

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2020

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THE MEETING: There were 4 members of the public present. Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins were at the Town Office and everyone else participated on Zoom.

The minutes of the meetings of September 22 and October 1 (executive session) 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.

- **Assessing Items:** Amanda indicated that Bill Van Tuinen, Town Assessor, came in to the office 10/7. His analyses and decisions are running a bit late. Amanda hopes to have them complete by the end of October. They are needed to support mailing of property tax bills. He asked that the Board discuss potentially adding equipment, such as solar installations and whole house generators, to property assessments. She explained some of the history. After brief discussion this item was tabled for consideration this tax year. Note: These items have come up repeatedly for the past few years.
- **Emergency Communications:** County Commissioners met this afternoon (Oct 13) and this issue was on the agenda. A few GVFD representatives, including Rich Donaldson, attended. Rich said it was a good discussion of the issues, both Georgetown-specific and Sagadahoc County in general. They propose to hire a consultant to analyze/identify specific problems and suggest potential solutions. Rich doesn't believe the County is ready for complete system upgrades in the next couple of years. They need to develop a system upgrade plan and also a maintenance plan for existing equipment, much of which is obsolete.
- **Annual Medication Take Back Day** will be held Saturday, October 24, 10:00 – 1:30 at the GVFD center station.
- **Town Office Access:** Amanda advised that they have changed the entry/office configuration and process. The vestibule will be unlocked so people can enter. However the Office door will remain locked. Residents must ring the bell for entry. People who come in to vote early will be seated in the vestibule.
- **Hunting:** Kathy Gravino came to discuss the Conservation Commission's concern that hunting regulations for Town owned property are confusing, particularly in the Around the Cove and Ipcar preserves. There was a brief discussion pointing out that hunting is not allowed with 1,000 feet of a school or 300 feet of a residence. It was noted that most of the "outdoor classrooms" at GCS are actually in the preserve. The Conservation Commission wants to post signs at the trail heads but it's not clear what authority they have to do so.
- **Transfer Station Issues:** Rich indicated that he has received a number of complaints that bulky waste is only accepted on Wednesday afternoons. Some residents have jobs that make it impossible to meet this schedule. He asked that the Solid Waste Committee look into expanding the hours available for bulky waste. He also addressed #2 plastics being dropped into a large drum rather than a dumpster. This process enables the Transfer Station personnel better access to find/remove incorrectly deposited items.

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 Revenue Services sent in the preliminary 2021 State (property) Valuation. It will be checked against Town records and any comments/edits will be forwarded back to MRS.
- Center for Technology and Civic Life approved a \$5,000 grant for COVID-19 related election expenses. Amanda has a listing of supplies that this money will be used for.
- Lifeflight of Maine sent their 2019 Annual Report and a request for funding. The request is forwarded to the FAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Boards and Committees:** The Board approved appointment of Terry Taylor to the Financial Advisory Committee.
- **Todd's Landing:** Transfer of Ownership is complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Maine DOT Local Road Assistance Program:** Certification paperwork must be signed by the Board to validate the FY2020-21 \$26K grant.
- **Tax Anticipation Note:** Bill Webster, town treasurer, requested that the Board approve \$500K with Bath Savings to cover town expenses through December 31st. This is the normal process and the Board approved the request.
- **MOA with GVFD:** Rich advised that the Fire Department, Town Clerk and Treasurer are drafting a Memorandum of Agreement that will address accounting processes and how bills will be paid. When the draft is complete, they will want the Board to approve it.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Saturday, October 17	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	Brunswick Public Works	Must be pre-registered All time slots are filled
Saturday, October 24, 10:00 – 1:30	Unused, Unwanted, Outdated Medication Take Back	GVFD Center Station	No needles or thermometers

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 27th. 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.