

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2012

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www.singingbridge.net

THE MEETING: There were three members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2012 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda at: www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php

The most interesting items were:

- from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a report of the audit inventory which is conducted when the municipal agent changes. The audit was satisfactory.
- from the Department of Health and Human Services, after an audit of the Town's General Assistance Program, the Town was found to be in compliance.
- the Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Caucus will be February 7. A public representative position for our district is open.
- copies of letters from the Fire Department to Asplundh and CMP stating appreciation for their work clearing limbs and eliminating downed lines in recent storms.
- a copy of an e-mail from the Solid Waste Management Committee to Senator Goodall and Representative MacDonald opposing any rollback of the present e-Waste Program, citing potential detrimental financial impacts and increased environmental hazards should it occur.
- an email from Kay Rand at CMP regarding the installation of Smart Meters. The Town is at 91% completed installation.
- a letter from the Town of Sedgwick about their Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance and asking us to think about passing a similar ordinance. For the text of Sedgwick's ordinance, see:

<http://www.sedgwickmaine.org/images/stories/local-food-ordinance.pdf>

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Regarding the hoop garage on the Haddock-Montgomery property, the Town Attorney wanted clarification of what the Selectmen wanted in the letter to their attorney. The Selectmen directed Mary

to tell the Town Attorney that the structure should be removed by the time required revegetation of the site of the recently removed structure was to be complete.

2. Eric Kosalka appeared before the Board to protest the designation of his dogs as “dangerous dogs.” See my report of the January 10 meeting under New Business. Present also were Joann Klonowski and Animal Control Officer Kate MacKay. The Selectmen took no action.

3. Mary reported that Michael Stevens had paid his past due commercial user fee for the Town Wharf.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Solid Waste Committee is again looking for substitute attendants.

2.b Jack Swift has resigned from the Financial Advisory Committee. Kate MacKay and Patty Kimble have expressed interest in becoming members. Mary will schedule interviews.

OTHER

1. Emergency Management Director Jerry Gamache reported on progress in reviewing and updating the Town’s Emergency Management Plan. One of his objectives is to align the Plan with what the Town actually does. The Plan presently states that the Emergency Shelter is the School. But in recent years, the practice has been to open the Georgetown Community Center when a shelter is needed. Bill Plummer pointed out that the Community Center now has an emergency generator with a 21-day supply of fuel. The Selectmen agreed to designate the Community Center as the Shelter and that the School should be listed as a secondary shelter.

2. Joyce Oliver appeared before the Board to discuss the description and tax assessment of her lot on the Marrtown Road (05R-028). She was accompanied by Jason Lang. The issue concerns some 20 acres that the Town records show as belonging to an abutter (Margaret Skillings). After some discussion, the Selectmen agreed to change the records to show the property as belonging to Oliver, to abate the taxes for the MS Skillings to reflect this change, and to bill MS Oliver for the corresponding increase in her holdings. She was advised to have her land surveyed to determine the correct status of her property.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Thursday, February 16 at the Town Office.

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