

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2013

Prepared by Rick Freeman

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THE MEETING: There were two members of the public present. The minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2013 were approved.

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

1. Regarding the application to renew Tree Growth status from David Wright for R6 L45A: during the opening public comment period, I pointed out that the parcel was shown on the tax map as being only 12 acres with between a quarter and a third of that being tidal marsh and that most of the upland part of the parcel was zoned Resource Protection with substantial restrictions on the cutting of timber especially within 75 ft. of the high water mark. I urged the Selectmen to consider these matters when they reviewed the application later in executive session. When the Selectmen came out of executive session, they voted to refer the application to the new Town Counsel (Brann and Isaacson) for review.

2. Under Old Business, Mary McDonald reported on the status of Eric Kosalka's request for documents under the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). Kosalka had met with Mary to review the documents received and asked for proof of the allegations contained in emails from the Codes Enforcement Officer to the Chair of the Planning Board. Mary encouraged Kosalka to request a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss these matters.

3. Also under Old Business it was reported that a letter from the Codes Enforcement Officer to Eric Kosalka regarding the need for permits for actions taken at the Sagadahoc Bay Campground had been sent on March 1 giving Kosalka 15 days to respond. No response has been received yet.

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 item was a request from the Patten Free Library for funding for the next fiscal year of \$16,689. This is unchanged from the amount appropriated at own Meeting In June 2012.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Nomination papers for elected Town Officers are now available at the Town Office.

2. Mary reported that she had talked with Andy Roth-Wells about his willingness to serve as Moderator at the

Annual Town Meeting. He said that he was willing; but because of his responsibilities at the State Senate, he could not guarantee his availability on Saturday, June 8. The Selectmen agreed to think about who could serve as a back up to Andy.

3. Dates to remember: Wednesday, May 1 - Public Hearing on Changes to Town Ordinances
Wednesday, May 15 - Public Hearing on Municipal Budget
Tuesday, June 4 - Election of Town Officers
Saturday, June 8 - Annual Town Meeting

4. A date for the Public Hearing on the School Budget has not been set yet.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 26 at the Town Office.

REMEMBER THE GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR PARTY ON SUNDAY MARCH 17 STARTING AT 2 PM AT THE GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

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