FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF MAY 22, 2012

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

At the Opening Period for Public Comment, Rick Cliffe (a) urged the Selectmen to try to recover back taxes from Bruce Poliquin for his apparently erroneous use of the Tree Growth Tax Program, and (b) asked that Bruce Poliquin's request to reclassify his land as Open Space be made public. On the latter, he was informed that the application is a public document.

The minutes of the meetings of May 8 and May 16, 2012 were approved.

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:

- Mary McDonald reported that she has been informed that the \$750 requested by the County for Reverse 911 is a one-time payment.
- The Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society has presented an award of recognition to the Conservation Commission.
- Larry Mullins has received a certificate of attendance and completion of the Core Training Session #3 (Hazardous and Special Waste) from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was reported that the Kosalkas had informed the Office of the District Attorney that they have completed the construction of the dog enclosure as required by the Court order. The Animal Control Officer has inspected the enclosure and believes that it is satisfactory.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Selectmen reviewed changes to the Planning Board Ordinance, Building Permit Ordinance, and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance that were recommended by the Planning Board after the Ordinance Hearing. The revised ordinances were approved for presentation for a vote at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen reviewed a draft of the Warrant for Town Meeting. There are still some budget items for the School that are not final. The numbers will be finalized in the next couple of days and the Warrant will be reviewed for approval at a Selectmen's meeting on May 30.

There was a note from the chair of the Harbor Committee suggesting that Friends of Seguin be exempted from paying fees for the seven moorings they have at Seguin Island on the grounds that the organization is a non-profit. The Selectmen voted not to exempt them from paying the required fees for their moorings.

The Town Treasurer requested that the Selectmen appropriate \$750 from their Contingency Fund to compensate the Town Auditor for the extra time that was involved in merging the School accounts with the Town accounts. She said that this work was outside the original scope of work. The Selectmen approved the request.

The Selectmen agreed to have the First Selectman sign an application by the Georgetown Community Center for a grant from the Marshall L. and Ruth-Anne H. Gibson Municipal Charitable Program.

The Selectmen agreed to appoint Claudia Hayward as Election Warden in place of Catherine Collins who could not serve since her husband Charles Collins is a candidate for selectmen.

There was some discussion of how to handle the final loan to complete the three-year road paving project. On the Town Treasurer's recommendation, it was decided not to borrow the original planned amount (\$615,000) but rather to borrow only the amount required to complete the project (\$477,000).

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 30 at the Town Office.

Also remember Candidates Night, Tuesday, June 5 at 7 PM, Election Day (Tuesday, June 12), and Town Meeting (Saturday June 16 at 9 AM).

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