

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF January 28, 2014

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2014 were approved. They should be posted on the Town website this week.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

Larry Mann met with the Selectmen to review findings from the recent Bureau of Labor Standards inspection. Most of the issues were minor (e.g. posting of standard notices, clean up around electrical panel, etc.) and have already been fixed. However, Larry is having a difficult time finding certification documents for some training courses taken years ago. The inspector wants these documents in support of various qualifications for each fire fighter. Mary will draft a letter to the Bureau indicating what steps have and are being done to comply.

The Solid Waste committee also met with the Selectmen to review findings from the Bureau of Labor. Most issues were administrative and they are researching them. One significant issue is the stated requirement for a 40 inch high safety bar around the large trash containers. The extra lifting over such a bar may make it difficult for some residents to deposit trash. It was agreed they would research the current industry standard before taking any action.

Assessing Issues: Bill VanTuinen is reviewing a number of assessment issues on three properties. The Board reviewed an abatement application from Constance Crosson. After discussion, the application was denied. The County Board of Assessment has received an appeal for Goglino/Nadeau. Mary will prepare a letter citing the Town's position.

CORRESPONDENCE:

State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) notified the Town of procedural and personnel changes for General Assistance.

State Department of Education (DOE) sent a letter concerning the 2013 school audit report (audit was in June 2013) still in review by AOS 98. Mary will follow-up with the AOS 98 superintendent's office.

The Board decided not to participate in the county Radar Speed Trailer Loan Program.

A notice received from Pam Hile, Sagadahoc County Administrator, identified a Budget Advisory Committee vacancy. The selected individual would represent Georgetown, Arrowsic, Woolwich and Bowdoinham.

Funding requests were received from Bath Area Seniors Activity Center, Main Public Broadcasting, and Coastal Transportation. Requests will be forwarded to the Financial Advisory Committee.

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:

OLD BUSINESS:

The Tree Growth application from Red Gables, LLC is complete, according to legal counsel, and it will be sent to the Maine Forest Service for review.

Mary reported all 2013 fees for the Town Wharf have been paid. 2014 fees are due now with a late fee assessment beginning June 15th.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 11 at the Town Office.

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