

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2010

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

The minutes of the meeting of May 24 and June 1 were approved.

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

1. The Selectmen reappointed the following municipal officers for the fiscal year 2011-12:

Animal Control Officer - Kate MacKay; Codes Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector (CEO/LPI) - Bob Trabona; Deputy CEO/LPI - Mike Kreindler; Emergency Management Director - James Peavey; Forest Warden - Reed Fulton; Harbormaster - George Dufour; Health Officer - Jane Whittaker; Shellfish Warden - Jon Hentz; Fire Chief - Larry Mann.

2. The Selectmen went into executive session to discuss the status of the Montgomery/Haddock case with Town Attorney Stinson. After the session, Geoff Birdsall reported that Haddock is appealing the ruling in favor of the Town to the State Supreme Court. He also said that Stinson had complimented the Planning Board's handling of the remanded building permit application back in December and January. For more on this case, see my report of the May 24, 2011 meeting.

3. Under new business, Mary McDonald reported that John Jones, Chair of the Planning Board was resigning from the Board effective July 1, 2011. Later she said that she had prepared a list of positions on Town Boards and Committees that were becoming vacant during this month. Mary asked if she should ask those whose terms were ending if they wanted to be reappointed. Bill Plummer moved to table this matter until the next meeting. The motion passed 3 - 0.

During Public Comment at the end of the meeting, I asked if the Selectmen would take steps to publicize these openings and ask people interested in serving to notify Mary or one of the Selectmen. Mary will post a list of openings before the Town Meeting. I then asked whether potential candidates would be interviewed by the Selectmen as has sometimes been done in the past. The answer was that this was "undecided."

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- A note from the Sagadahoc County Administrator reporting that the County budget had been revised downward and that our share would therefore be lower than reported earlier.
- A report from the Chair of the Solid Waste Committee reporting that the compactor motor had died and been replaced.
- The Lincoln County Recycling Report shows that Georgetown recycling was down in May compared to the previous year.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was an update from Peggy Kapisovsky on the status of the grant application from the Georgetown Island Connection for support of high-speed internet in Georgetown. For people not on Peggy's list, I can forward her message to you.

Mary reported on a letter from John Wood on behalf of abutters to the former Stephenson lot (R-3, Lot 33) which was taken by the Town for taxes some years ago. Wood reported that the property had no legal access and that the appraised value that the Town had obtained was arguably much too high. After some discussion of whether the Town should present this information to the appraiser and ask for a revised valuation, Mary was directed to advise Wood that the Town understood that the valuation was too high but it was not interested in spending the money to get a revised valuation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding the damaged guardrail and sign at the Transfer Station, estimates are being obtained for the necessary repairs.

The Treasurer recommended holding off on taking out the approved loan of \$615,000 for road repairs until the funds are needed. This recommendation was accepted.

At Bill Plummer's request Bob Trabona (Codes Enforcement Officer) explained why he had issued a Stop Work Order for a replacement dock on property on the Jewett Road because the necessary permits had not been obtained.

Mary reported that the principal of the Georgetown School had resigned to take another position.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, June 28, at the Town Office.

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