

# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN**

**Approved Minutes for Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Collins at 7:01pm. Messrs. Collins and Donaldson were in attendance, as was Ms. Tudor. The Town Administrator and Finance Director were also in attendance, as were the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. Members of the public included Alison Freeman, Dave Polito, Emily Herman, Judie Teller, Mike McDiarmid, Meg McDiarmid, Bob Trabona, Sharon Trabona, Aria Ee, Jenn Dobransky, and Kelly James.

**Public comment:** Dave Polito, Co-Chair of the Solid Waste Management Committee, addressed the Board to share his support for the renewal of the town's contract with Lincoln County for recycling.

**Items to be added to agenda (if approved by chair and board):** The Town Administrator acknowledged the receipt of a letter from John "Nick" Stone III and a flier from the Career Center with resources for individuals impacted by the storm. Mr. Washburn further shared that these items would be included on the next agenda.

**There were no scheduled appointments.**

## **Minutes:**

- On a motion from Ms. Tudor, and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, it was then voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
- On a motion from Ms. Tudor, and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, it was then voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## **Review:**

- The December financials were provided for review.
- The December hauling numbers were provided for review.
- The Shellfish Conservation Committee's draft Ordinance changes were provided for review.

**There were no Assessing items.**

## **Correspondence:**

- Office of the Governor – via Sagadahoc EMA – Press Release regarding Special Meeting of the Climate Council to Discuss Impacts of Recent Storms
- Maine Department of Labor – e-Blast
- Island Institute – Email re: Business Resilience Storm Recovery Grants
- Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin – January 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- Funding Request Letter from Bath-Brunswick Respite Care

**There was no Other Correspondence.**

**There was no Continuing Items.**

## **Town Administrator Update**

- The Board was reminded of the upcoming NIMS Class on Zoom.
- The Board was reminded that the kickoff meeting of the FEMA Grant Award was to be held the following Thursday.

- The Town Administrator shared the results of a phone call he had with Lincoln County Recycling and confirmed that their recycled products are not incinerated. He further told the Board that he had missed a step in not sending the contract to the Solid Waste Management Committee for their input.
- The Board was informed that our insurance did not cover decking damages to the Town Wharf because of the January 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> storms.
- The Board was informed that the Town Administrator would be a part of the MEMA, FEMA, and SBA (Small Business Administration) delegation to survey the damages to Reid State Park.
- The Board was informed of a request from Maine Revenue Services to attend a future Select Board Meeting to discuss the Constitutional Requirements to Assess Personal Property Tax.

#### **Finance Director Update**

- The Board was informed that we were not in receipt of the full amount of tax stabilization monies.
- Ms. McDonald informed the Board that none of the storm damage to the Town Wharf would be covered by insurance.
- The Board was also informed that the Town had begun transferring monies out of the Town's checking account into various other accounts for investing purposes.

#### **EMA Update – Storm Responses**

- Mr. Wilcoxson, EMA Director, informed the Board that there was a meeting with MEMA, FEMA, the SBA, and County EMA at the Wharf. This meeting was to assess damages to public infrastructure.
- Mr. Wilcoxson further shared that there was an attempt federally to combine the two storms into one disaster declaration.
- Mr. Wilcoxson, speaking as Code Enforcement Officer, shared with the Board that he has been in touch with effected homeowners and the Indian Point Association.

#### **Fire Chief Update – Storm Responses**

- In addition to his written report, Chief Whalen informed the Board that the Department was engaged during the January 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> storms.
- The Department responded to a series of calls – ranging from a structure fire to downed wires.

#### **Committee Updates:**

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- Solid Waste Management Committee Meeting – December 14<sup>th</sup>
- Financial Advisory Committee – Kickoff Meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup>

##### Membership:

##### Liaison Updates:

- Mr. Collins had no liaison update.
- Mr. Donaldson, as TOPMB liaison, shared his desire to support those affected by the storm by assisting in cleanup. Mr. Donaldson also shared that the Planning Board was working to compile hours invested in research / ordinance changes due to the law commonly referred to as LD 2003.
- Ms. Tudor noted that the Harbor Committee had met. She also shared that the Solid Waste Management Committee was working diligently on compiling Ordinance changes, even going so far as the schedule workshops to continue the discussion. Ms. Tudor lastly shared that the Conservation Commission was eager to have the Board review their draft ordinance and highlighted an upcoming Zoom event.

#### **Board Member Updates:**

- Mr. Collins noted that he was involved in tree removal on Indian Point following the storms.

- Mr. Donaldson stressed the importance of residents contacting the Code Enforcement Officer before embarking on reconstruction, noting that there are several moving parts involved – including the requirement of demolition permits and the 1-year grandfathered window.
- Ms. Tudor provided her updates in the Liaison Update.

**There was no Old Business.**

**New Business:**

- There was a **Discussion re: Dumpsters for Storm Cleanup**. Mr. Donaldson shared his belief that the Town should rent a dumpster or two dumpsters, to be staged in Town, to alleviate storm waste from being taken to the Transfer Station and to assist residents and property owners. The Town Administrator shared the information gathered up to the meeting – including quotes the cost for dumpster rental and hauling and interest from the Indian Point Association pointing towards an April need. Ms. Tudor shared that there were two kinds of waste to be considered – inside waste that would need to be removed sooner and yard waste that likely would take longer to remove due to the time of year. She also stressed that she felt a two-week window was too long and hoped any town approach would be targeted. Mr. Collins appreciated the idea and felt that it was too early to decide, needing more information. The Board determined it would continue to gather information and revisit the item at a later date.
- The Board was informed that the Town would need to make an **Appointment of a Georgetown Representative to the Patten Free Library Board of Directors**. Mr. Donaldson shared that his previous service on the Board was worthwhile. Ms. Tudor suggested looking into a volunteer or Board Member from the Richards Library and suggested asking Lauren Bray. It was determined that Ms. Tudor, as Personnel Liaison, would contact Ms. Bray and report back her interest.
- At the end of “New Business” it was moved by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Lincoln County Recycling Contract. Ms. Tudor expressed her desire to give the Solid Waste Management Committee the ability to formally offer an opinion. The motion was carried, 2 to 0, with one abstention. Voting in the affirmative were Messrs. Collins and Donaldson. Ms. Tudor abstained from the vote.

**There were no items for signature.**

**There was no additional public comment.**

**There was no Executive Session.**

Having transacted all business before it, the Board stood adjourned at 8:01pm.