

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF MAY 23, 2017

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meeting of May 9, 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.

- **Town Meeting Warrant:** The Board walked through the articles making up the warrant for the Town Meeting. Articles were basically the standards with the exception of two. There is an article asking residents if they support an update to the 1993 Comprehensive Plan as well as a maximum expenditure of \$10,000 for consultant services in support of the update. If approved, the updated plan would be drafted and presented to the Selectboard in time to support a vote at the 2019 Town Meeting. The other article asks residents if they support a committee investigating repurposing, restoring and maintaining the First Church as an Arts and Education facility.
- **School Budget:** The school budget included in the Town Meeting warrant will be the version presented to the SelectBoard at their last meeting. The School Committee is holding a workshop May 25th to discuss options related to the very recent announcement of retirement of first grade teacher, Beth Saulfer. The School Committee will meet Monday, June 5th where the final decision will be made. The public is invited to attend both meetings.
- **Assessing Items:** The Board approved an abatement application that was based on deteriorated property and structures. Recently updated property maps are available in the Town Office. Mary pointed out a couple of small errors that have been found.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Town has contracted with Island Surveys to complete work for the Conservation Commission at Ipcar Preserve in Five Islands. \$4,000 will come from their reserve fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Thursday, May 25, 9 am	School Committee Workshop		
Monday, June 5, 6 pm	School Committee Meeting	GCS Library	
Tuesday, June 6, 7 pm	Meet the Candidates	GCS	
Tuesday, June 13, 8 am to 8 pm	Local Election	GCS	
Saturday, June 17, 8:30 am	Volunteer Fair	GCS	Opportunity to meet with Committee members to see what they do.
Saturday, June 17, 9 am	Town Meeting	GCS	
Saturday, June 24, 5 pm	Pot Luck Dinner	GCC	BBQ

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

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