

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF February 8, 2011

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CORRECTION: In my report of the meeting of January 27, I listed Geoff Birdsall as absent. I should have listed him as EXCUSED, since he had an unavoidable commitment at work. I apologize to all for this error.

THE MEETING: There were three members of the public present.

The minutes of the meetings of January 25 and 27 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

1. Susie Wren and Sarah Mancini came in to be interviewed for openings on the Conservation Committee. Dolores Pinette said that Jay Holt and Nancy Kinner had told her that they would also like to serve on the Conservation Commission. During the interview Susie Wren asked what the Selectmen want of the Commission. Geoff Birdsall said that they should work as a cohesive unit, organize the coastal and roadside cleanups, and look after the trails and the conservation lands of the Town. Bill Plummer added that they should stay off private land unless they had the permission of the owners.

It was then moved, seconded and passed to appoint Susie Wren, Sarah Mancini, Jay Holt and Nancy Kinner to the Conservation Commission. It was announced that the Commission would meet at 7 PM on Monday, February 21.

2. The Selectmen went into executive session to discuss a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the pending sale of the Aleada Pinkham House. After the executive session, the meeting was joined by several members of the Pinkham family and attorney John Cunningham who announced that he was representing the Pinkham family members. He said that the family was willing to pay the back taxes after the assessment had been corrected and that the lien under which the Town had taken the house was invalid because it did not contain the names of all of the family members who had a legal interest in the house.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to refund the money that Bill Plummer had paid for the house and to not sign the bill of sale that had been prepared. Mr. Cunningham, said that they would work to

straighten out the title and deeds. Mary McDonald will have Bill van Tuinen correct the assessment and get the paperwork for the three years of back taxes that are due.

ABATEMENT REQUESTS:

Bill Van Tuinen was here on the 27th and he has not heard anything from Mr. & Mrs. Magliozzi and Dr. Samson regarding his request for additional information from them. It was noted that the responsibility for providing information lies with the party requesting the abatement. No followup from Mary is required.

Van Tuinen recommends denying the request for an abatement from Barabe (10U-Lot 022) and recommends a \$13,700 abatement in land valuation to Mr. and Mrs. Magliozzi for their lot 10R-026 that was mapped wrong after a split of the lot last year with their daughter. These recommendations were accepted by the Selectmen.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary reported on correspondence received. The two most interesting items were:

- George Horne has resigned from his position as an alternate on the Board of Appeals.
- Kristin Malin forwarded an email from Maine School Management Association regarding the Department of Education's recommended cuts of \$59m from aid for the 2011-12 budget. It shows Georgetown losing \$8213 in funding.
- receipt of the January 2011 recycling report and the end of year summary of the E-Waste Recycling program.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mary reported the receipt of a bill from the Town Attorney for work on the appeal by Haddock & Montgomery. The amount as of January 31 was \$60,587.

Mary will obtain estimates for the installation of a network cable from the Town computers to the meeting room across the hall.

The Board went back into executive session to discuss several matters: a personnel issue, concealed weapons permits, and an ongoing worker's compensation issue.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 22 at the Town Office.

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