

## REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2012 - PART 2

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[www.singingbridge.net](http://www.singingbridge.net)

### 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](http://www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php)

The most interesting items were:

- a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency announcing a meeting regarding the Agency's plans for flood risk mapping. Bob Trabona (Codes Enforcement Officer) had attended the meeting and he reported that there were people in the field this month gathering data, that there would be a public meeting in March 2013 to review preliminary results, a meeting in June 2013 to report the Agency's responses to public comments, and a final report in April 2014.

- a letter from the Sagadahoc County Commissioners stating that they are including funding for the Midcoast Council of Governments in the budget for 2012-13. This will increase the Town's payment to the County by \$5952.

- a letter from Greater Bath Elder Outreach Network requesting a contribution from the Town of \$400. This has been forwarded to the Financial Advisory Committee.

- an update from the own Clerk stating that as of April 1 the Clerk's office will be closed on Tuesdays and open on Wednesdays.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. A court hearing on the Kosalka appeal regarding their dogs has been set for April 18.
2. Regarding the re-certification of Stage Island owned by Ledge Island LLC for tree growth, the principal has called to ask for an extension stating that they are unable to get a forester on the Island due to nesting areas. They are to be reminded that they have a firm deadline of April 12.
3. John Mason has not responded to a certified letter regarding his report of pumping his holding tank.

He has failed to meet the required deadline. He will be fined.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust requested tax exempt status for about 30 acres of land recently acquired from Scott Collins (lot 09R-16-A). The request was approved.
2. The Nature Conservancy informed the Town of its holdings of land that is tax exempt (the LedgeWood Preserve on LedgeWoods) and is in Open Space (4 preserves).
3. Regarding the drainage issue at the Goodman Property on Oak Road, Bill Plummer reported that Dale Savoie (Road Commissioner) would compile a list of all such problems and establish which ones are Town problems and develop priorities for fixing them.
4. There was a letter from the Board of Appeals showing which Town ordinances did not have any provisions for appealing decisions and suggesting that providing residents with some avenue for appealing decisions might be desirable. Bill Plummer commented that he did not want to expand the role of the Board of Appeals. The Selectmen voted 3-0 not to expand the Board of Appeals role beyond its current responsibilities regarding land use ordinances.
5. Susie Wren, Chair of the Conservation Commission, summarized a report of a meeting between several members of the Commission and two foresters from the Maine State Forest Service. They had all walked the paths on the Ipcar Preserve in Five Islands and the Round the Cove Preserve. There have been blow downs which block access and create a fire hazard. The foresters recommended hiring a licensed forester to create management plans for the two parcels. The management plans could be the basis for applications to the state's Project Canopy Grant Program. Susie emphasized that the purpose of the report was to inform the Selectmen. Bill Plummer volunteered to take a chain saw to the Ipcar Preserve and improve the access to the paths.
6. To fill a vacancy on the Recreation Committee, Amy Lang was moved from an alternate to regular member.

The Board then went into executive session in regard to General Assistance and an ongoing workers compensation claim.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 10 at the Town Office.

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