

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF APRIL 14 , 2014

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THE MEETING: There was one member of the public present.

During the opening period of public comment, I thanked the Georgetown Fire Department for their prompt and effective response to the electrical fire in my basement.

The minutes of the meeting of March 24 were approved.

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT ITEMS PENDING:

There was a total of nine abatement applications from Jordan Saper and the Jordan Saper Family Heritage Trust for land valuations on Rotunda Hill. They were largely based on differences on selling prices between lots. All of the applications were denied on 3-0 votes.

Another application was denied because it was received after the deadline for such applications. And one application was referred to Van Tuinen, the Town's Tax Assessment agent.

An application for Open Space designation for Phoebe and Little Phoebe Islands from Geoffrey W. Birdsall and Reid T. Birdsall was considered. Geoff Birdsall recused himself from this decision. The application was passed on a 2-0 vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Due to an oversight at the last meeting there was no vote on awarding the snow plow contract for the municipal spaces. The Board voted 2-1 to award that contract to Maine Moss, Inc.
2. Mary McDonald reported that she had heard from Margaret Zorach's family that she will be delighted to receive the Boston Post Cane. The plan is to present it at the start of the Town Meeting on June 13.
3. Bill Plummer reported that the First Church work party last Saturday had been a great success. And

there will be another work party this next Saturday starting at 9 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Planning Board proposed an amendment to the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance regarding applications. It will go to a Public Hearing on May 13.
2. The Shellfish Conservation Commission has proposed an amendment to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance that would establish a minimum age of 12 years for holders of commercial licenses. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to raise the minimum to 18 years. The matter will be referred back to the Shellfish Conservation Commission.
3. The Selectmen's meeting with the Financial Advisory Committee was changed to Tuesday night, April 21, at 7 PM.
4. It was reported that William and Letty Husson had returned a cemetery deed to the Town because they were moving. It was voted to accept the deed and make it and other returned deeds available to indigent families.
5. The Town has received a memo from Jay Holt, Chris Warner, and John Hagan clearing up some inaccuracies that arose during a discussion of the Heal Eddy clam flat closure at the Selectmen's meeting of February 24.
6. The Town received an email from Pat Burns suggesting that the Road Commissioner's term in office be extended to 3 years and the snow plow contracts be let for one year terms. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen decided to make no changes to these terms.
7. The Selectmen decided that the polling hours for the municipal election on June 9 will be Noon to 8 PM.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be on April 21 at 7 PM at the Town Office.

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