

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2018 were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

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

- **Potential Benefits for Town Employees:** Debbie Bridges from Maine Municipal Association (MMA) came to the meeting to discuss benefits (health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance and life insurance) that they offer to towns/cities in Maine. Benefits can be provided to full-time (32 hr/wk) or part-time (20 hr/wk) employees as well as elected officials, school boards excepted. The bulk of the discussion concerned the six medical plans they offer. Differences between plans include deductibles, co-pays, coinsurance, in/out of network, in-state (except for emergency) or nationwide. A town can offer employees any three (determined by town) of the six plans. Towns can pay all or contribute a percentage to monthly premiums. Ms Bridges answered questions about the specifics of the plans. Board members each received packets that described the plans in more depth. The Board voted to draft a warrant article for the Town Meeting which, if passed, would allow the Town to join MEWA, a no-cost pre-requisite to the Town enlisting in any of these benefit plans. Benefits for Town employees resulted from a Resident recommendation at last year's Town Meeting. It will likely be discussed again at this year's meeting in June.
- **Route 127 Shoulders:** In response to discussion at a previous Selectboard meeting and a letter from our Road Commissioner, Denis Lovely of ME DOT sent a note indicating that it would cost \$100,000 per mile to regrade and pave 127 shoulders when the DOT puts a new top coating on the road (this summer). The cost would be the Town's responsibility. Bob Trabona again pointed out that the current condition of shoulders is a severe safety issue and it should be State responsibility to fill and grade the shoulders where necessary. The Board agreed to ask Mr Lovely to meet and discuss the issue.

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

The most interesting items were:

- ME DMR notified the Town they approved a Standard Aquaculture Lease Application (10 years) for Georgetown Island Oyster Company (Josh Stoll).
- Patten Free Library sent a copy of their 2016-17 Annual Report and a funding request up \$365 from last year. The funding request will be forwarded to the FAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board appointed Charles Richard to the Conservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Stop Sign:** Gene Reynolds gave permission for the Town to put a stop sign at the end of Henry Road. This is a dangerous intersection because cars coming south on 127 have a passing lane presenting a hazard to people exiting Henry Road.
- **Town Employee policy and Job Descriptions:** Kate MacKay brought up this topic after she reviewed current policy and job descriptions. She indicated that they are very dated and in need of update. While the Board agreed they were out of date they didn't come to agreement on reviewing/updating the documents.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Thursday March 15, 1-4 pm	Game Day	GCC	
Saturday March 24, 5 pm	Pot Luck Supper	GCC	Theme TBD
Sunday March 25, 2-4 pm	Get to Know Your Neighbor	GCC	
Wednesday May 9th, 7 pm	Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Changes	School	
Tuesday May 15, 6 pm	School Budget Hearing	School	Note Time
Wednesday May 16, 7 pm	Town Budget Hearing	School	
Tuesday June 12, 8 am – 8 pm	Election	School	
Saturday June 16, 9 am	Town Meeting	School	

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 13 at the Town Office.

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