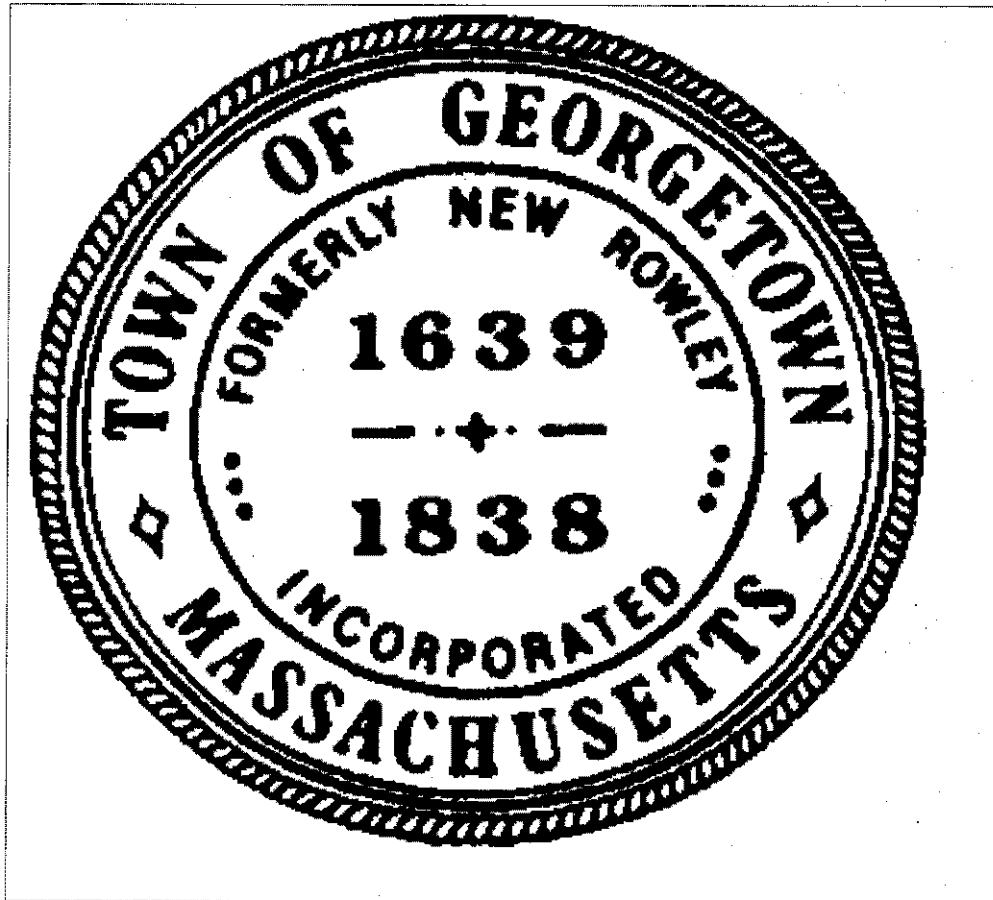


Finance and Advisory Board
Annual Report and Recommendations
For
Fiscal Year 2020



Annual and Special Town Meeting

Monday May 6, 2019

7:00 PM

Georgetown Middle/Senior High School Auditorium

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Report from the Finance & Advisory Board FY 2020 Budget

To the citizens of Georgetown:

Fiscal Year 2019 is ending, and we have completed the budget for FY2020. Every year we face different challenges maintaining a balanced budget and continuing to provide the levels of service that each one of our town departments provides.

As always, each one of department heads does a great job providing us with a high level of services at the lowest possible cost. We are grateful for the talented and hardworking people working for the town.

As you may know, the Finance and Advisory Committee is responsible for presenting a balanced budget at Annual Town Meeting. We do not raise revenue, but ensure that we provide a specified, minimum level of services within the budgetary constraints we face each year. Every year hard decisions are required to maintain this balance.

Fiscal year 2019 provided some late surprises that we had to address. Though we seemingly live in a small, safe town, we are not isolated from societal changes or events around us. As a result, town meeting proposed, and voters passed a \$108,000 levy limit increase to hire a School Resource Officer and strengthen school security. These expenditures were not planned and providing funding impacted our ability to use the revenue for other purposes.

Fiscal Year 2020 is a year of continued change in our town. While we still have limited resources and a state-fixed Levy Limit, we did acquire a new revenue source in the form of the Marijuana Community Hosting Agreement which added \$200,000 to the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2020. This type of revenue may grow in the future but is by no means guaranteed.

One of the key drivers influencing our priorities in the 2020 budget was the Moody's Press Release and Credit Opinion report. This report identified three major financial shortcomings that subsequently reduced our bond rating. While the report was not catastrophic, it certainly was a warning to be taken seriously.

The main causes for the downgrade included: inadequate funding of our Tax Stabilization Fund, irregular payments to Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB) and lack of investment in Capital Fund.

What seemed of most concern to Moody's was our seeming lack of fiscal discipline in adequately and consistently contributing to these funds. In fact, they were underfunded and did not receive consistent funding due to the lack of available revenue.

While the town has limited ability to generate revenue, we face uncontrollable costs that outstrip the revenue growth every year. While most town departments have been successful in limiting wages and salaries, our obligations to some union wage and benefits packages are higher than the percentage we can raise through taxes. Despite the best efforts of the school

administration, Special Education (SPED) costs are soaring. Due to state laws and mandates, the School Department has limited ability to control them. Insurance costs every year are unpredictable and though the Town Administrator has done a good job reducing our exposure, market and claims experience determines the rates.

Balancing the Fiscal 2020 budget has been as challenging as last years. Actions taken for this budget include:

- We are continuing to react to a changing environment and OSHA requirements by adding two fulltime firefighters as we towards a professional, twenty-four-hour Fire Department.
- The Board of Selectmen and the FinCom have agreed that in a response to the Moody's report to focus on funding areas that have hitherto been underfunded or neglected.
- Our deficit was partly offset by the infusion of the Marijuana Community Hosting Funds.
- The School Budget, Library, Administration and Highway Budget requests were slightly reduced.
- A planned increase for the Snow and Ice Budget was shelved to budgetary issues.
- Funding and planned, consistent funding for the Tax Stabilization Fund.
- Funding and planned, consistent funding for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB).
- Funding and planned, consistent funding for the Capital Stabilization Fund.
- Reduction in Health Insurance Costs.

As we look forward to the future, we have recognized some troubling trends and challenges. The continued increase in uncontrollable costs will force the town into a yearly structural deficit that will widen over time.

Uncontrollable costs include:

- Special Education
- Wages and Salaries
- Insurance
- Litigation
- Potential Unfunded State Mandates

Other potential costs on the horizon include:

- Replacement of the Public Safety Facility.
- Catch-up costs for deferred or delayed maintenance.
- Addition of two additional firefighters.

As our town grows and matures, more demands are put on the budget. In years past, we have added Police Officers, built new schools, established a Senior Center and rebuilt roads. There will be more demands for new, improved or expanded services. How do we pay for them and yet keep the property taxes reasonable and maintain of the quality of life we have come to

expect in our town? Financial prudence and strict cost controls seem the ways to continue to move our town forward.

FinCom goals moving forward:

- We counsel austerity over the next few years.
- We would like to see our present debt load reduced significantly before we make any more long-term financial commitments.
- We advise increasing the Budget for Snow and Ice to reduce seasonal deficits and reduce reliance on free cash.
- We want to protect the tax payers from extraordinary tax increases if possible.
- Keep the town affordable for everyone.
- We would like to consider the establishment of a Special Education (SOED) Stabilization Fund.

The FinCom intends to work very closely with the Board of Selectmen, all town departments and the School Committee to continue to make Georgetown a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Dobie, Chairman
Wayne Snow
Sheila Ruth
Robin Olson
Eric Burton
Steven Epstein
Matt Newhall

A VOTER'S GUIDE TO TOWN MEETING

Compiled by Moderator Beverly Enos

At Town Meeting, the voter's approve or disapprove moneys allocated to Town departments necessary for operation throughout the following fiscal year.

The Board of Selectmen, School, Highway, Police, and other departments are then bound by this allocation. If they expect to exceed this limit, then they must go back to the taxpayers at a Special Town Meeting and ask for more. It is a popular misconception that the Board of Selectmen or School Committee control the spending of your tax dollar. This is not true, they only get to spend what you allot to them at Town Meeting.

Other decisions are also reached at Town Meeting that affects your day to day living in Georgetown. All zoning by-laws and changes must be approved at Town Meeting as well as street acceptances, license fees and penalties, and requests for purchase of capital equipment.

Who's Who at Town Meeting:

The **Moderator** presides and regulates the proceedings, decides all questions of order, and makes public declaration of all votes.

The **Finance Committee's** primary duty is to advise and make recommendations to Town Meeting on the budget and other areas of finance. Statutorily, their authority is limited to making transfers from the town's reserve fund to other line items in the budget for extraordinary or unforeseen occurrences.

The **Town Clerk** keeps accurate records of the minutes of Town Meeting and records all votes passed as declared by the Moderator.

Town Counsel sees to it that the presented articles are in proper form and is available for consultation with the Moderator on legal questions during the meeting.

The **Board of Selectmen** (or Select board as is more politically correct) is a five person elected board that holds the responsibility of "day to day" operations of the Town. It is this board that sets the time and place for the Town Meeting and prepares and issues the Warrant.

The **Town Administrator** serves as the chief administrative officer and manages the Selectmen's office, prepares for Selectmen's meetings, coordinates with department heads, and is liaison with Town Counsel. At the present time the Town Administrator also serves as the Acting Finance Director.

The Order of Business:

- Meeting called to order
- Return of the Warrant
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Introduction of visitors
- Complimentary Resolutions (appreciation certificates, etc.)

- Reports of committees
- Consideration of the Warrant Articles
 - What are commonly referred to as “stock items” are called early in the meeting and most often consist of:
 - standard operating budgets, such as Light Department
 - Road Machinery Fund continuation
 - cable television revolving Account
 - Articles then normally follow in numerical order an exception may be by a motion to amend that an article be “taken out of sequence.” On occasion there may be circumstances that make this desirable or necessary. A majority of the voters present must be obtained to move the sequence of articles.

Procedure for Each Warrant Article:

- The Moderator will announce the article number.
- The Motion is made by the appropriate board or sponsor of the article.
- The Moderator may repeat the article.
- A “Second” is required to open the discussion.
- Report of Advisory Committees (usually Finance Committee and/or Planning Board).
- Explanation by appropriate board or petition sponsor.
- Discussion:
 - Those who wish to speak must be recognized by the Moderator. Raising your hand should do it or you may proceed to any of the floor microphones to do so.
 - Once recognized, please state your name and address.
 - Address all remarks to the Moderator and all questions through the Moderator.
 - When the Moderator senses that the meeting is ready to vote, the motion will be repeated prior to the vote being taken.

When discussion has come to a close and the motion has been repeated for clarity, the Moderator will call for a vote.

Votes:

Voice vote: Most often this process begins with “All in Favor (raise the voting slips you received when checking in at the meeting)”. If the voice vote (raise of voting slips) has obvious results, the Moderator will then state that the motion passed or failed.

Standing count/show of hands:

If the vote (raise of voting slips) seems too close to call by a voice vote (raise of voting slips), or the vote is immediately questioned by seven voters (“I question the vote”), the Moderator will ask the Tellers to come into the meeting and count the votes. Each Teller has a pre-specified area to count. The Moderator will ask those in favor of the motion to hold up their voting slips—they are counted and the results are tabulated and reported to the Moderator. The process is then repeated for those against the motion. The Moderator will then announce whether the motion has passed or failed and the vote tally.

Ballot vote: Voting by secret ballot is done if prior to a standing count, a motion is made and carried to count by written secret ballot. The Town Clerk then disburses specific ballot slips and they are collected in an orderly manner in a ballot box and counted. The results are given to the Moderator who will announce the results to the Town Meeting.

Once a vote is counted - by standing vote/show of hands or ballot vote - it cannot be questioned.

Vote Quantum (Proportion) Required:

Majority

- to pass an affirmative main motion - (budget etc)
- to pass the acceptance of a road if it is part of a subdivision plan

2/3 required

- to amend zoning by-laws
- to appropriate from Stabilization fund
- to take or purchase land or easements (generally)
- to take or purchase land for a Public Domain
- to transfer Municipal land (not for park purposes) to another board or municipal purpose
- to sell or abandon land or easements acquired other than by purchase and held for specific purpose (schools, playgrounds...) in charge of a board or committee other than Selectmen
- to make changes or additions to a Town Map prepared or approved by planning board and adopted by town meeting
- road acceptance if NOT part of a subdivision plan

4/5 required

- to PAY UNPAID BILLS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR which may be unenforceable due to the insufficiency of an appropriation (at special town meeting 9/10)

Motions & Terminology

For those who have attended many Town Meetings, the "language" of the meeting may be sometimes somewhat confusing. Massachusetts General Laws and the Town of Georgetown By Laws are full of such terminology in "legalese." The following are some of the most often used motions and a listing of some basic terminology. These are written in, hopefully, an every day understandable language.

Common Town Meeting Motions:

end the Meeting	"I move to adjourn"	Majority
amending a Motion	"I move to Amend by..."	Majority
end Debate	"I move the Question"	2/3
consider something out of scheduled order	"I move to change the order of business and consider..."	Majority
object to Procedure	"Point of Order"	none - Moderator rules
request another method of voting	"I move that vote be taken by..."	Majority
request counted vote (after vote has been declared)	"I move for a count"	7 voters -
reconsider a vote (must have voted on prevailing side)	"I move to Reconsider....."	Majority
request information	"I request Point of Information"	none - Moderator rules

Terminology:

Appropriation

- An authorization by Town Meeting to make obligations and payments from the treasury for a specific purpose.

Assessed Valuation

- The value set on real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for setting the tax rate.

Capital Budget

- A multi year plan of spending for large capital items requested by Town Departments. Most of these are voted on individually as warrant articles.

Cherry Sheet

- Called so due to the cherry pink color paper on which it was originally printed.
- A form from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue showing all of the State and County charges and reimbursements to the Town as certified for the following year.
- Supposed to be received by March 1 of each year from the State Tax Commission.

Fiscal Year

- A 12 month period commencing on July 1 to which the annual town budget applies. The moneys appropriated at the May Town Meeting are for the next fiscal year starting July1.

Free Cash

- The amount of Surplus Revenue over and above uncollected taxes of prior years.
- Free Cash must be certified by the State Director of Accounts.

General Fund

- The major town fund created with town receipts and tax revenues from which the majority of town expenses are met.

Operating Budget

- A plan of proposed spending and the proposed means of paying for it for the next fiscal year.

Reserve Fund

- This fund is established by voters at Annual Town Meeting.
- To use these monies, transfers may be authorized by the Finance Committee and only for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures" that do not warrant calling of a Special Town Meeting.
- Any unexpended balance of this fund is closed out to Surplus Revenue at fiscal year end.

Stabilization Fund

- This fund is designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes.
- These moneys may be invested (and accrue interest) by the town.
- These moneys may be appropriated by a 2/3 vote at any Town Meeting for any legal purpose.

Surplus Revenue

- This fund represents the amount by which Cash, Accounts Receivable, and other assets exceed the town's liabilities and reserves.

Transfers

- The town may by majority at any Town Meeting, transfer any amount previously appropriated to any other use authorized by law.

Town of Georgetown
FY 2020 Final

	FY19 Budgeted	FY20 Proposed	%	\$
Expenditures	30,815,943	32,042,729	6.01%	1,851,569
Education	15,903,939	16,368,051	2.92%	464,112
Georgetown Schools	15,090,202	15,755,013	4.41%	664,811
Personal Services	12,616,429	13,070,407	3.60%	453,978
Purchase of Services	2,473,773	2,684,606	8.52%	210,833
School Assess/Misc	813,737	613,038	-24.66%	-200,699
Expenses	813,737	613,038	-24.70%	-200,699
Other	5,475,169	5,557,219	1.50%	82,050
Medical Insurance	2,726,766	2,781,301	2.00%	54,535
County Retirement	1,792,303	1,772,013	-1.13%	-20,290
Medicare Insurance	297,000	311,850	5.00%	14,850
Other Unclassified	252,500	265,125	5.00%	12,625
Dental Insurance	170,000	178,500	5.00%	8,500
Workmen's Comp Insurance	160,000	168,000	5.00%	8,000
Unemployment Insurance	70,000	73,500	5.00%	3,500
Life Insurance	6,600	6,930	5.00%	330
Debt Service	2,817,734	3,205,138	2.91%	82,050
Public Safety	2,421,482	2,544,137	5.07%	122,655
Police Department	1,505,403	1,550,731	3.01%	45,328
Salaries	1,331,353	1,375,826	3.34%	44,473
Expenses	174,050	174,905	0.49%	855
Fire Department	507,813	563,203	10.91%	55,390
Salaries	375,571	424,416	13.01%	48,845
Expenses	132,242	138,787	4.95%	6,545
Communications Center	245,234	258,910	5.58%	13,676
Salaries	245,234	258,910	5.58%	13,676
Inspection Services	148,227	151,913	2.49%	3,686
Salaries	143,270	146,106	1.98%	2,836
Expenses	4,957	5,807	17.15%	850
Police Crossing Guard	14,805	19,380	30.90%	4,575
Salaries	14,805	19,380	30.90%	4,575
General Government	1,893,459	1,909,360	0.84%	15,901
Selectmen	917,480	937,437	2.18%	19,957
Expenses	754,285	754,285	0.00%	0
Salaries	163,195	183,152	12.23%	19,957

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	FY19 Budgeted	FY20 Proposed	%	\$
Treasurer/Collector	169,899	172,809	1.70%	2,910
Salaries	145,552	148,462	2.00%	2,910
Expenses	24,347	24,347	0.00%	0
Assessors	159,995	163,516	2.20%	3,521
Salaries	135,286	138,807	2.60%	3,521
Expenses	24,709	24,709	0.00%	0
Planning Board	126,351	128,531	1.70%	2,180
Salaries	108,974	111,154	2.00%	2,180
Expenses	17,377	17,377	0.00%	0
Reserve Fund	105,000	105,000	0.00%	0
Town Accountant	94,572	96,373	1.90%	1,801
Salaries	91,032	92,833	2.00%	1,801
Expenses	3,540	3,540	0.00%	0
Conservation Committee	87,602	89,616	2.30%	2,014
Salaries	85,129	87,143	2.40%	2,014
Expenses	2,473	2,473	0.00%	0
Town Counsel Expense	80,000	80,000	0.00%	0
Expenses	80,000	80,000	0.00%	0
Town Clerk	66,619	67,031	0.60%	412
Salaries	59,444	59,856	0.70%	412
Expenses	7,175	7,175	0.00%	0
Elections	40,300	24,250	-39.80%	-16,050
Salaries	22,550	10,000	-55.70%	-12,550
Expenses	17,750	14,250	-19.70%	-3,500
Zoning Board Of Appeals	22,496	27,402	21.80%	4,906
Salaries	22,276	27,182	22.00%	4,906
Expenses	220	220	0.00%	0
Tax Title Foreclosure	16,000	10,000	0.00% -	
Expenses	16,000	10,000	0.00%	-6,000
Registrars	4,500	4,500	0.00% -	
Expenses	2,700	2,700	0.00%	0
Salaries	1,800	1,800	0.00%	0
Town Meetings	1,600	1,850	15.60%	250
Salaries	1,550	1,800	16.10%	250
Expenses	50	50	0.00%	0

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	FY19 Budgeted	FY20 Proposed	%	\$
Finance and Advisory Comm	1,045	1,045	0.00%	0
Salaries	0	0	0.00%	0
Expenses	1,045	1,045	0.00%	0
Public Works	897,784	923,626	16.20%	145,842
Highway and Street	731,878	745,615	1.90%	13,737
Salaries	396,940	430,677	8.50%	33,737
Expenses	334,938	314,938	-6.00%	-20,000
Snow and Ice Control	104,000	104,000	0.00%	0
Expenses	90,000	90,000	0.00%	0
Salaries	14,000	14,000	0.00%	0
Street Light Assessment	56,645	56,645	0.00%	0
Expenses	56,645	56,645	0.00%	0
Tree Warden	5,261	17,366	230.00%	12,105
Salaries	5,261	5,366	2.00%	105
Expenses	0	12,000	2.00%	12,000
Culture and Recreation	421,616	447,044	12.70%	52,484
Library	351,278	376,706	7.23%	25,429
Salaries	219,190	229,176	4.60%	9,986
Expenses	132,088	147,530	11.69%	15,442
Recreation	68,038	68,038	0.00%	0
Expenses	40,780	40,780	0.00%	0
Salaries	27,258	27,258	0.00%	0
Memorial Day Remembrance	1,300	1,300	0.00%	0
Expenses	1,300	1,300	0.00%	0
Historical Committee	1,000	1,000	0.00%	0
Expenses	1,000	1,000	0.00%	0
Health and Human Services	359,976	395,330	18.90%	63,084
Council On Aging	166,734	169,964	1.94%	3,230
Salaries	127,069	129,607	2.00%	2,538
Expenses	39,665	40,357	1.70%	692
Health Department	109,557	118,679	8.30%	9,122
Salaries	72,515	75,965	4.80%	3,450
Expenses	37,042	42,714	15.30%	5,672
Veterans Service	83,685	86,687	4.80%	4,005

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Expenses	83,685	86,687	4.80%	3,002
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	FY19 Budgeted	FY20 Proposed	%	\$
Georgetown Cares	-	20,000		20,000
Expenses	0	20,000		20,000
Salaries	0	0		0
Intergovernmental	624,784	692,824	10.89%	68,040
Other Intergovernmental(Overlay)	90,000	90,000	0.00%	90,000
State Assessments and Chrgs	534,784	602,824	12.72%	68,040
Revenue	30,836,593	32,042,729	4.57%	1,206,136

Taxes	22,559,493	23,742,150	5.24%	1,182,657
Local Meals Tax	80,000	80,000	0.00%	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	45,000	48,000	6.67%	3,000
Real Estate Taxes	20,817,493	21,694,150	4.21%	876,657
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,490,000	1,575,000	5.70%	85,000
Int/Penalties MVE Taxes	6,000	6,168	2.80%	168
Int/Penalties P/P Taxes	1,000	1,038	3.80%	38
Int/Penalties R/E Taxes	24,000	23,917	-0.35%	-83
Int/Penalties Tax Liens	96,000	93,877	-2.21%	-2,123
Cannabis CHA	0	220,000		220,000
Cannabis Excise	0	0		

Fines and Forfeitures	65,000	65,000	0.00%	0
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Fees and Charges	125,000	147,000	17.60%	22,000
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Other Revenue	45,000	75,000	66.67%	30,000
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Licenses and Permits	180,000	160,000	-11.11%	-20,000
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State Revenues	6,626,193	6,726,147	1.51%	99,954
Veterans Abatements	32,663	31,539	-3.44%	-1,124
Elderly Abatements				
Veterans' Benefits	21,751	30,758	41.41%	9,007
State Owned Land	125,279	133,850	6.84%	8,571
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	954,724	1,012,570	6.06%	57,846
School Aid Chapter 70 MGL	5,491,776	5,517,430	0.47%	25,654

Other Financing	1,235,907	1,127,432	-4.60%	-108,475
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	32,042,729
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TOTAL REVENUES	32,042,729
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Surplus/ (Deficit)	0
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	FY19 Budgeted	FY20 Proposed	%	\$
WATER FUND				
Water Department				
Salaries	525,831	520,000	-1.11%	-5,831
Expenses	707,945	805,445	13.77%	97,500
Indirect Expenses	271,147	271,147	0.00%	0
Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000	0.00%	0
Debt Service	234,000	289,017	23.51%	55,017
Capital Expenses	350,000	244,391	-30.17%	-105,609
Total Water Department Expenses	2,188,923	2,230,000	1.88%	41,077
Total Water Department Revenue	2,188,923	2,230,000	1.88%	41,077
AMBULANCE FUND				
Ambulance Department				
Salaries	255,795	203,795	-20.33%	-52,000
Expenses	213,064	159,300	-25.23%	-53,764
Total Ambulance Expenses	468,859	363,095	-22.56%	-105,764
Total Ambulance Revenues	468,859	363,095	-22.56%	-105,764

**TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 6, 2019**

ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex,
Greetings.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School, 11 Winter Street, on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget (STM19-01)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY 2019 budget, and as necessary, to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Fund Name	Account	Increase	Decrease
Healthy Pharms - Georgetown Cares	4024	21,733.90	
Free Cash			21,733.90

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 3-0-1.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the Snow and Ice deficit FY2019 (STM19-02)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be applied to the FY2019 snow and ice deficit, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 3: Tax Stabilization Fund (ATM19-03)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the last paragraph of G.L. c.40, §5B, and, consistent with the authority set forth therein, provide that 35% of the adult use marijuana excise tax imposed by the Town pursuant to G.L. c.64N, §3 shall, without further appropriation, be dedicated to the **Tax Stabilization Fund**, for a minimum of three years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

2/3 Majority Vote Required

Article 4: Capital Stabilization Fund (ATM19-05)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the last paragraph of G.L. c.40, §5B, and consistent with the authority set forth therein, provide that 35% of the adult use marijuana excise tax imposed by the Town pursuant to G.L. c.64N, §3 shall, without further appropriation, be dedicated to the **Capital Stabilization Fund**, for a minimum of three years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

2/3 Majority Vote Required

Consent Calendar

The use of a Consent Calendar speeds the passage of warrant articles which the Selectmen and Moderator, in consultation with Town Counsel and the Finance and Advisory Committee, believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate.

Each year there are a number of warrant articles which past experience suggests that the action taken on the floor of the Town Meeting will be **routine, non-controversial, and predictable**.

At Town Meeting, said list is then read by the Moderator as "Articles 9, and 10". If any voter has any doubt about passing a motion, or wishes an explanation of any article included in the Consent Calendar, the voter will say "hold" in a loud voice as each article is called out.

The Moderator will then ask if the "hold" is for a question or debate. If it is for a question, an explanation will be given and the article remains on the Consent Calendar. If the "hold" is for debate on the article it is removed from the Consent Calendar and restored to its original place on the warrant to be brought up, debated, and voted in the usual manner.

After calling the individual articles on the Consent Calendar, the Moderator will ask that all articles be passed as a unit by a unanimous vote.

Selectmen recommend approval of Articles 9, and 10. (Vote: 4-0)

Article 9: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM19-09)

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, as defined in Section 34, Chapter 164, General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM19-10)

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$303,295 (Three hundred three thousand two hundred and ninety five dollars) or any other sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond issue, to be spent by the Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Town Warrant
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 6, 2019

ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School, 11 Winter Street on the 6th day of May, 2019 (Monday) at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the articles of this warrant, and further, to meet at the Penn Brook School Gymnasium, 68 Elm Street in said Town, on the 13th day of May, 2019 (Monday), where the polls will be open from 8 o'clock A.M. until 8 o'clock P.M., to vote by ballot for the following officers and question: one Selectmen, one Assessor, one School Committee Member, one Light Commissioner, one Water Commissioner, two Peabody Library Trustees, one Highway Surveyor, one Moderator, and one Town Clerk for three years; and one Planning Board Member, for five years.

Question 1: Shall the Town of Georgetown adopt the following General Bylaw?

Town Counsel Summary: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 3, allows a town, through adoption of a bylaw, to limit the number of adult use (recreational) marijuana retail establishments within the Town to fewer than 20 per cent of the number of retail off-premises alcoholic beverage licenses issued by the municipality under G.L. c.138, §15 within that town. Because the Town of Georgetown voted "yes" on Question 4 at the November 8, 2016 State Election in favor of the legalization, regulation and taxation of marijuana, any such bylaw must also be approved at an election in order to have legal effect in the Town. The General Bylaw amendment set forth below, which is on the warrant for the May 6, 2019 Town Meeting, would limit the number of marijuana retail establishments in the Town to one. To give this bylaw continuing legal effect should the Town issue more than five off-premise alcoholic beverage licenses, it must be approved at an election. A majority vote in favor of this ballot question would complete the statutory requirements for limiting adult use retail marijuana establishments, as that term is defined in G.L. c.94G, §1 and 935 CMR 500.00, to one.

Chapter 91: MARIJUANA RETAILERS

§91-1. Limitation on Number of Adult Use Marijuana Retailers. The number of adult use marijuana retailers as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1 and 935 CMR 500.002 shall be limited to one (1).

_____ Yes _____ NO

Article 1: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM19-01)

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

Article 2: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM19-02)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and including support of the schools, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Finance and Advisory Board Proposed Budget and Town Meeting Warrant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 3-1.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 3: Stabilization Fund (ATM19-03)

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

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 4: Capital Fund (ATM19-04)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Capital Fund, a special purpose stabilization fund created by vote of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, said funds to be further appropriated by Town Meeting for improvements and/or repairs to municipal buildings and infrastructure, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 5: Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (ATM19-05)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, created by vote of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 6: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM19-06)

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds, of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Water Department under the direction of the Water Commissioners for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 3-0-1.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 7: Fire Department Ambulance Operating Budget (ATM19-07)

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds of the Fire Department Ambulance Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Town's ambulance service under the direction of the Selectmen and Fire Chief for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 8: Local Access Programming (ATM19-08)

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for salaries and \$25,000 for expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for the purpose of providing PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

{BEGIN CONSENT CALENDAR}

Board of Selectmen voted to support the Consent Calendar 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support the Consent Calendar 4-0.

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{END CONSENT CALENDAR}

Article 11: Supplement prior borrowing votes to permit the application of sale premium to pay project costs (ATM19-12) (Treasurer)

To see if the Town will vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorized the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Treasurer Summary: Passage of this article is to allow the Town to be able to reduce the amount of the bond issue being borrowed. All new borrowing articles have this language in it but the article on the warrant is to allow older authorizations the ability to do this as well. The premium will be applied towards project costs so that you borrow less.

Article 12: National Avenue (ATM19-14) (Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of sale, the care, custody, management and control of those certain parcels of land on National Avenue identified as Parcels 7 and 7A on Town Assessors' Map 14, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such parcels on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, or take any other action in relation thereto. **(2/3 vote required)**

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 3-0-1.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 13: Light Department Water Department Merger (ATM19-15) (Light/Water Commissioners)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set forth below, establishing a consolidated Municipal Light and Water Department for the Town; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established in the town of Georgetown, a consolidated light department and water department, both under the jurisdiction of the Georgetown municipal light department, managed by the municipal light department manager appointed by the municipal light board in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of chapter 164 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the Georgetown municipal light department shall be known as the "Georgetown municipal light and water department," and shall continue to have all powers of a municipal light department under chapter 164 of the General Laws. The water department shall continue to have all powers and duties vested by chapter 41 of the General Laws, as well as any special law and by-law in the water department of said town, and its finances and accounts shall be managed as an enterprise fund separately from those of the light department, but it shall be subject to the oversight of the board as established in Section 3 hereof. The manager of the Georgetown municipal light and water department shall exercise and perform such of the powers, rights and duties transferred under section 1 of this act and those contained in chapter 164 of the General Laws and otherwise as may from time to time be designated.

SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this act, the water department under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen shall be abolished, and the consolidated Georgetown municipal light and

water department shall be governed a new five member board which shall henceforth be known as the "Georgetown municipal light and water department board" and shall fulfill the duties of the previous light board and water board. The office of board of water commissioners shall be abolished and the terms of such water commissioners then in office shall terminate. The duties and authority of the water commission, pursuant to the General Laws, town bylaws and regulations and any special acts then in force, shall henceforth be held by the Georgetown municipal light and water board.

SECTION 4. The Georgetown municipal light and water board as first constituted following the effective date of this act shall consist of five members and shall be comprised as follows: all of the then-elected and serving members of the former three-member municipal light board and two then-elected and serving members of the water board to be selected from the former three-member water board by the board of selectmen acting on recommendation from the water board. Members of the newly constituted five-person Georgetown municipal light and water board shall serve out the terms to which they were originally elected. Thereafter, Chapter 713 of the acts of 1989 shall be rescinded, and the town shall elect the Georgetown municipal light and water which shall consist of five citizens of the town, each for a term of three years.

SECTION 5. The Georgetown municipal light and water board shall assume the care, custody, and control of all property, personal or real, which as of that date resides in the care, custody, and control of the aforesaid board of light department and water commissions. All orders, rules, regulations and by-laws duly promulgated by the town or the aforesaid light department and water commissions shall remain in full force and effect, to the extent consistent with this act, until superseded, revised or rescinded by the Georgetown municipal light and water board and/or town as applicable. All contracts, including collective bargaining agreements, leases, and agreements, including interdepartmental agreements, pertaining to the plant and operations of the light and water departments shall continue in full force and effect until their expiration dates. All benefits and obligations thereunder, and all other rights and benefits pertaining to the plant and operations of the light and water departments, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all rights, benefits and obligations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, which pertain to the plant and operations and which are vested in the aforesaid board of light department and water commissions by general or special law, shall be transferred to, assumed by and imposed upon the Georgetown municipal light and water board by operation of law.

SECTION 6. On the effective date of this act, employees in the existing Georgetown municipal light and water departments shall be transferred to the new Georgetown light and water department and become employees under control of the Georgetown light and water department, managed by the Georgetown light and water department manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 56 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, subject to direction and control of the Georgetown municipal light and water board. Nothing in this act shall be construed as a limitation on the powers of the Georgetown light and water department to manage its employees and thereafter create, amend or abolish job positions in said department.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this act are severable, and if any provisions hereof shall be held invalid in any circumstances, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or circumstances. This act shall be construed in all respects so as to meet all constitutional

requirements. In carrying out the purposes and provisions of this act, all steps shall be taken which are necessary to meet constitutional requirements, whether or not required by statute.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 14: Community Preservation Committee (ATM19-16) (Submitted by CPC)

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

A: Community Preservation General Budget

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §6, from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2020; and further, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §6, to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for open space, including land for recreational use; a sum of money for historic resources; and a sum of money for community housing; as well as sum of money to be placed in the 2020 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act projects or purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

Reservations:

\$76,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for open space, including land for recreational use; and

\$76,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for historic resources; and

\$76,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for community housing.

Appropriations:

\$21,000 (less than 5% of the estimated FY revenues) to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year;

\$64,211.71 (Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars and Seventy-One Cents) from the Open Space / Recreational Land Reserve for the Debt Service, principal and interest payments and any and all costs associated with the borrowings approved at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting (Articles 27(H) ATM 5-6-13 and 27(I) ATM 5-6-13);

or take any other action in relation thereto.

B: Community Preservation Community Housing Category, "Affordable Housing Trust Grant"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate the amount of \$71,869.80 (Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents) from Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account and the amount of \$18,130.20 (Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars and Twenty Cents) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Account for a total amount of \$90,000.00 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) as a Grant to the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of Affordable Housing initiatives consistent with the Trust's Articles of Incorporation and the most recently accepted Town of Georgetown Affordable Housing Production Plan and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of any dwellings subsequently receiving any of these appropriated monies from the Trust grant to the Town an Affordable Housing Restriction in said dwellings, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restrictions;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

C: Community Preservation Community Housing Resources Category, "Housing Authority Lights"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account, the amount of \$31,000.00 (Thirty-One Thousand Dollars) to fund the upgrade of the outdoor lighting and fixtures at the Trestle Way Housing Complex to 3K color LED lighting and any and all other incidental costs. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

D: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Digitization and Preservation of Historic Documents"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account the amount of \$16,000.00 (Sixteen Thousand dollars) to be used for the ongoing preservation via digitization and microfiche creation of Georgetown's historical documents and records, scanning and archiving including any and all other incidental costs; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Georgetown Historical Commission and the Peabody Library Trustees, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this initiative; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

E: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Historic Brocklebank Museum Preservation"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$16,000.00 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) for the interior and exterior restoration, inclusive of but not limited to, repairs of the roof on the Brocklebank Museum ell section located at 108 East Main Street using historically appropriate wood shingles; repairs of the flashing around the chimney; repairs of the shoe shop roof using historically appropriate wood shingles; and the replacement of the three rotting attic windows with historically appropriate windows; and any and all other incidental and related costs; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Historical Society setting the terms for such grant, and further, any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

F: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Historic Gravestones Preservation at Union Cemetery"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$44,000.00 (Forty Four Thousand Dollars) for the restoration and conservation of gravestones and monuments at Union Cemetery requiring the most necessary conservation, as determined by the Georgetown Historical Commission; and any landscaping costs determined necessary by the Commission for gravestones' and monuments' preservation; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect,

or take any other action related thereto.

G: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category, "Outdoor Recreation at the Perley School"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate the amount of \$18,797.43 (Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars Forty Three Cents) from the Open Space / Recreational Land Reserve and \$8,859.57 (Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars Fifty Seven Cents) from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account for a total amount of \$27,657.00 (Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars) to fund the engineering, legal, permitting, and development costs, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the creation of an Outdoor Recreational Area behind the Perley School, including but not be limited to, two Basketball Courts, a Shuffleboard Court, fencing and associated amenities for outdoor recreation; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Parks and Recreation Commission, and School Committee, to enter into all

agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with the development of this Facility; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action related thereto.

H: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category, "East Main Street Active Recreational Land Access and Development"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate the amount of \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account to fund the ongoing engineering, legal, permitting, and development costs, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the creation of an Active Recreational Facility at the location of the Recreational land off of Main Street, purchased under Article 20(E) of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Parks and Recreation Commission, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with the development of this Facility; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 2 (Two) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

I: Community Preservation Open Space Recreational Land Category, "Conservation Lands Preservation and Restoration"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate the amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Account to the Georgetown Conservation Commission to fund the following, including all incidental and related costs: engineering, legal, permitting, and implementation costs to improve and rehabilitate the parking area at the Community Gardens parcel; establish a trailhead to allow for access to the adjacent Lufkins Brook Conservation Area; and rehabilitate an old access point further west on Andover Street to establish a trailhead and parking area to facilitate additional access to the Conservation Area; and further, that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the associated costs; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

J: Community Preservation Open Space / Recreational Land Category, "Rowley Landing Preservation".

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Account to fund the preservation of Rowley Landing, clam flats, and all related assets, as a historical and recreational asset to the Town of Georgetown, including all incidental and related costs; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 2 (Two) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support Art.15 item J 3-1.

Article 15: Chaplin Hills Road Street Acceptance (ATM19-17) (Highway/Planning Bd)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as "Chaplin Hills Road" as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with a plan of land entitled: "Definitive Subdivision of 'Chaplin Hills' in Georgetown, Massachusetts," recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 327, Plan 66, a copy of which layout has been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, interests in land sufficient to provide for the use and maintenance of said Chaplin Hills Road for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 4-0.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to support this article 4-0.

Article 16: Acceptance of MGL c.90, §17C Reducing Speed Limit to 25MPH in Thickly Settled or Business Districts (ATM19-21) (recommended by Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.90, §17C, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway in a thickly settled or business district in the Town that is not a state highway, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 2-2.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to not support this article 0-4.

Summary: In 2016 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed the Municipal Modernization Bill. This Bill now allows cities and towns to adopt a 25 MPH speed limit in all thickly settled areas of a community. Currently the speed limit in thickly settled areas is 30 MPH. Prior to its passage, a speed limit could only be changed through a lengthy legislative process.

The change in speed limit to 25 MPH does not affect current posted areas such as North Street, Central Street, East and West Main Streets. These streets are already posted per special regulations with the Commonwealth. It also does not include other rural areas of the community that are not defined as thickly settled such as the Tenney and Jewett Street overpasses.

Article 17: Amendment to Zoning Bylaws Article I. General Provisions §165-7. Definitions and word usage (ATM19-22) (recommended by Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the present definitions of "Building" and "Building Height" in the Zoning Bylaws Article I. General Provisions §165-7. Definitions and word usage by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the text in bold, as follows:

BUILDING:

A structure forming a shelter for persons, animals, property or activity and having a roof. Where appropriate in the context the word "building" shall include the principal accessory uses to which the building is put. **The limit of height of all buildings shall be 2 1/2 stories, not to exceed 35 feet. The limitation of height in feet shall not apply to chimneys, ventilators, skylights, bulkheads and other necessary features usually carried above roofs.**

[Amended 5-2-1988 ATM, Art. 25 (Amdt. No. 73); 5-1-2006 ATM, Art. 35 (Amdt. No. 158)]

BUILDING HEIGHT:

The vertical distance from either: 1) the average undisturbed existing natural grade at the foundation of the building to the top of the roof ridge, or 2) the average finished grade at the foundation of the building to the top of the roof ridge, whichever is less. The average undisturbed existing natural grade or finished grade shall be established by averaging the grade six feet from the four main building corners and their midpoints. **The limitation of building height in feet, as provided in §165-3, Attachment 3 – Intensity of Use Schedule, shall not apply to chimneys, ventilators, skylights, bulkheads and other necessary features usually carried above roofs and specific to the building.**

[Added 5-8-2018 ATM, Art. 35 (Amdt. No. 158); amended 5-2-2011 ATM, Art. 37 (Amdt. No. 174)]

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to abstain support for this article 0-0-4.

Article 18: Amendments to Zoning Bylaws Article XVIII: Marijuana Businesses, Section 165-161 (I)(ATM19-23) (recommended by Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws Article XVIII: Marijuana Businesses, Section 165-161.I to delete the strikethrough text and insert the text in bold, as follows:

I. Separation:

Distances shall be calculated by direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for school or child care purposes or places where minors frequent or any other use listed above in Section 165-161(H) to the nearest point of the property line of the proposed Marijuana Business parcel. The distance requirement may be reduced by **twenty-five percent or less a supermajority vote of the full Planning Board**, but only if:

- (1) The applicant demonstrates that the Marijuana Business would otherwise be effectively prohibited within the municipality, **and**

- (2) With regard to locations protected pursuant to Section 165-161.H.(1) – (15), the applicant demonstrates that the Marijuana Business will employ adequate security measures to prevent diversion of marijuana to unauthorized minors.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to abstain support for this article 0-0-4.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to abstain support for this article 0-0-4.

Article 19: Limitation on Number of Adult Use Marijuana Retailers (ATM19-24)
(recommended by Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws to add the following as a new Chapter 91:

Chapter 91: MARIJUANA RETAILERS

§91-1. Limitation on Number of Adult Use Marijuana Retailers. The number of adult use marijuana retailers as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1 and 935 CMR 500.002 shall be limited to one (1).

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to support this article 2-2.

Finance & Advisory Board voted to not support this article 0-4.

Article 20: Amendment to Chapter 29-Building Construction-"Stretch Energy Code"
(ATM19-25) (recommended by Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 29 of the General Bylaws to add the following Section 29-15 for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments, or modifications thereto, with the effective date of July 1, 2019:

§29-16 Stretch Energy Code

A. Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for new buildings.

B. Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 115.AA, as indicated.

C. Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR 115.AA, including any future additions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Georgetown General Bylaws, Chapter 29 – Building Construction.

The Stretch Energy Code is enforceable by the Building Commissioner and has a concurrency effective date as of July 1st, 2019 during which period construction may comply with either the base code or the stretch energy code, and a sole effective date as of January 1, 2020.

D. Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts Building Code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen voted to abstain support for this article 0-0-4.
Finance & Advisory Board voted to not support this article 0-4.

