

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 28, 2020

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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**THE MEETING:** The meeting was held "in-person" with appropriate social distancing at the Georgetown Community Center. It was also streamed live on Facebook (to see how that works). There were 5 members of the public present. Amanda Campbell led the meeting, replacing the function handled by Mary McDonald for many years. Bronwen Tudor, the newest Board member, replacing Geoff Birdsall, participated for the first time.

The minutes of the meetings of June 23, 2020 and July 14, 2020 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.

- **Organization of the Selectboard:** Amanda Campbell had a list of issues that need to be updated when the new Board is seated each summer. The following were addressed at this meeting.
  - Rich Donaldson was selected as Selectboard Chair. He was also assigned as liaison with Town Council for legal issues, personnel matters and initial interviews with potential volunteers.
  - Regular meeting schedule will remain the same; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. Board members prefer to have the meeting in-person. Bronwen Tudor recommended that the Board outfit the town with equipment for Zoom type capability. The Board authorized Amanda Campbell to continue researching equipment and programs for streaming the meetings and enabling the public to participate.
  - Board members each provide liaison with the other town committees and boards. Rich Donaldson and John Collins agreed to keep the same ones as last year. Bronwen will take over those previously assigned to Geoff Birdsall.
  - Amanda Campbell noted that numerous Board-appointed board and committee member's terms expire at the Town Meeting. The Board agreed that she should contact them to see if they are willing to remain in place for another year.
  - Amanda also noted that there are a number of open vacancies that also need to be addressed at a future meeting.
- **Town Meetings:** The Board agreed to hold the Town Meeting August 29th at 10:00 am. Two possible locations are under consideration: behind the school or at Woodex. The meeting will be outside under 3 very large tents, with 50 people maximum per tent. Social distancing rules will apply. Tents will be borrowed from Woolwich. An audio system will be arranged.  
The Ordinance Hearing is planned for August 4th at 7:00 pm. It will be held on Zoom, similar to the recently successful Candidates Night.  
Normally we conduct two separate budget hearings; the School Budget and the Municipal Budget. The Board is looking at combining them into a single Zoom session on August 6th at 7:00. This approach and schedule must be coordinated with the School Committee.  
All of these meetings are subject to change.

- **Assessing Items:** The Town Office received 2 Tree Growth renewal applications. There was a brief discussion of the review/approval process and the Board agreed to review basic information and then forward them to the Maine Forest Service for their review. There was also a brief discussion about a new road name request from Chartier. Rich Donaldson indicated that the proposed name is very similar to an existing Georgetown road so it might cause confusion in an emergency situation. He will follow up with the GVFD and the requester.
- **Ordinances:** There are two new draft ordinances for consideration at the Town Meeting: Cannabis Ordinance and Sex Offender Residency Ordinance. Both have been reviewed by Town Counsel who provided a few recommended changes which the Board agreed to incorporate. There are also a number of minor administrative changes to existing ordinances. All of these will be made available to the public before the Ordinance Hearing on 4 August.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda at: [http://www.georgetownme.com/?page\\_id=23](http://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=23)

The most interesting items were:

- Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Risk Management Services sent a \$383 dividend check back to the Town.
- Sagadahoc County Administrator advised that Georgetown’s county tax levy for 2020-2021 is \$885,682.
- Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative sent their 2019-20 Report. It will be posted in the Town Office after it re-opens.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fireworks:** Residents of Five Islands submitted a letter requesting a sign regarding fireworks etiquette. The request stems from recent experience where very large/noisy fireworks were setoff multiple nights after 10 pm. It was noted that the Town has no ordinance for fireworks so no legal action can be taken.
- Ebbie Stevens resigned from the Cemetery District Trustees. Her term ends in 2021 so the Board will need to appoint a replacement to complete it. If anyone has an interest please contact Amanda Campbell or Rich Donaldson.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comment</b>
August 29, 10 am	Town Meeting	To be determined	The Board is finalizing details for the meetings.
August 4, 7:00 pm	Ordinance Hearing	ZOOM	Details will be issued in the next few days
August 6, 7:00	Budget Hearing	ZOOM	May address both School and Municipal Budgets.

Note: These hearings and the Town Meeting are tentative. The Town Office will post dates and times on the Town Website and Facebook Town pages.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 18 th at the Town Office.

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