

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

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THE MEETING:

The Selectmen began their meeting at 7pm with Kristin Malin taking minutes in place of Mary McDonald, who returned home today after a spell in Maine Medical Center.

Two members of the public were present: Don Ludgin and Bob Trabona. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the meetings of September 14 and 19 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEM: In my judgment, the following was the most important thing covered during the meeting:

County EMA Director Misty Greene and County Communications Director Brodie Hinckley, along with Scott Brevard and Bill Farley of the contractor Radio Communications, came in to discuss communications problems with members of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department (Reed Fulton, Ron Hayward, Rosemary Hentz, Dave Knauber, and Chief Larry Mann). Misty explained that at the same time the County made the changeover to narrow-band broadcasting, it also began using a tower in Phippsburg to serve Georgetown and stopped using the tower at Oak Hill. Larry said no firefighter or ambulance personnel received calls from the Phippsburg tower; that the signal from the Court House tower was degraded; and that Oak Hill should be used instead of Phippsburg. Dave Knauber said that at the tone test tonight at 7pm, he received one tone and no words, only static. Brodie Hinckley telephoned the dispatcher and asked for a tone test, which failed; later in the evening he asked for a tone test from Oak Hill, which worked. Scott Brevard said there was clearly a serious coverage problem and that the County should continue to use the fire channel from Oak Hill to communicate to Georgetown; the law channel from Phippsburg would continue. He also promised to find out what was wrong with the tower at the Court House for broadcasting the fire channel to Georgetown.

OTHER IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS:

1. Under Scheduled Appointments, Rick Cliffe came in to volunteer for the Board of Appeals. After brief questioning, the Selectmen voted to appoint him an alternate member of that Board.
2. Under Correspondence, no one is likely to go to the MMA annual meeting.
3. Under Old Business, Haddock/Montgomery oral arguments will begin at 10:30 on October 8.
4. Under Old Business, the Aleada Pinkham house again advertised; bids due October 8.
5. Under Old Business, the Town Attorney says there is no urgency in the Town's appeal of the DEP's decision: he urges letting sleeping dogs lie.
6. Under Old Business, the question of who should hold the Boston *Post* Cane. Mary McDonald will talk to Rheta Morgan's son Peter about a presentation to her.
7. Under Tax Bills, Bill Van Tuinen has completed both field work and update. He will come down for interviews at least a week after the bills go out; Mary will schedule appointments.
8. Under New Business, Bill's draft letter challenging the way the County Commissioners treat applications for abatements. All agreed that such a letter should not be sent.
9. Under New Business, Selectmen will review new assessments when they have a list of splits and lot mergers.
10. Under New Business, Kristin gave Selectmen copies of the warrant for Special Town Meeting for November 2 election to cover merger with Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor AOS. The warrant will be updated and ready for signature October 13; the meeting scheduled for October 21 will be the public hearing needed for a

Special Town meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Two Selectmen, Mary, and Road Commissioner have completed NIMS classes; Geoff will complete his course work

Personnel interviews: Selectmen are to review the list of those to be interviewed.

The Selectmen went into executive session at 8:50pm at Geoff's request, reason not specified. Their scheduled executive session with Fire Chief Larry Mann postponed at Larry's request. The Selectmen will next meet Wednesday, October 13 at 7pm.

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