

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 12, 2016

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

The minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2016 were approved. They are posted on the Town website.

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

- **Emergency Management Plan:** Jerry and Karin Gamache attended to discuss the recent update of the Georgetown Emergency Management Plan. A number of minor name corrections were identified. The Board recommended that annual updates be issued after the Town Meeting (in June) so that all elected officials are current. Kate MacKay asked about conducting an emergency exercise. Both Jerry Gamache and Bob Trabona explained the difficulties in doing so, mostly because of the number of out of town agencies that would be involved. Kate summarized that she felt the Plan was excellent but she would feel safer if it was actually proven with an emergency exercise.
- **Harbor Committee:** Dave Moyes, George Dufour and Tom Bolster, from the Harbor Committee, came to discuss purchase of a boat for the Harbormaster's use. They have contacted other municipalities that have dedicated boats for this purpose and they provided an overview of information they gathered. After the discussion, the Board agreed to allow the Committee to spend up to \$20,000 from the existing reserve fund with approval of the First Selectman (Geoff Birdsall).
- **DMR (Department of Marine Resources) Notifications:** Jason Lang came to the meeting to discuss a couple of the DMR notices he was investigating. All have to do with potential, improper dumping of waste water.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Kate MacKay brought up a request from the "citizens working group" to put together a proposal for updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan which is more than a decade out of date. She indicated that lack of this plan makes the Town ineligible for Federal Grants. However, if/when the Comprehensive Plan is updated it must conform to State rules and criteria, another "unfunded mandate". Both Geoff Birdsall and Delores Pinette indicated that the previous effort was time/manpower intensive and expensive. At the conclusion of discussion, the Board voted 2-1 not to initiate any action on this proposed update.

## 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:

- MMA provided ballots for election of the Legislative Policy Committee and VP and Executive Committee Members.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Committees and Boards:** There are still openings on Board of Appeals, Planning Board, and Conservation Committee. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mary in the Town Office or one of the Selectboard members.
- **Recycling:** The Board signed the contract with Lincoln County Recycling for FY 16-17. It includes a 3% rate increase from the previous contract.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parking at First Church:** The Board unanimously approved two requests to use the parking lot at First Church in support of group events. Furthermore, the Board agreed that Mary can approve this type request from now on.
- **Broadband Initiative:** Kate Mackay brought forward a plan proposed by the Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadband group to inventory all utility poles in both communities using volunteers. Liability is a potential issue. A question was raised about obtaining the data from CMP and FairPoint who own the poles and must have records. It was agreed that Mary would contact CMP to determine if such information is available to the Towns.
- **Animal Control:** The issue concerns whether the Town should have a limit on the amount spent on an injured animal if/when the owner cannot be located. There is no data available on what limits other towns have or what it costs for a vet to euthanize a dog or cat. The Board agreed to discuss the issue again at the next meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Tricentennial Celebration starts at 3:30 pm, Saturday, July 23rd at the Town Dock.
- Picnic at Tennis Courts at 5 pm, Tuesday August 2nd.
- (self-guided) Garden Tour, 10 am to 3 pm, Saturday August 6th.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 9th at the Town Office. There will be no meeting July 26th unless there is an emergent need.

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