

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF August 14, 2018

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THE MEETING: I was the only of the public present for the whole meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of July 24, 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.

- **"Tic Group":** Nananda Col, Bob Arledge, Kate MacKay and Kathy Gravino of the informal Georgetown Tic Committee came to the meeting seeking the Board's support to address tic-borne diseases (like Lyme disease). They discussed follow-up work the group has done since the "Tic Talk" at the GHS earlier this summer. They advised that Georgetown has the highest rate of Lyme disease in Sagadahoc County. Kate reviewed a four-part strategy: (1) Distribute public information. They have a banner which they can hang at the General Store entrance and handouts with specific information and frequently asked questions. (2) Encourage residents to take environmental measures such as raking, cutting and mulching around their property. Also wear certain types of clothing if/when you're in a tic infested area. (3) Install tic traps that pull/kill tics from field mice. (4) Reduce the overall deer population. They estimate 60+/- deer per square mile in Georgetown. They have talked to State representatives about extra hunting permits but no action has yet been taken regarding the extra permits. Geoff Birdsall said he believes we can get a petition signed by property owners (to permit hunting) and hunters. The Board members support the proposed strategy.
- **Transfer Station Incident:** A resident was denied access after he failed to separate State mandated hazardous material (in this case an empty LP container) from his trash before dumping the trash in the compactor. The attendant on duty wrote up an incident report and sent it to the Board. There was considerable discussion of this incident and history of this type incident with this resident. The Solid Waste ordinance gives transfer station attendants the authority to deny someone dumping material but doesn't authorize banning an individual from the facility. The Board discussed what legal action or other suggestions might be available to the Town. Any changes to the ordinance cannot be implemented until next June's Town Meeting.
- **AARP Grant Request:** Jim Peavey attended the meeting to request Board approval and authorization for the Age Friendly Community Committee to submit a grant request for \$3000 to AARP. If approved, this grant will be used to conduct the "assessment" phase of the AARP program. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to support the request and sign-off on the paperwork.

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:

- ME Department of Environmental Protection sent notice of approval of Shore Zoning Ordinance amendments that were approved at our Town meeting in June.
- ME Secretary of State sent some glossy flyers providing information about “Real ID”. DMV will begin issuing Real ID licenses July 1, 2019. Copies of the flyer are available at the Town Office.
- MMA has interviewed all 4 candidates running for Governor and have put the interviews on their website – [memun.org](http://memun.org). The interviews are easy to find on the website. Each is just under 1 hour long.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **MMA Dues:** MMA has increased annual dues significantly. But they are offering a credit which can be used over 1, 2 or 3 years. The Board elected to use it over 2 years.
- **Manning of Transfer Station:** This was a follow-on to the incident reported above. The Solid Waste Committee recommends hiring an additional attendant at the transfer station during summer months and the Board supports the position. Mary confirmed that nobody applied to a job posting earlier this summer. The Board discussed what can be done to incentivize local people in the part-time position.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Road Closure:** The Board approved a GCC request to close Old Schoolhouse Road from the corner to the Fire Station for a street dance on Saturday, August 25th.
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UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Saturday, August 18, 10-3	Georgetown Garden Tour	various	Starts at the School
Saturday, August 25, 6-10 pm	Street Dance sponsored by GCC	GCC parking lot and Old School House Road	Old School House Road will be closed to traffic during the dance.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 28 at the Town Office.

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