

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2012

Prepared by Rick Freeman

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 24, 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:

- The Maine Department of Environmental Protection sent a draft of its proposed Conditional Approval of the amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance adopted in June. The DEP objects to our removing the requirement that recreational vehicles be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles. They say that the requirement is necessary to prevent people from claiming exemptions from building permit requirements for what is for all practical purposes a structure.
- From the Sagadahoc County Administrator, notification that the 2012-2013 tax levy for the Town is \$856,688. This amount is what was predicted by the County at the time of the Town Meeting in June.
- An email from Gregory Sprigg, owner of a house on Little Crow Island, complaining of light pollution from the Town Wharf. Bill Plummer reported that the problem has been fixed.
- A petition from a member of the Indian Point Association claiming that the new house being constructed by Keefe at 805 Indian Point Road should not have been permitted by the Planning Board since it does not meet the minimum setback of 50 feet from a common road in an approved subdivision as required by the Town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. There was also a memo from Rick Freeman, Chair of the Planning Board, reporting that the Board had referred the matter the Selectmen and that it was the view of the Board that Indian Point was not an approved subdivision as that term is used in our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance since it was created before our Subdivision Ordinance was passed and that therefore the Indian Point Road was a private road. Mary was directed to respond to the petitioner.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary reported that the letter to Gordon Reed of the Ledge Island LLC requesting copies of the old and new timber management plan had been received by Mr. Reed but the plans had not been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Town has a bid from Dale Savoie for the repair of the walk to the entry to the Town Office. The bid was for a little over \$1,400. The Selectmen voted to accept the bid.
2. It was reported that Fire Department Engine #3 went off the road in Beaver Valley while on the way to test a dry hydrant. Damage was minor and would be covered by insurance except for the \$500 deductible. The Engine will be back in service in three weeks.
3. The Selectmen received a draft of the Transfer Station Emergency Action Plan for review.
4. Geoff Birdsall reported that he had received a verbal complaint regarding the noisy discharge of fireworks in Five Islands late at night. He had told the complainant to submit a written complaint but had not received anything yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Selectmen went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 28 at the Town Office.

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