

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2018

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 4 members of the public present for the whole meeting. 3 additional residents joined the meeting discussion of Age Friendly Subcommittee issues.

The minutes of the meeting of March 27, 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.

- **Public Hearings for Liquor Licenses:** The Board opened, reviewed, approved and closed 3 hearings for Anchor Bar and Grill, Grey Havens Inn and Robinhood Meeting House.
- **GEIF:** The Board approved a Bingo Registration Application for GEIF.
- **Age Friendly Community:** Jim Peavey, Cindi Compton, Sandy Jaeger and John McIlvain came to discuss recent issues from the Comprehensive Plan Age Friendly Subcommittee. John introduced the topic, saying that the Comprehensive Planning Committee is doing the “inventory” phase and should have a survey ready in May. Meanwhile the Age Friendly Subcommittee has been moving ahead quickly.

Jim Peavey provided information on the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities and asked that the Board support an application to join this network. The network benefits the town in numerous ways, especially getting assistance from AARP and other network communities. The application is simple. There is no fee. AARP offers an Age Friendly assessment tool which will help with our town survey. The Age Friendly Subcommittee will continue to work with Town committees and organizations (e.g. GCC, GWL). In response to a question, “Why is the AFC moving ahead of the Comprehensive Plan?” Sandy Jaeger said much of the Age Friendly work is separate and can be done at its own pace. Long-range (3-10 years) issues/recommendations will be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Jim pointed out that the Subcommittee isn’t doing anything without knowledge and concurrence of the Selectboard.

Jim then discussed the second near-term task the Subcommittee wants to pursue – establishing a database (list with name, contact information, short description of services) of Georgetown contractors and local businesses. The list will not be vetted or endorsed by the Town or the Subcommittee. He suggested the town have the waiver of responsibility notice reviewed by legal counsel. With the Board’s approval, the Subcommittee will begin advertising for people and/or businesses that are interested in being listed on the database. It will be maintained on the Age Friendly server and is available to anyone with internet access.

- **Harbor Master Responsibilities:** Tom Bolster attended the meeting at the request of the Board. The TOPMB has proposed ordinance changes that will modify the scope of responsibility for the Harbor Master, giving him authority to write citations against Town Wharf and Todd's Landing regulations. Tom said that he understands his responsibility and authority ends at the float or beach. Tom and Board members agreed quickly that he, Harbor Master or assistant, should not be responsible to police parking areas. There was a lengthy discussion of the issues at both the dock and Todd's Landing and what can be done to enforce existing ordinances and regulations. Kate MacKay said that other towns give the Harbor Master authority/responsibility to enforce all town ordinances. It was pointed out that the only other officer in Georgetown who can issue citations is the Animal Control Officer. Kate suggested that the TOPMB could police the areas and call Tom if/when a citation is appropriate. Tom suggested that the Board consider a "dockmaster" with authority to write citations. The Board and Tom reviewed the proposed ordinance changes, concluding that there is a need to revise the proposed language. Kate MacKay will bring the issues back to the TOPMB.
- **Proposed Ordinance Changes:** The Board reviewed proposed changes to a number of ordinances including Shellfish Conservation, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning and Building Permit. They concurred with the proposed changes and agreed to forward them to Legal Counsel for review. All proposed ordinance changes will be discussed at the Ordinance Hearing on 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 of a Scoping Session for Standard Lease Application for High Tide Shellfish Farm, LLC. The session will be April 19th, 6:00 pm, at the School.
- ME DOT advised that Route 127 paving has been awarded to Lane Construction Corporation out of Bangor.
- Sagadahoc County Commissioners proposed FY 18-19 budget has reduced Georgetown's share from 10.28% to 9.73%, lowering the amount due from \$865,799 to \$813,316.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Health Insurance for Town Employees:** There was a brief discussion of the issue but no conclusions on what, if anything, to offer Town employees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Volunteer Fair at Town Meeting:** Kate MacKay said she had been asked if the town planned to hold a volunteer fair just before the Town Meeting as we did last year. The Board agreed it was a good idea.
- **Road Commissioner Term:** The Board considered and approved a recommendation to place an article on this year's Town Meeting that will change the term for the Road Commissioner from 1 year to 3 years. The intent of this change is to give the Road Commissioner more opportunity to identify, prioritize and schedule maintenance over a longer (3 year) period. If approved, this change will take effect at the June 2019 election.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Saturday April 28, 5 pm	Pot Luck Supper	GCC	
Saturday April 28	HHHW Collection		Pre-registration Required
Saturday April 28, 10-2	Medication Collection	Center Fire Station	No registration or appointment necessary
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 24th at the Town Office.

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