

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

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THE MEETING: There were 7 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of September 11, 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.

- **Public Hearing:** The Board went through the formality of conducting a public hearing before adopting the General Assistance Appendices (A-D) for this fiscal year. There was no significant discussion and the Board approved adoption unanimously.
- **Conservation Commission:** Lee Johnson came to the meeting to discuss her interest in becoming an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission. After a very brief discussion the Board approved her appointment.
- **Age Friendly Group:** Chet Horne and a couple of other residents attended the meeting to discuss issues related to the Age Friendly Community Subcommittee. Jim Peavey and a number of subcommittee members also came. Chet provided a written list/description of issues to Board members and then walked through a brief discussion of each. He pointed out that while the subcommittee has done a lot of work he doesn't feel they have been able to reach key long-term residents within the community. He questioned whether the Board members were aware of all the actions the subcommittee has taken. After Chet's comments, Jim Peavey responded briefly to the specific issues. He indicated that no actions have been taken by the subcommittee without prior Board discussion/approval. And he summarized steps taken to reach out to all residents. All three Board members indicated that they have had discussions with residents who also have concerns.
- **Assessing Items:** Updated property maps have arrived. They are maintained in the Town Office.

### 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:

- Maine's Sustainable Forestry Initiative 2017-18 glossy report was received. It is available at the Town office for viewing.
- Midcoast Humane (formerly Coastal Humane and Lincoln County Humane) advised of price increases for the next 2 years. Cost is based on official census population.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Security Cameras:** The Board discussed potential installation of security cameras for selected Town properties, including the Wharf and Tennis Court. Rich Donaldson recommended that that the Town consolidate procurement if/when it's decided to go forward. The Board briefly discussed funding options. This topic will be addressed again at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Animal Control Officer (ACO):** Sarah Mancini will be out of town for an extended period in October. The Board discussed briefly how to provide temporary support. Two or three volunteers will share responsibility during her absence.
- **Broadband Initiative:** The Board discussed a letter, received from the Three Bridged Islands Broadband Task Force, that requested \$2,500 as Georgetown's share of funding for startup (next phase). The request came too late to be incorporated into this year's budget. The board discussed whether it could be taken from other budget line(s). All three Board members expressed concern about potential costs of the project and whether residents would ultimately be willing to pay the cost of services. The issue was tabled to the next meeting.
- **Copier Issue:** Mary McDonald indicated that the current copier is not functioning well. She pointed out that the budget has \$10,000 for office equipment so we could lease (with option to purchase) a new one for the remainder of this fiscal year. Geoff Birdsall also asked about the two PC's in the office and Mary confirmed they were adequate but outdated. At the completion of discussion it was agreed that Mary will do some research into alternative sources and costs and report back at the next meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Wed/Thur 10/3-4	MMA Convention		Town Office to be CLOSED
Monday 10/8	Columbus Day		Town Office to be CLOSED
Thursday 10/25	Training		Town Office to be CLOSED in the afternoon

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 9 at the Town Office.

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