

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2021

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a hybrid Zoom. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson, Jon Collins, and Bronwen Tudor plus administrator Amanda Campbell were present. There were 2 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meetings of August 10 and 16, 2021 were approved. They are now 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:** Counsel has returned the proposed lease agreement with a number of comments/questions. The Board discussed briefly a number of specific issues. Amanda will take the proposed agreement to the LLC to get their opinion.
Amanda and Terry Tyler continue to work on the "affordability fund." They are trying to establish how the process works? The LLC wants an agreed to process now so they can advertise as they seek more sign-ups. Amanda advised that there are more Federal ARP funds becoming available for broadband but she is not sure the LLC is eligible. Amanda will continue to work with Terry.
- **First Church:** Bronwen and Rich have been overseeing on-going efforts to survey the building from structural and functional perspectives. They propose establishing a committee to take the next step. Bronwen proposes that we hire a professional engineer to conduct the structural analysis. There is a need for someone to track down historical information and details in support of the structural review. Rich proposed letting the committee seek out a company that can get the complete assessment done and solicit proposals to do the work.
- **American Rescue Plan (ARP):** Amanda attended a meeting with Bath Town Manager staff to discuss what they can do to use ARP funds that are still available. She touched on a number of issues including retroactive premium pay for essential workers and doing calculations to determine that they qualify before submitting proposals. Rules are apparently pretty loose. Requesters need to decide and propose soon.

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:

- A note from Jim Peavey re: Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging featured an article on "Age Friendly Georgetown" in their latest newsletter.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Bronwen noted that the SOLAR working group will come to meet with the Board in September.
- Rich noted that there is no Board member assigned to the GVFD. The fire department has been awarded two grants; \$39K to purchase upgraded equipment and \$130K for a new Brush Truck. Both grants have small percentage matching funds required.
- Rich said the TOPMB has been discussing cleaning and maintenance of the float. Bronwen said collecting fines are contingent on Ordinance enforcement by the Harbor Master who is not equipped to maintain all the data required. This is a long-standing issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Georgetown will have the Maine DOT Radar Trailer from 9/20 to 10/8 (3 weeks). Charlie Collins will pick it up in Woolwich. The Board needs to decide on locations at the next meeting. Theo Holtwijk recommended that the unit be placed between the two bridges near Todd's Landing.
- **Route 127 Corridor Management Plan:** Amanda has sent an email to MeDOT requesting a survey for bicycle safety signs. This request initiates their process for working with Georgetown's working group.
- **Recreation Committee:** Bronwen noted that a number of people with a variety of ideas, have expressed interest in re-starting the Recreation Committee. After a short discussion, she recommended bringing them together in a meeting and see if they can gain consensus. Rich suggested that Amanda can reach out to individuals and facilitate a meeting seeking consensus and ideas for structuring the new Recreation Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Monday, September 6 All Day	Labor Day Holiday		Town Office will be CLOSED

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 14. 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.

I will be out of town for 2 weeks in September. I will be unable to attend the meeting. If anyone is interested in taking notes, I'll be happy to distribute them through SingingBridge. You can contact me at rickcliffe@gmail.com.

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