

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2017

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2017 were approved. They are posted on the Town website.

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

- **Comprehensive Plan Exploratory Group:** Pat Burns attended the meeting to provide a report on the meeting held January 16th. 26 residents attended the meeting. Pat provided an overview of Bill Najpauer's excellent presentation. Then he highlighted a number of the issues that were discussed at the meeting, including a significant discussion about the "divisiveness" experienced during development of the existing plan. Pat asked the board whether they would support a warrant issue if/when the Exploratory Group brought it forward. Geoff indicated he had a concern about the potential cost to the Town (both volunteer hours and dollars). I pointed out cost discussed briefly at the meeting on the 16th and it ranges from \$6000 to \$50,000. Bill Najpauer thought Georgetown would be toward the low end. At the end of the discussion, the Board indicated they needed the Exploratory Group's input and cost estimate by May 1st.
- **Town Budget:** The Board reviewed and approved a draft letter to the Financial Advisory Committee giving guidance for development of the 2017-18 Town Budget.
- **CodeRED Support:** The Board agreed to submit a letter of support for the CodeRED program at the request of Jerome Gamache.

### 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](http://www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php)

The most interesting items were:

- State of Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) forwarded their work plan for 2017-19. The plan, <http://maine.gov/mdot/projects/workplan/town/georgetown.pdf>, can be found at <http://maine.gov/mdot/projects/workplan/search>. The State does not plan much for Georgetown in the next three years.
- Sagadahoc County Administration notice of a Budget Advisory Committee vacancy. If anyone has interest, contact Mary at the Town Office.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Town Boards and Committees:** There are still numerous vacancies. See the Town website for a complete list. Scroll down on the home page.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board reviewed a letter from Keith Perry regarding a potential safety concern at the Transfer Station. Geoff will discuss it at the next Solid Waste Committee meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Ice Fishing Day – February 19th
- Sledding Party – February 26th
- Get to Know Your Neighbor – March 12th

*Details to follow on all of these*

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 14th at the Town Office.

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