

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Minutes for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Hybrid meeting held via ZOOM for public and at the Town Office for SB Members who wish.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm with Mr. Collins, Ms. Tudor and Finance Director Mary McDonald present. Others in attendance: Jessica Weller, Alison Freeman, Susan & Terry Taylor, Brian Whalen, Bob Trabona, Emily Herman and Dave Polito, Mike McDiarmid and Meg McDiarmid.

**Public comment:** Bob Trabona asked to be added to the agenda to discuss a phone call from Alison Truesdale from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about amending their neighborhood association declaration for the Little River Farms subdivision.

**Items to be added to agenda (if approved by chair and board):** *The Discussion of Amendments for the Little Island Subdivision Association* will be added to the Agenda under New Business.

## Organization of the Board and Annual Housekeeping

Election of Chair; legal and personnel leads; meeting schedule; committee assignments; policy affirmations

**Action:** Ms. Tudor nominated Mr. Collins for the Chair position. Motion was seconded by Mr. Donaldson and approved 3-0.

Ms. Tudor will continue as the personal liaison lead role.

Mr. Donaldson will continue as the legal lead role.

Select Board Meetings will continue the same schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7pm).

Committee Assignments will remain the same. (Mr. Donaldson made the motion and Ms. Tudor seconded with a vote of 3-0)

On a motion, the Board voted to reaffirm policies governing the collection of oldest tax balances first, allowing the signing of the warrants outside of a scheduled meeting and continuing the remote meeting policy.

**Scheduled appointments:** None

**Minutes:** meeting minutes of June 13 for review and approval\* **Action:** On motion, the Board voted to approve meeting minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Review:** warrant will be available Tuesday – Mary has provided a 23-24 FY Warrant schedule; updated planning board listing

**Assessing items:** Materials are ready for BVT and map people. Amanda prepared all of these before she left.

**Correspondence:** Invitation from the Island Institute for a Broadband celebration at Grey Havens 7/10 – please RSVP

## Committee Updates:

Minutes: Planning Board 24 May

Membership: Nothing to Report

Liaison Updates: Nothing to Report

## Old Business:

MMA Insurance – Statement of Values sent on to bind policy **Action:** Noted

S/V Whisper update from the Harbormaster.

The salvage company hired by the Board to remove the boat for a training exercise at a cost of \$2,000 has had trouble locating a boat hauler to transport the vessel to their West Bath location after it's removed from the water by crane at Robinhood. They had an estimate of \$700 originally but that hauler backed out and they've been unable to find another. The Harbormaster has found a boat hauler for them in Belfast at a cost of \$1400 which, with the cost of the crane raises the salvage company's out of pocket expense to around \$1900. Woody has told them

the Town cannot pay more than the \$2,000 previously agreed upon, however he will be applying to a State grant program that could rebate up to 75% of the Town's cost for a max of \$1500 and he is suggesting we split any monies received under this program with the salvage company.

**Action:** Ms Tudor moved to approve the Harbormaster's request to share 50% of any grant money received with the salvage company. Motion seconded by Mr. Donaldson and approved 3-0. Mr. Collins noted it was unlikely there would be any funding from the State.

## **New Business:**

### Updated Town Administrator job description for approval and position update

**Action:** Mr. Donaldson made the motion to approve the updated Town Administrator job description and position update. Motion seconded by Ms. Tudor and approved 3-0.

Update on the Town Administrator Position: The Town has hired Tyler Washburn and he will begin on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary will train Mr. Washburn over the next year and will be compensated for this role.

### Volunteer FF Blanket Accident Insurance

**Action:** Mr. Donaldson made the motion to approve the FF Blanket Accident Insurance. Motion seconded by Ms. Tudor and approved 3-0.

### MacMahan Island – specifically TS stickers, generally the Private & Special Law

**Action:** Ms. Tudor made a motion to have Town legal counsel review the Private & Special Law and determine what services the Town is required to provide to our island communities. Mr. Donaldson suggested an amendment to this motion to include requesting that the Solid Waste Committee not act until they get feedback from the Select Board. This amendment was approved, and the amended motion was seconded by Mr. Donaldson and approved 3-0.

### Appointments for Town Officials and committees

**Action:** Mr. Donaldson made a motion to approve the Appointments for Town Officials and committees. Motion seconded by Ms. Tudor and approved 3-0.

#### Appointments:

Bob Trabona—Planning Board (5 years)  
Roger Bogart-Conservation Commission (3 years)  
Chad Campbell-Shellfish Conservation Committee (3 years)  
Aria Eee--Board of Appeals (5 years)  
Alison Freeman Solid Waste Management Committee (3 years)  
Katharine Gravino-Conservation Commission (3 years)  
Ruth Indrick-Conservation Commission (3 years)  
David Polito—Solid Waste Management Committee (3 years)  
Stephen Mace--Shellfish Conservation Committee (3 years)  
Annual Appointments

Woody Hanstein—Harbormaster  
Jon Hentz--Shellfish Warden  
Alexandra Kelley-Election Warden  
Brian Whalen--Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Discussion of Amendments for the Little River Farms Subdivision Association

Bob Trabona, Chair of the Planning Board, received a phone call from Alison Truesdale from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about amending their neighborhood association declaration for the Little River Farms subdivision. They are purchasing two additional lots in the Little River Farms subdivision (they currently own 11 of the 18 lots) and want to make amendments to their association declaration. It currently states in their association declaration that any changes need to be approved by the association and then signed off by the Town Planning Board. Bob can find no evidence of the Planning Board signing off on neighborhood associations in the past and suggested that they remove that section from their declaration. Their attorney is hesitant to do so. Mr. Donaldson explained that the Town has no jurisdiction of neighborhood covenants/bylaws if they are not violating a Town ordinance or a State law. Mr. Donaldson will talk to MMA legal about how to proceed with this situation and will get back to Mr. Trabona.

Legal Request

Mary McDonald requested that the Town legal counsel review three of our Town ordinances with the money left in this fiscal year's legal budget. The ordinances to be reviewed will be: Food Sovereignty, Cannabis and Military Exemption.

**Action:** Mr. Donaldson made a motion to have the Town legal counsel review these three ordinances with the money from this fiscal year's legal budget. Motion was seconded by Ms. Tudor and approved 3-0.

**Items For Signature:** appointment paperwork and warrant signatures

**Public comment:** Terry Taylor, on behalf of Georgetown Broadband LLC, wanted to thank the Town for the honor that was bestowed upon them at the Town Meeting.

**Executive Session:** *Under 1 MRS §405(6)(if needed. -not needed -*

On motion, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Weller, Conservation Commission Secretary