

## FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF JULY 10, 2012

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

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing on the adoption of the 2012-13 General Assistance Appendices A-C from the State. There was no public comment. The Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the Appendices.

The minutes of the meeting of June 26 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following item was the most important thing covered during the meeting.

Larry Mann and Reed Fulton from the Fire Department met with the Selectmen to request that a second article be added to the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on July 25. They wanted an appropriation to purchase a replacement for the brush truck that is stationed at the Five Islands Fire House. The truck was recently determined to be no longer serviceable. The Selectmen agreed that this was too short a notice and that there was not enough time to give full consideration to such a large expenditure. It should be brought up next spring as part of the annual budgeting process.

### 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:

- An audit report from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles regarding the change in agents from Liz Rollins to Kristen Coombs. No discrepancies noted.
- From the Maine Revenue Service, reporting the State's estimates of property valuation in Georgetown, based on their information on property sales. The estimated total value of real property in the Town fell from just over \$517 million in 2011 to just over \$492 million in 2012.
- From the State Department of Transportation, notice of the annual roadside brush control project to begin soon. The Conservation Commission is asking the State which herbicides will be used and will pass this information on the Townspeople.
- Animal Control Officer Kate MacKay reported that Sarah Mancini has been appointed Deputy ACO to act when Kate is not available.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary reported no developments on any of the pending old business items.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on July 25 was approved. For more information, see the letter to Townspeople from Mary McDonald that I circulated earlier today. The warrant will be posted on July 12 and will be available on the Town web page.
2. The stand for the bell in front of the School Building has deteriorated and requires replacement. It was reported that the bell came from Perkins Island and was installed at the School in the mid-1970s. Fred Kahrl has offered to replace the stand at no cost to the Town. The offer was accepted.
3. Mary McDonald reported that there was an opportunity to repair the paving of the walkway from the parking lot to the Town Office entry at relatively little cost, since the area was going to be dug up to install a propane line for the School's new stove. A quote has been received. The Selectmen voted to accept the quote.
4. John Hagan met with the Selectmen to discuss his interest in being appointed to the Conservation Commission. He reported that he had been trained as an ecologist. The Selectmen voted to appoint him a full member.
5. Jason Lang met with the Selectmen to discuss his appointment as Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer and Assistant Licensed Plumbing Inspector (LPI). He has passed the test for LPI and is working on the other requirements. He has CEO Bob Trabona's endorsement and it is expected that he will take over as CEO and LPI before next June so that Bob can retire as is his desire. The Selectmen voted to appoint Jason as Assistant CEO and Assistant LPI.
6. The rest of the meeting was taken up confirming reappointments of Appointed Town Officers and members of Appointed Town Boards and Committees.
7. It was noted that there are now or will soon be the following vacancies on Town Boards and Committees:
  - Board of Appeals: two alternates
  - Harbor Committee: possibly one alternate
  - Planning Board: one regular member and one alternate
  - Shellfish Conservation Committee: at least one member.

Anyone interested in serving on any of the committees is encouraged to notify the Town Office.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 24 at the Town Office.

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