

## REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF October 8, 2013

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2013 were approved.

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

Mary announced that the (Sagadahoc County) Board of Assessment Review has scheduled the Haddock/Montgomery site visit and hearing for October 25<sup>th</sup>. Town records have been submitted to the Board.

Town Valuation: Most of the meeting was line by line review of changes to property valuations summarized in a report from Bill Van Tuinen, Town Assessor. Changes include sales, transfers, abatements, new construction, improvements, tree growth and open space. The Board concurred with almost all changes but a couple of issues will require follow-up with Mr. Van Tuinen. Review/concurrence with this report leads to total valuation of the Town which, in turn, is used to set the mil rate for property taxes. After considerable discussion the Board agreed to set this year's mil rate the same as last year's.

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:

Maine Department of Marine Resources (ME DMR) sent a follow-up on the shoreland review conducted in April 2013. There are 6 items to be addressed by the CEO.

Maine Revenue Service provided a summary proposed 2014 State valuation and Town comparison. The total valuation was down slightly from last year. It was noted that the comparison was based on April 2012 data. It was noted that State and Town data are very close (within a couple of percent total).

Efficiency Maine provided Case Studies in Energy Efficiency. Mary will post the report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Only 25 residents took advantage of the recent flu vaccine clinic held October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A letter has been received from the Kosalkas clarifying their compliance with all of the issues discussed at the last Board meeting. Completion of the actions identified in this letter will put to bed all of the CEO violation issues identified a number of months ago. Jason, CEO, will follow-up as necessary.

Appointments: Openings remain for BOA alternate, Harbor Committee alternate and Planning Board full member. Anyone having interest should contact a Selectman or Mary.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A request was received from the Mueser family regarding road names (off Country Mile Road). Several questions were raised during discussion and it was agreed to table the request until these questions could be discussed/resolved with a family representative.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 22, at the Town Office.

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