

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF MAY 10, 2022

Prepared by Alison Freeman

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, and administrator, Amanda Campbell, were together in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 7 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2022 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.

- The final Budget document was approved and will be available on the Town website in advance of the Budget Hearing 7pm Wednesday 5/18/2022 (virtual)  
The Selectboard thanked the FAC and Committees for all their hard work on the budget
- The draft ordinances were approved to send to Town Meeting 6/18. The draft ordinances are available for download at [https://www.georgetownme.com/?page\\_id=5351](https://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=5351)  
The Selectboard thanked the FAC and Committees for all their hard work on the draft ordinances  
There was discussion about an amendment to the Solar Energy Ordinance that was proposed and discussed at length at the ordinance hearing. The proposed amendment would have created an exception to the shoreland zone restriction for installation of a Solar Energy System at the landfill, which is partially in the shoreland zone.  
Ms. Tudor summarized the issue and suggested that starting out with an exception would weaken the shoreland zoning restriction for commercial installations  
When this issue was discussed at the ordinance hearing Bob Trabona, from the Planning Board, gave examples of how different projects could work under the ordinance as written. If, for example, the Town wanted to install a Solar Energy System at the landfill to power the School, it would not be prohibited by the ordinance, as written, because it would be considered a Private Use system and therefore would be allowed in the shoreland zone  
Alison Freeman, from the Solid Waste Committee, commented that any project involving the landfill would require DEP approval. The approval process would allow plenty of time for any amendments or exceptions to the ordinance. Our landfill cap was not designed with reuse in mind. It is likely some remediation would be required. This topic will be discussed at the Solid Waste Committee meeting 7 pm Thursday, May 12. Please contact Alison Freeman at [alf@sparloft.com](mailto:alf@sparloft.com) for the Zoom login information if you want to attend because Amanda & Alex will be out of the office for training on Thursday 5/12
- New safety signs have been put up by the DOT on Rt 127
- Bath's Animal Control Officer will fill in as Georgetown's ACO until the position is filled

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

Planning Board	Wednesday, May 11	7pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday, May 12	7pm ZOOM
TOPMB	Tuesday, May 17	4pm OFFICE
SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING	TUESDAY, MAY 17	7PM ZOOM
TOWN BUDGET HEARING	WEDNESDAY, MAY 18	7PM ZOOM
CANDIDATES NIGHT	THURSDAY, MAY 19	7PM ZOOM
School Committee	Monday, May 23	5pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, May 24	7pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM Tuesday, May 24, 2022. 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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