

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 10, 2018

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 3 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of June 25, 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.

- **Planning Board:** Lisa Bowen came to the meeting to discuss her potential appointment to the Planning Board. Rich Donaldson led the discussion, explaining the duties as well as some of his experience on the Board. At the end of the discussion the Board approved her appointment to an existing 3 year position and she was sworn in by Amanda Campbell.
- **Assessing Issues:** The Board reviewed and approved 3 recommendations from Bill Van Tuinen on abatements, all due to deteriorating conditions of the property. They also approved one correction of acreage also recommended by Bill Van Tuinen. They reviewed a new request from a couple who attended the meeting to support their request. Mary explained that they missed the 185 day window for an abatement request (this year's taxes) but their request will be considered for next year's assessment. Geoff Birdsall explained the process and told them they will be notified in writing when a decision is made. The request will be forwarded to Bill Van Tuinen for his review/recommendation.
- **Traffic during GVFD Auction:** Rich Donaldson requested that the Board authorize the fire department to close traffic in one direction during the auction Saturday. The Board agreed. GVFD will provide signage and traffic management.
- **Potential Traffic Hazard:** Rich Donaldson read from a constituent's letter which cited parking and people in/near the roadway as potential traffic hazards. The letter recommended signage warning motorists. The Board decided to send the letter to the Road Commissioner asking for his recommendation.

### 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:

- Received notification that Senator Susan Collins' staff will hold office hours at the Town Office next Wednesday, July 18th, 1:45-2:45 pm.
- Received notification from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announcing a new program with potential benefits to coastal communities. Also received notification from the State DACF about Coastal Community Grants for FY19. Both letters were forwarded to the Conservation Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Town Boards and Committees:** Mary distributed an updated listing of Boards and Committees, noting that the Board of Appeals and Planning Board openings are most urgent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Special Town Meeting:** Will be held Thursday, July 12, 6:30 pm at the school. Purpose is to approve additional budget for Solid Waste Committee to cover increased costs from Lincoln County Recycling and potentially from Bath Landfill.
- **Recent ACO Incident:** Geoff Birdsall gave a brief overview of a recent incident involving the Animal Control Officer, the sheriff department and a resident. It will remain open until a written report is received by the Board.

During this discussion Geoff also mentioned that both ACO and deputy ACO will be on vacation in July and most of October. The Board discussed what options are available to cover ACO responsibilities during ACO absences.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Thursday July 12, 6:30 pm	Special Town Meeting	School	Solid Waste Budget Change
Saturday July 14	GVFD Auction	Five Islands Station	Will have one-way traffic
Saturday July 14, 6 pm	Bath Municipal Band	Community Center	
Wednesday July 18, 1:45-2:45	Senator Collins Staff	Town Office	No appointment required
Monday July 23, 7 pm	Comprehensive Planning Public Meeting for Seasonal Residents	School	Open to anyone

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 24 at the Town Office.

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