

## REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF July 23, 2013

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present for the whole meeting plus 5 additional members of the public for specific issues/discussion.

The minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2013 were approved.

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

Review of the R. Bruce Montgomery & Wanda Haddock abatement application: The selectmen were in receipt of a recommendation from Bill Van Tuinen regarding this assessment. Mr. Montgomery requested and was granted opportunity to present additional information regarding the history of events and a separate detailed assessment done by a Portland firm. His summary was that Mr. Van Tuinen's assessment was still too high and he recommended the Board study his new/additional information before making a final decision. After the discussion, Geoff made a motion to accept Mr. Van Tuinen's recommendation for abatement. This motion passed 2-1 with Bill indicating he didn't support any reduction in the original assessment.

Orin Winn Open Space application: Mr. Orin Winn and two family members came to support review of their application to reclassify 27 acres from Tree Growth to Ordinary Open Space (20% reduction in assessment). Mary summarized key elements of the application and there was minor discussion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve the application which will be effective retroactively to 4/1/2013.

Art Display Waiver: Legal counsel is drafting a Waiver to be signed by artists displaying their work in the town office. The waiver is needed because insurance is not adequate to cover the potential loss of some well-known local artists.

Board and Committee Needs: Mary distributed a summary of open seats on town boards and committees. I am

attaching a copy to this report. If anyone is interested in serving, please contact a Selectman or Mary at the town office.

#### 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:

Seth Goodall advised he is no longer our State Senator. His chief of staff, Andy Roth Wells, will continue to work any open issues until the new senator is elected

Email from Mike Morse, ME DEP, advising that the updated Shoreland Zoning Maps were approved. They have been posted on the town website.

Notification from MTCMA (Maine town and city management association) of reductions in state road fund sharing. Mary advised that we have not received our letter yet but we don't expect much since Georgetown's normal amount is small (\$32K last year).

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Eric Kosalka has not yet responded to the Board's letter, concerning CEO permit issues, in spite of his being contacted/reminded numerous times. It was agreed that legal counsel should draft a "strongly worded letter" to follow-up.

Legal counsel has all the paperwork and is preparing a notice of violation citing the Martin CEO violations.

Letters were sent to four fishermen who haven't yet paid old user fees. The letter gives them until July 31<sup>st</sup> to pay or have their usage revoked.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Town Office. This will include a public hearing on General Assistance appendices at 7:00.

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**WE HAVE OPENINGS ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

**NEED 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS**

**FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**NEED 1 FULL MEMBER**

**HARBOR COMMITTEE**

**NEED 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**NEED 1 FULL MEMBER**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ONE  
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OFFICE !!!!**