

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2012

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

The minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2012 were approved with minor corrections.

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 the Bureau of Motor vehicles to the Municipal Agent as a reminder of the need to submit timely reports along with a note from the Town Clerk responding that reports are now caught up.
- A public health update from the Maine Centers for Disease Control noting a number of cases of pertussis and warning of mosquito-borne diseases.
- A message from the County Emergency Management Administrator about the CodeRED or Reverse 911 Program and how people can sign up. This has been posted.
- A message from the Maine Resource Recovery Association market for recycled paper
- A letter from Harold Brown regarding the proposed removal of ledge on the Kennebec Point Road. Mary McDonald reported that the Road Commissioner says that no work is planned on that road for this fiscal year. Mary will write to Mr. Brown reporting this.
- Mary reported on a message from the Animal Control Officer regarding another instance of a dog biting a person. This dog has also been quarantined for 10 days as required by law.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gordon Reed of Ledge Island LLC has repeatedly been asked to provide the Selectmen his old Tree Growth Management Plan. He has not provided it but has told Mary that the new Plan will be ready by next week. No action was taken.
- Naming of new private roads: The residents on one of the roads which is off Seguinland Road have agreed on proposing the name Rascohegan Lane. The Selectmen voted to accept this name. One of the two residents on the other road, which is off Five Islands Road, has expressed concern about the need to change the mailing address on his business letterhead. The residents will be asked to consult with the Post Office about mailing addresses and to present an agreed road name as required under the

Town's Addressing Ordinance.

- Mary reported that the insurance payments for the damage to Engine #3 have been received and the engine should be back in service in a week.

- Mary reported that there had been further problems in completing the paperwork for the road paving loan approved at the last Special Town Meeting and that she had obtained quotations for the loan from Bath Savings Institution at an interest rate that was less than 1% higher than the loan in question from Northeast Bank. In view of the continuing problems in dealing with Northeast Bank and the need to obtain the funds soon so that work can be done, the Selectmen authorized Mary to borrow the funds from Bath Savings.

- The Selectmen reviewed the Draft Transfer Station Emergency Action Plan and made a number of suggestions for revision. These will be returned to the Solid Waste Management Committee for consideration.

- James Mayer met with the Selectmen about filling the vacancy on the Planning Board. He is an engineer by training and had served on the Planning Board where he lived in Massachusetts before moving to Georgetown. The Selectmen voted to appoint him to a 5 year term as a regular member of the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The repairs to the entryway to the Town Office should begin this week.

- A written complaint has been received regarding the setting off of fireworks at various hours of the night in the Five Islands area. After some discussion of possible actions, it was concluded that there was nothing that the Town could do since there was no Town ordinance covering the discharge of fireworks. None of the Selectmen favored adopting such an ordinance. So no action was taken.

- The TOPMB had reported that trash was being left by commercial fishermen at the Town Wharf and the Board was unsure of how to proceed (fines? Pay for clean up?). It was suggested that the TOPMB review its ordinance to see what actions were authorized and to changes to the ordinance.

The Selectmen then went into Executive Session as authorized under 1 MRSA §405.6.a for a personnel issue and under 1MRSA §405.6.f for a conversation with a resident.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 11 at the Town Office.

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