

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Approved Minutes for Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Attendance: Messrs. Collins and Donaldson were in attendance, as was Ms. Tudor. The Town Administrator was also in attendance. Members of the public included Aria Eee, Alison Freeman, Meg McDiarmid, Kelly James, Bob Gravino, Kathy Gravino, Bob Trabona, Sharon Trabona, Jessie Graham, and Lisa Bowen.

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Collins at 7pm.

Public comment:

- Jim Peavey came before the Board to share an update on Age Friendly Georgetown's Housing Initiative. Mr. Peavy noted that at their kickoff meeting, 28 people attended. They also have set up four teams with areas of focus and a Leadership Council.
- Dave Polito addressed the Board sharing his belief that Broadband would be a benefit for the Solid Waste Facility.

There was one scheduled appointed: Taylor, Georgetown Broadband, 7:15pm. His appointment is covered in the New Business item Discussion re: Broadband at the Solid Waste Facility.

Minutes: On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of November 28th Meeting.

Review:

- November 30 Financials

Assessing items:

- On a motion from Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to sign the Municipal Valuation Return outside of a Select Board Meeting.
- Tax Stabilization Update – The Town Administrator informed the Board that during the commitment process, one tax stabilized account did not take in the system. He noted that this would be corrected at a future meeting.

Correspondence:

- End of Session Update – Rep. Alison Hepler
- Legislative Update – Senator Eloise Vitelli
- Maine Dept. of Labor – e-Blast
- Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department - Incident Report – November
- Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department – Women's Self Defense Training Classes
- GVFD Monthly Newsletter – December
- MidCoast Council of Governments – November Newsletter
- Maine Municipal Association – FOAA Training Notice – Dec. 18

Other Correspondence: none

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping: 114 Old Schoolhouse Road, Hymel (14U-017)

Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications: none

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*: none
PBR / NRPA : none

Town Administrator Update

- Spirit of America Ceremony – The Town Administrator informed the Board that the Spirit of America Award’s Ceremony at the County Court House had been moved to April.
- MMA Legal Services – The Board was informed that the Town Administrator, following a conversation with the Maine Municipal Association, had created a general public notice to be posted if multiple Select Board Members would in attendance at Community Events. He did note that he would update that notice with particulars as events arose in Town, posting at the Town Office, The Wharf, and Town Store.
- FEMA Grant Update – The Board was informed that due to a calculation error our Final Award from FEMA for the Box Culvert Project on Robinhood Road was reduced by about \$10,000. The Board was informed that the decision had been appealed, with an answer expected by the end of December.
- The Board was informed that Tax Bills had been mailed and that property owners were already coming in to make payments.

Finance Director Update (TABLED)

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- Recreation Committee – November 7th
- Harbor Committee - November 9th

Membership:

Liaison Updates:

- Mr. Collins reported that the Recreation Committee’s Upcoming Holiday on the Wharf festivities promised to be good.
- Mr. Collins also reported that the Shellfish Committee were working on their Ordinance Changes.
- Ms. Tudor noted that the Conservation Commission had meet the previous evening and would be having an informative presentation later in the winter on Ocean Plastics.
- Ms. Tudor also reported that she had met with the Fire Chief via Facetime. She shared her intent to have a personnel review organized and completed in January.

Board Member Updates:

- Mr. Collins reported that he was working on clearing culverts.
- Mr. Donaldson noted that the Community Center’s Holiday Dinner was a success.

Old Business:

- Fee Schedule Discussion – The Board discussed a proposed letter to committees regarding the Select Board’s plan to move towards a master fee schedule. The Board also discussed a sample, overarching, ordinance. Ms. Tudor asked if an overarching ordinance could give more direction. Mr. Donaldson felt that an overarching ordinance wasn’t necessary. It was ultimately determined that the Board would solicit feedback from Legal Counsel as to the language that should be included in all ordinances to accomplish this goal.

New Business:

- Discussion re: Broadband at the Solid Waste Facility – Terry Taylor, of Georgetown Broadband, shared that the Town of Georgetown was not utilizing all of the services made available in the negotiated lease with Georgetown Broadband – namely high speed internet at the First Church. He had suggested the possibility of providing free service to the Transfer Station in lieu of the First Church, while ultimately deferring to the Board. Ms. Tudor inquired if Georgetown Broadband would be open to paying for a free

installation of service at the Transfer Station while providing the free service to the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department. Following an affirmative indication from Mr. Taylor, it was then moved by Ms. Tudor to accept the offer from Georgetown Broadband LLC for free installation of service at the Transfer Station and picking up the costs of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Donaldson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (3-0).

- Date of Second December Meeting - On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Collins, it was then voted unanimously to postpone the second December Meeting to December 27th.

Public comment:

- Bob Trabona updated the Board that there were no permits pending before the Planning Board. He also shared his strong concerns about the icing of Route 127, particularly on the corner near Bay Point Road. He closed his comments asking for ordinance language "as soon as possible."

Having transacted all the business before it, the Select Board stood adjourned at 7:58pm.