

# REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF August 26, 2014

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THE MEETING: Delores was absent. I was the only member of the public present. Except for the discussion of FEMA floodplain maps, it was a very short meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2014 were approved.

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

Jason Lang, CEO, attended part-time to discuss floodplain maps. The Town recently received preliminary copies of the new FEMA produced floodplain maps. Jason and Bill Plummer went out and checked a few locations to verify the maps. They found them to be both easy to use and accurate. Jason explained details from a phone meeting he had with a state official (I didn't catch the name). Any comments and/or challenges to the preliminary maps must be submitted by November. The final version will be completed and distributed early next year. The state DEP will provide a draft ordinance citing how the maps will be used. Cities/towns must adopt the ordinance and maps. Failure to do so could impact availability of flood insurance. There are approximately 30 residents in Georgetown who have flood insurance. It is likely that there are many more residents whose property/structures are within the boundaries of the new maps.

The Selectmen agreed to hold an **Informational Meeting** at the school at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to familiarize residents with the new floodplain maps and regulations. The new floodplain boundaries are considerably higher than the old. Based on what I understood, anyone who has structures within 12-15 feet (vertical) above the high tide line should plan to attend this informational meeting.

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:

ME Revenue advised that preliminary valuation for the Town totaled \$473,650,000 which is 101% of assessed value. This confirms that the property tax assessment process is working well.

ME Department of Conservation notified of free disposal of banned, unusable pesticides but residents must pre-register. Mary has posted notices.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board approved a request from the Conservation Commission to accept a grant from the State of Maine if it is offered. The grant will be used to publish results of the marsh migration project.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office.

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