

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 26 February, 2013

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THE MEETING: There were 8 members of the public present, most of them only part-time to address specific issues.

The minutes of the meetings on January 22, January 26 and February 19 (executive Session), 2013 were approved.

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

1. **Roads:** Road Commissioner Dale Savoie and Jon Hentz came to discuss roads. Mr. Hentz brought a list of 21 issues that he, Dale and others in town are working with MDOT. He walked through the list addressing for each what has been accomplished and what else could potentially be accomplished. At the end, he brought up the issue of creating a formal Road Committee. All three selectmen indicated that they do not support a Road Committee. They did, however, agree that Mr. Hentz, and other residents, are free to assist Dale in carrying out his duties as commissioner.

2. **Plow Damage:** Bud Brown brought in pictures of his mail box which was destroyed by a plow during a recent storm. He felt that the driver was negligent since this mail box has been in place for 30+ years. Dale indicated that the damage was only brought to his attention this morning, he would investigate and make good if he agrees it was negligent. He also pointed out that this particular section of road is very difficult to plow and ultimately dangerous for drivers. Delores noted that there were a number of other mail boxes damaged by plowing. Bill asked that Mr. Brown work out a solution with Dale.

3. Abatement Request: R. Bruce Montgomery and Wanda Haddock attended the meeting in support of their abatement request for land and building valuation. They indicated that they had paid for an in-depth assessment by a Portland firm to support their request. Since losing their appeal in Supreme Court, they are unable to make any improvements to the house or property, therefore reducing its value. The Selectmen agreed to submit the abatement request and supporting documentation to Town Assessor Bill Van Tuinen for his review and recommendation.

Town Council: The Selectmen reviewed the proposal for services submitted by Brann and Isaacson. Geoff cautioned that, “*Going forward nobody talks to Town Council unless it goes through the Selectmen.*” He will advise Brann and Isaacson of this direction.

Grants: Bob Gravine came to the meeting in support of two grant requests the Conservation Commission wants to support in writing. One is in support of the KELT application for NAWCA grant and the other is for a new NOAA Project of Special Merit grant. The Selectmen agreed to support both.

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:

1. The Town received a Certificate of Recognition for achieving the Maine Spirit of America Esteemed 2012 Silver Distinction, a follow-up to recognition of the GWL.
2. Received notification from the City of Bath that the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) date will be Saturday, May 4th this year.
3. Received a copy of a note from Andy Roth-Wells regarding Senator Goodall and Representative MacDonald submitting a memorial special legislative sentiment for Jack Swift. The ceremony was held in Augusta on January 29th. Note: A memorial service for Jack will be held on July 29th at the GHS.
4. Jerome Gamache provided a copy of his certification for completion of the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ledge Island LLC: At the executive session held February 19th, Ledge Island LLC withdrew their Tree Growth application and, instead, submitted an Open Space application. The Open Space

application was reviewed and approved by the Selectmen.

Tree Growth: The Selectmen discussed the Tree Growth application submitted by David Wright. The application does not include a copy of the Forest Management and Harvesting Plan though it does include a statement of concurrence from the MFS. Further review was tabled pending receipt of the Plan.

CEO Issues: Codes Enforcement Officer Bob Trabona requested approval to issue a 3rd notice of potential issues with shoreline zoning and septic permits to a resident. After discussion it was agreed to request a special meeting with the CEO, Selectmen and resident to address the issues.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the Town Office.

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