

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF October 25, 2011

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

The minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2011 were approved.

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

1. Animal Control Officer Kate MacKay met with the Selectmen to go over some enforcement matters. There are several people who still have not registered their dogs for the calendar year 2011. The Selectmen will send them letters giving them two weeks to register the dogs or face a summons. There are also several people who have not paid the fines imposed for having loose dogs. Mary McDonald will look into what state law has to say about people who do not pay fines.

2. The Town Report for the fiscal year 2009-10 is several months late. It is usually distributed in May before the regular Town Meeting. Mary reported that she now has a draft in her hands and is making arrangements for having it printed. The Selectmen voted unanimously to make Mary responsible for preparing future reports.

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES: The Selectmen denied requests to reduce the assessments for land on the grounds that they were equal to assessments for surrounding comparable properties. One assessment was reduced because the actual acreage was less than what was recorded on the tax assessment data base.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mary reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda at: www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the radio communications problems, the county person has still not come to the Town to test the new system. Bill Plummer will call him about this.

The Fire Department has still not completed the paperwork for the Maine Municipal Association Risk

Management Plan. The Selectmen will write a letter about the delay to the Board of Directors.

Regarding request that boards and committees hold their meetings in the evening, the Town Owned Property Management Board has responded that they will continue to meet at 4pm except in instances where we are soliciting or anticipating comment from members of the public.

On the other Old Business on the agenda, there were no new developments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary (as Town Treasurer) reported that she has obtained a commitment for a Tax Anticipation Note at 1.03% so that she can pay the County Tax Assessment due on November 1.

The Selectmen went into executive session for an update on General Assistance.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 8 at the Town Office.

FOLLOW-UP FROM THE OCTOBER 11 MEETING:

Don Ludgin had written, "Under Correspondence, the Maine Revenue Service asked for information on Working Waterfront lots. There are only two, and the information will be provided." I was curious about the program and what were the two working waterfront lots. It is a State program to prevent the conversion of working waterfront land to other uses because of financial pressures. It provides for reductions in the assessed values of qualifying properties. "Working waterfront land" means land abutting tidal waters the use of which is more than 50% related to providing access to or in support of the conduct of commercial fishing activities. The two qualifying lots in Georgetown are owned by Samuel Crosby and Charles Moore adjacent to Gotts Cove. .

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