

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2018

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 25, 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.

- **Broadband:** Carlos Barrionuevo and Peter Degan came to the meeting as a follow-up to the letter request for up to \$2,500 that was discussed by the Board at the last meeting. The request is 1/3 of the money the Task Force needs to setup the entity which they propose to manage the broadband infrastructure. They offered to answer questions. They indicated that they are seeking grants, including one they need to submit by next Monday. Geoff Birdsall indicated that \$2,500 is half of the contingency line in the current budget and the Board is reluctant to spend that money at this point. After a discussion of issues from the Board's perspective, the Board turned down the request for \$2,500 but agreed that the Town Treasurer could act as the Fiscal Agent, receiving and disbursing the funds for the Three Bridged Islands Broadband Task Force.
- **ACO Absence:** This was a follow-up to discussions at the previous board meeting. Rich Donaldson, who is holding the ACO phone during Sarah Mancini's absence, indicated that he has been inundated by calls over the past couple of weeks. He said he doesn't believe we can expect to have volunteers take on this responsibility in the future. The Board discussed a number of alternative approaches to cover the position. They also discussed the amount of payment that would be reasonable to pay someone to answer the phone and refer calls if/when appropriate.

### 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 Eloise Vitelli sent a letter advising that MDOT is drafting *Maine's Long Term Transportation Plan 2050*.
- The Island Institute announced their latest publication *Waypoints – Livelihoods on Maine's Coast and Islands*. This glossy magazine is available on-line and a copy is available for viewing in the Town Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire Department Needs:** This continued a discussion started at the previous meeting. How to accomplish all of the administrative and financial functions being done by Ron Hayward when he retires (in a few months). It is unlikely that anyone will step forward to volunteer. The board discussed some options, including splitting the functions between two or three individuals. This issue will be discussed further at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Assistant Harbor Master:** Frank McDonald has expressed interest in the Assistant Harbor Master position. Geoff Birdsall indicated that responsibility for selecting and hiring the Assistant lies with the Harbor Master so Mr. McDonald's interest will be forwarded to George Dufour.
- **Comprehensive Plan Update:** John McIlvane advised, by email, that the Comprehensive Planning Committee will be discussing "Land Use" at their October 15th The Committee would like Board representation and input at the meeting. Rich Donaldson volunteered to attend/participate.
- **AARP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA):** Geoff Birdsall signed the MOA so that the Age Friendly Communities subcommittee could accept a \$3,000 grant from AARP.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Oct 27, 10-2	Drug Take Back Day	GVFD Station	Any type of drugs can be deposited anonymously. No needles or other equipment.
Nov 3, 5 pm	Pot Luck Supper	GCC	

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 13 at the Town Office.

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