best trained professionals in Maine and spends a considerable amount of study furthering their knowledge and skills in areas such as the application of brain research in the classroom. They are led by an exceptional principal whose knowledge of effective instructional practices is matched by her passion for meeting the needs of all students. Together, they make an exceptional team for students.

Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, the Georgetown Central School will offer a pre-kindergarten program. This initiative is supported by months of study and research concerning best practices for young learners. I am delighted that I had a hand in creating such a wonderful opportunity for children.

It has been my great privilege to be the Superintendent of the Georgetown School Department. I am delighted to work in a community that so strongly supports its educational program.

Respectfully submitted,
Cornelia Brown
 Superintendent

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Starting in 2009, clam diggers in Georgetown have had to deal with new guidelines based on data collected in Sagadahoc Bay, Heal's Eddy, and Todd's Bay. Data collected in August 2008 (at a time when the flats should have been closed but were not) led the State Department of Marine Resources (MeDMR) to consider these three areas "conditionally approved" (based on Kennebec River flow), rather than the "approved" status they had had before the sampling. River flow gauges are located in Auburn (on the Androscoggin) and Sidney (on the Kennebec). When the combined flow through the two meters exceeds 30,000 cubic feet per second (CFS), Sagadahoc Bay and Heal's Eddy will be closed until 14 days after the combined flow drops below 30,000cfs. These DMR rule change had a significant impact on the number of days available to dig in these two locations during the peak 2009 season, which was also the wettest season on record. Coupling these changes with red tide made it almost impossible for commercial diggers to make any living this summer.

Our committee is now working to take additional samples to prove to both DMR and the Federal Food and Drug Administration that samples from Sagadahoc Bay and Heal's Eddy should not be included as part of the Kennebec River Watershed. Geographically, samples from these areas should not be subject to the changes in the flow of the river. Both Sagadahoc Bay and Heal's Eddy have a long history as "approved," and we are confident that we can prove that both locations should return to that status.

DMR will continue to monitor the shoreline through surveys. We appreciate the steps folks have taken after their septic systems were identified as failing during the 2008 shoreline surveys. Maintaining your shoreline septic systems helps keep the flats open and the crop healthy. We encourage all residents to inspect and maintain their systems.

Currently, Robinhood Cove and Little River are the only "approved" areas in town that will not be closed based on flowmeter data. As a result, both areas have been overharvested, and we will direct our conservation efforts to them. Our conservation work will include transplanting baby clams from Sagadahoc Bay into Robinhood Cove and Little River.

We are currently looking for new members who would have an interest in this local industry and our conservation efforts. If you might be interested, please make that fact known to one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Campbell
Chair

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Transfer Station continues to be a busy place in Georgetown. This past year we worked to replace or repair the infrastructure. The entrance gate was replaced and another gate was placed at the entrance to the metals area. Two dumpsters were purchased to replace the old, worn ones. An overhang was built on the left side of the "Mall" to cover the shelves that store dishes and other kitchen materials.

For 2009 the total municipal solid waste (MSW) for Georgetown was 595 tons of compactor and bulky waste. The Committee estimated that nearly 30 tons of items/ materials and metal were reused or recycled at the Transfer Station. But despite this, the recycling rate for Georgetown decreased to 32.1% (221 tons) from 36.28% the previous year. Residents properly disposed of 13.2 tons of Universal Waste (such as television sets, computer components, and fluorescent bulbs). Georgetown participated in the fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection in Brunswick.

We continue to enthusiastically encourage residents to recycle as many items and materials as possible. Every citizen pays approximately five times as much for every pound of waste disposed of in the compactor and bulky as she or he pays for material recycled.

Finally, a reminder: **no flammables, no chemicals, no pesticides, no toxic materials** are accepted at the Transfer Station. Please take these materials to the HHW collections in Bath in early May and in Brunswick in October.

Respectfully submitted,
*Karren Cowing, Alison Freeman,
Ole Jaeger, David Polito, and
Sharon Trabona*

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD

During the year we commissioned Steve DeWick of Pine Tree Engineering to inspect and prepare an updated engineering assessment of the wharf and buildings in Five Islands. This assessment included detailed recommendations for restoration and improvements needed to preserve the wharf, address safety concerns, and resolve code non-conformities. Based on these recommendations, we prepared a three year Strategic Plan with a prioritized list of projects and preliminary cost estimates. You can inspect this plan on the Town web page.

Based on the Strategic Plan and the engineers' report, we undertook immediate repairs to the wharf supports under the Bait Shed and to the floor of the Love Nest. We also engaged a contractor to correct a number of problems with the exterior shells of the three buildings with the objective of restoring them to a weather-tight and vermin-resistant condition. Due to the weather, this work was still ongoing at the end of the fiscal year.

We also undertook repairs to the Commercial Float, patching a punctured flotation chamber, adding non-skid coating to its deck, and repairing and improving the mooring scheme by positioning a block with chain pendant to the east to safeguard against wind and wave action from that direction. The Recreational Floats received new attachment hardware and bottom paint to extend the life of the flotation billets. Signage around the wharf was upgraded to reflect Pine Tree's weight limit calculations and the Board's desires for greater clarity with respect to rules of use. We began the process of drafting a revised lease for the three buildings at the wharf to bring it into conformance with standard commercial leases.

John Wood of Island Surveys continued his deed and site work as part of our project to survey town--owned property.

We presented revisions to the Town-Owned Property Management Board Ordinance to Town Meeting to clarify some terms and to increase the fees paid for tying skiffs at the Recreational Float. Voters accepted our proposed amendments.

And finally, but not least, we wish to thank the fishermen and other townspeople as well as our tenants for a host of volunteer support that makes it possible for us to have the most effective uses of town-owned property.

Respectfully submitted,
*Rick Freeman, Ed Pert, and
Bruce Blessington*

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS' REPORTS

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

I would like to remind all pet owners of the presence of rabies in our area. There has been at least one confirmed case of a rabid raccoon and suspected cases of rabid skunks in neighboring towns during the last year. Under Maine law you are required to have your dog or cat inoculated against the disease. As I become aware of rabies clinics (where you can get the inoculation at reduced cost), I will post notices at the Town Office, Post Office, and other community bulletin boards.

Dog owners must have their pets licensed. I carry a list of licensed dogs with me. When I find a dog roaming at large, I can get it back to your home, instead of taking it to the shelter, if it has its current license. If your dog's tags are not on it, or not current, I will have a harder time getting it to your home, and you will have to travel to Brunswick to retrieve it. If your pet does become lost, please phone me (371-2052). I receive many calls from people reporting found or stray animals. If you report your pet missing, I may know that someone has already found it. If you see a dog at large and call me, try to give me some information: its color, breed (if you know it), and size, and the direction it was last seen walking.

Walking alone in traffic or chasing after a wild animal is not a safe place for your pet. State law requires you to keep your dog leashed or with you and under your voice control. Please remember, your dog may seem calm and friendly when it's home with you, but it may show aggressive behavior toward other animals or your neighbors when it's out roaming. Your friendly pet may be lost or confused, or it may just miss you. You have a responsibility to keep your pet at home and safe. It should not be over pooping on your neighbor's lawn. Yes, it can seem difficult to walk your dog after a long day at work, but it is safer to the animal, kinder to your neighbors, and the legal way to care for your dog.

Caring for your dog does not include tying it in the yard before you go to work. Your dog becomes a victim of the elements. It requires proper shelter and water at all times, and a hot summer sun can be as harmful as a winter blizzard. It may become lonesome while tied out alone and may bark or howl to get attention — not fair to it or your neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Mann
Animal Control Officer

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Construction in Georgetown continues to be fairly active despite the current recession. We had 24 CEO permits this year in addition to the 40 building permits issued by the Planning Board. Of these, 14 of the CEO permits and 27 of the PB permits were for structures in the Shoreland zone. There were also 29 plumbing permits and 23 septic permits. All in all, a pretty busy year.

If you are considering doing any construction, call me to find out what permits, if any, are required. This is especially true if you are considering building or cutting trees in the Shoreland zone; there has been a major revision to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. You can reach me at 371-2098 between the hours of 9am and 6pm, Monday through Friday. If I am not available, leave a message on the answering machine: I will return your call during normal business hours – sooner if you are dealing with an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J Trabona
Code Enforcement Officer

HARBORMASTER

The most time-consuming and costly event of the year was the abandonment of *Night Music* in Five Islands Harbor. *Night Music* was a derelict 48-foot wooden motor yacht that was brought into Georgetown waters under tow 15 April 2009 and moored illegally on someone else's mooring. I spent much of the rest of 2008-09 trying to get the derelict removed. You'll have to wait for next year's Town Report to learn the rest of the story.

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We added seven new moorings in harbors other than Five Islands, and one new one in Five Islands for a local lobsterman. There were only three breakaways during storms this year (one boat twice). Both vessels were recovered with only minor damage. Most boat owners are paying attention to maintaining their mooring tackle. We will add two "No Wake" buoys in areas where we have had numerous complaints. Operators of watercraft are responsible for any damage or injury caused by excessive wakes.

It is a pleasure to work in our town and serve my friends and neighbors. Our fishermen and recreational boaters are a great community. I thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
George F Dufour
Harbormaster

ROAD COMMISSIONER

This was the first year of a major road-paving plan put into motion by a complete assessment of road conditions. Last year members of the ad hoc road committee assessed every road in town, putting together a road paving plan that involved fixing minor problems in the good roads first, to keep them from getting worse, and then rebuilding the bad roads. The result would be to bring the 70 percent of good roads to new condition and leaving the worst roads for the last year of a three-year paving plan. This year we paved Robinhood Road and did culverts and ditching on the other roads as well. We also rebuilt the second mile of the Indian Point Road. But with high asphalt prices, the selectmen and I decided not to go any further until prices came down. We hope prices come down for the following year. Routine maintenance continues with extensive trimming expected, and a routine spring and fall grading of dirt roads. As always I appreciate any suggestions. My phone is always on: call me anytime. Thanks for another year and I look forward to many more.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Savoie
Road Commissioner

SHELLFISH WARDEN

In the last months of this year we were plagued with record-setting rains along with the highest-recorded Red Tide outbreaks in the State's history. Of course we have no control over either event, but we must anticipate such events and work around them in the future. Early this year the State Department of Marine Resources (MeDMR) decided to base the opening and closing of Sagadahoc Bay and Heal Eddy on water flow in the Kennebec River. When flow rates exceed 30,000 cubic feet per second as measured at Auburn and Sidney, these areas will be closed. We are working with MeDMR to separate river flow from such closures. We are also working on poor water-quality readings in both areas. My plan is to work with the Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Trabona, on additional shoreline surveys to locate sewage discharges into shellfish areas or adjacent streams from straight pipes or malfunctioning septic systems, as well as grey-water discharges from washing machines or sinks. If we find any evidence of a discharge, we may have to ask homeowners for permission to dye-test their septic systems (placing a non-toxic dye in a toilet or sink and running water to see whether the dye is discharging in or near surface water).

If you want to harvest any shellfish in Georgetown, you must first obtain a shellfish license from the Town Office. At that time, ask if there are any conservation closures in effect and look at the latest pollution closure notices, which you can find on the bulletin board in the hall. You may also want to pick up a recreational shellfish information sheet or check the Town's web site (www.state.me.us/local/sagadahoc/georgetown). Also check the MeDMR web site (www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/shellfishgrowingarea) This way you can be absolutely sure the flats where you plan to dig are open. And, prior to digging in the future, check with me (371-2732) or the Town Office (371-2820). Openings and closings change without warning. Be especially cautious in the spring, when heavy rains may close all our flats. Another springtime problem we routinely face is Red Tide, which usually affects blue mussels, carnivorous snails, and European oysters I make every effort to post closure signs at major points of access to some of the flats. These locations are the first telephone pole on the Birch Island Road, Julia Kahrl's apple tree by the tennis court on Kennebec Point, the signpost at the southern end of Molly Point, the signpost at the end of the pavement on the Sagadahoc Bay Road, Todd's Landing on Robinhood Cove between the two bridges, the boat ramp at the end of the South Bay Road on Indian Point, the commercial clambers' access by Connie Donovan's on Indian Point, the Indian Point access to the Little River

on the Loop Road, and the gate house at Reid State Park. However, never trust the absence of a sign, because they can be and in many cases are vandalized or damaged, or they may just plain vanish. The only sign you can trust completely is the one in the Town Office. Or you can check the DMR web site. Please remember that if you use someone else's property to get to the clam flats, you must first obtain permission from the owner.

If the Town Office is closed and you need an immediate shellfish license, please call the Sagadahoc Bay Campground (371-2014), where Patricia or Eric Kosalka will sell you a seven-day recreational shellfish license at just about any time during daylight or early evening hours.

The Red Tide Hotline is 1-800-232-4733.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon L Hentz
Shellfish Warden

TOWN OFFICE GALLERY DIRECTOR

Our first exhibitor was Ruth Sabol, a summer resident from Vermont. She has been entranced by the natural beauty of Georgetown and finds many subjects that interest her, and she enjoys painting out of doors. She also included some paintings from Vermont, of barns and hayfields, snow scenes and sugar shacks. Her colors are vibrant and true to life.

Howard Bliss followed. He began his painting career with water colors, then changed to pastel for its richness and ease in application. Most of his paintings are of landscapes and are full of light. They often contain water, which is everywhere in Georgetown! He has studied with local artists over the years, to his great advantage. His work is easy on the eyes.

Kristin Malin is one of our favorite artists, and this is, I think, her third show at the Town Office Gallery. Her work is always interesting and pleasing. Her colors are bright at times, and shrouded in fog at others. She loves painting the shoreline of Georgetown, which is always changing and interesting and beautiful. Her love of Georgetown comes through clearly in her artwork, and she shares it freely with us.

Jodi McMahan, a woman of many talents, loaned us her wonderful photographs of lobster buoys and water in the Sheepscot, where she spends a lot of her time being a Marine Warden for the State. She also does pencil and charcoal drawings when she's not on the water. Her colors are vibrant, and her eye is sure.

Léa Peterson was our next exhibitor. Her beautiful pastel seascapes and landscapes made the Town Office a restful place to work in and visit. She well conveys the mood of the coast, the rocky shores, tides, marshes, people, villages, wildlife, and flora. She has a keen eye for the movement of water and clouds and can make them come alive on paper.

And last but not least, the schoolchildren of Georgetown showed the work of the fifth and sixth grades. They had been inspired by the art of ancient Egypt, using research to learn about one piece of art they had chosen to recreate. They pretended they were breaking through sandy ground or a hidden passage into an ancient tomb to find a great work of art. Then they used their skills to create a flat-backed relief sculpture, protected by a pizza box! Our art teacher, Karen Wolfe, has a wonderful sense of making-do! Sixth-grade artists were Devon Bryan, Isabella Jackson, Zeb Keith-Hardy, Samantha Moore, Bronwyn Morissette, Shaw Pinkham-McKnight, and Kevin Thibodeau. The fifth graders were Kaylee Bassett, Sean Detwiler, Taylor Freeman, Henry Geoffrion, Walter Hudson, Mercedes Lang, Charles Moore III, Hunter Reed, Jacob Snowdon, and Caleb Voorheis.

It has been a colorful year, with many new people exhibiting and some old friends. Georgetown has been gifted with many artists who are always ready to share their talents. As always, I am looking for new exhibitors, either you yourself or a friend. Please call me (2447) and let me know the good news. Or email me at cmd@singingbridge.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Darrow
Town Office Gallery Director