

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 24, 2018

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2018 were approved. The minutes from the Special Town Meeting of July 12, 2018 were also 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.

- **School Gym Sound System:** Kelly James, of the School Committee, came to the meeting to discuss proposed upgrades to the school gymnasium sound system. The new speaker system is being donated from a fund started by the Poletto's in the name of their daughter who taught music at Georgetown a few years ago. The Board supported this improvement. The School Committee will contract for the work.
- **Expired Overboard Discharge:** The Town received a request from Maine DEP to help follow-up with enforcement of penalties for an expired overboard discharge license. Board members noted that the State budget has been cut to the point they are asking local governments to accept this responsibility. The Board will have the CEO notify the applicable residents that they are in violation.
- **Dumping:** This was a follow-up to discussions at the last meeting concerning residents who have continued to dump cars, boats, motors and other potentially toxic materials on their property. Board members have had numerous complaints. Rich Donaldson indicated that he has talked to the State DEP and they will not take charge of legal actions. The Board discussed both history of the issue and what potential actions the Town may be able to take. They agreed to get legal advice from Town counsel on legal action options.

**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:

- Senator Susan Collins staff left a glossy report from the US Senate Special Committee on Aging regarding fighting fraud. It is available in the Town Office hallway.
- Georgetown received a Letter of Congratulations and Certificate from AARP for becoming the 263 US community to enroll in the Age Friendly Communities initiative. They also provided a couple of copies of a glossy report highlighting the Age Friendly Community program. The reports are available in the Town Office hallway.
- The Conservation Commission notified the Board that they are hosting a Solar Power Information Meeting August 8, 7 pm at the school gym.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Clam Licenses:** Rich Donaldson was approached by a seasonal resident who was denied a recreational license. The seasonal resident has registered a car in town and thought that confirmed his residency. However the ordinance requires a resident to actually live in town for the 3 months before a recreational license is issued. The Board discussed some of the history involved and agreed there may be some inconsistency between ordinances in the definition of residents. They will forward the issue back to the Shellfish Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Community Day:** The Board approved a request from the Community Center Board to close Old Schoolhouse Road from the Five Islands Fire Department to the corner with Five Islands Road.
- **MMA Dues:** MMA has notified the Town of changes in membership dues – going up significantly. They are offering a one-time credit that can be applied over 1, 2 or 3 years. This will be considered at a future meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

| <b>Date &amp; Time</b>     | <b>Event</b>                    | <b>Place</b>     | <b>Comment</b>   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Saturday, July 28, 5-11 pm | Community Day                   | Community Center | Note that Old School House Road will be partially closed for this event      |
| Wednesday, August 8, 7 pm  | Solar Power Information Meeting | School Gym       | General information about solar farms and/or solar facilities for homeowners |

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 14, 7 pm at the Town Office.

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