

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2021

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a hybrid Zoom and in-person. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson, Jon Collins, and Bronwen Tudor plus administrator Amanda Campbell were present. There were also 5 members of the public in attendance.

The minutes of the meetings of April 13, 20, and 23, 2021 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.

- **Town Meeting Readiness:** Amanda summarized status. The FAC met with the SelectBoard Monday, 4/26, to review the draft budget. Allison Hepler confirmed availability of 3 tents. Budget hearings are scheduled for 5/18 (school) and 5/19 (total town). Candidate's Night will be held Thursday, 5/6. Nancy Kinner will be moderating all of the virtual (Zoom) meetings. John Cunningham will moderate the Town Meeting outside on June 26th – as he did last year.
- **Outdoor Gatherings:** CDC and State covid guidelines have changed significantly with regard to outdoor activities and events. While most mask requirements have been eliminated for outdoor activities, social distancing requirements remain in place. These changes enable a return to a number of normal Georgetown events including Blessing of the Fleet, Community Day, Fourth of July Parade, etc. The Board agreed that outdoor events are ok but the sponsoring organization (or individuals) is responsible to make sure all CDC and State guidelines are met. Bronwen pointed out that any activity that involves the Wharf requires a permit be requested 60 days before the event. The specific example is the Blessing of the Fleet.
- **Recreation Committee:** There was a short discussion of events that the Recreation Committee sponsors. This committee has had only 2 members for months. Will someone else or another organization take responsibility? Bronwen reiterated that some person or organization must take responsibility for required permits and/or meeting CDC/State covid guidelines.
- **Transfer Station Budget:** Bronwen said that the transfer station employees want to meet with the SelectBoard to discuss FAC recommendations for the 2021/22 budget. Rich recommended that one representative come to the May 11th meeting and present the issues to the Board. There will still be opportunity to revise the proposed budget if necessary.
- **Broadband:** The Board approved the draft letter of support, with a minor change, needed to support the Connect Maine grant application being submitted by Georgetown Broadband LLC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- Maine DOT forwarded the 2020 Inspection Reports for the bridges on Williams Road and at the Lagoon in Reid State Park. Amanda forwarded copies to Road Commissioner Charlie Collins and Nancy Kinner for her students to review.
- Representative Allison Hepler provided information to help the Town wade through the American Rescue Plan funding.
- Karen MacGillivray provided the Town Office with Laura Richards Library opening plan for this season. May 10th, 3-6 pm is opening day.
- Amanda received certificates for MMA Virtual Technology & Energy Conference.

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Thursday, May 6, 7:00 pm	Candidate's Night	Zoom	
Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 pm	Ordinance Hearing	Zoom	To review proposed changes to various ordinances
Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 pm	School Budget Hearing	Zoom	
Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 pm	Town Budget Hearing	Zoom	
Saturday, June 26	Town Meeting	Outside	Behind the School under tents

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 11. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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