

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF MARCH 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 27, 2017 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.

- **Local Food Ordinance:** Doug Vollmar came to the meeting to support having a draft Local Food Ordinance included on the Town Meeting warrant. The draft ordinance gives residents the right to produce and consume foods grown locally. He pointed out that the State Legislature passed a bill last year that allows it and a number of towns and cities have passed the same ordinance. After some discussion the Board agreed to support the proposed ordinance with the caveat that Town Counsel would review and confirm it does not conflict with State law. This draft ordinance will be on the agenda for the Ordinance Hearing May 9th.
- **Snow Removal Contract:** Charlie Collins, President of Maine Moss, attended the meeting to Discuss two years (2018-19 and 2019-20) extensions to the current snow removal contract. He indicated that cost would be the same except he asked for an additional \$25,000 at the beginning of each snow season so he can get all equipment and materials ready in advance. After a brief discussion the Board approved the contract extensions.
- **Recycling Change:** Lincoln County Commissioners sent notice to Georgetown regarding sorting of #1 plastic at the Transfer Station. There will be a separate bin for #1 plastics starting about April 1st.
- **Proposed Ordinance Changes:** The SelectBoard has received a number of proposed changes and expects additional ones. In addition to the Board reviewing them, they are forwarding to Town Counsel for review. The Ordinance hearing is scheduled for Wednesday May 9th.

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 that Michael & Mark Gaffney have been approved for an experimental aquaculture lease.
- City of Bath will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste event April 28th. Sign-up (by phone) is required. The number will be posted around town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The TOPMB submitted a request to change the Harbor Master’s Job Description to include enforcement and additional communications with them. This change is in response to some problems at the Town Dock. There was a discussion of the specific issues. The Board will invite Tom Bolster to come to a future meeting and discuss the proposed changes before modifying the Job Description.
- Kate MacKay pointed out that most town job descriptions are in need of review/update. Review will be scheduled at a future date.
- Charlie Collins and one Board member will meet with Denis Lovely of Maine DOT April 16th regarding concerns about the shoulders on Route 127. 127 will be repaved and the Board wants to have shoulder safety concerns addressed at the same time.
- Jim Peavey submitted a request that the Board support a “Take Back Initiative” Medical Disposal Day in Georgetown April 28th. They did so. The location has not yet been finalized.
- The Board approved a request from GVFD to spend \$4,000 from the Five Islands Station Reserve account for electrical work in the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
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, April 10th at the Town Office.

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