

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF JULY 22, 2014

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THE MEETING: I was the only member of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2014 were approved.

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

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on adoption of General Assistance Ordinance dated September 2013 and General Assistance Appendices for fiscal year 2014-15. The Town must formally adopt the State issued ordinance and appendices.

Assessing Items: The Board addressed two evaluation requests using input from Bill VanTuinen, assessor. One abatement request was granted based on a reduction due to property topography, the reduction percent consistent with other properties in the area. The second request was denied based on Mr. VanTuinen's recommendation and review of other properties in the area.

Note: I don't normally address the specific cases by name. If you have interest, the details will be included when official minutes are issued.

The Board approved the contract, and payment, with Boothbay Regional Humane Society/Lincoln County Animal Shelter for 2014-15.

The Board approved a request from the Solid Waste Committee to purchase one 50 yard open top roll-off container. This item was included in this year's Town budget.

The Board directed that Animal Control Officer Kate MacKay summons Ira and Stephanie Pinkham. They have not licensed their dogs and did not appear in court July 8.

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:

A letter from Northeast Bank acknowledging payoff of the road loan in June 2014.

A letter from Friends of Seguin Island Light mistakenly thanking the Board for waiving mooring fees – they didn't. Bill Plummer has already talked to them. The Board directed that Mary write a letter to them correcting the error.

OLD BUSINESS:

Geoff Birdsall, Bill Plummer and Mary McDonald all attended the Department of Labor mediation meeting July 10th to address the workplace safety and health issues at the Fire Department and Transfer Station. All issues are resolved and the Town's fine was reduced to \$250 (from the original \$3500).

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 12th, at the Town Office.

The Summer Resident Informational Meeting with Selectmen will be held Wednesday, August 6th, 7:00 pm at Georgetown Central School.

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