

## REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2015 were reviewed and approved with a minor correction. These minutes are posted on the Town website.

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

- The Board conducted a public hearing and approved adoption of the General Assistance Appendices A-D. Mary summarized minor changes from last year.
- Assessing Items: The board reviewed a number of items with input from Bill Van Tuinen. One abatement request was denied. A correction of acreage was accepted and the Board agreed to make the change now so it will be included in this year's taxes. There was a letter request, to Bill Van Tuinen, asking about penalties if the owners withdraw from "Open Space". The Board agreed to send Mr. Van Tuinen's response to the property owners.  
note: I do not normally include property owner names or lot numbers in my reports. They are, however, public record and you can get further information in the official minutes or at the Town Office if needed.
- MIL Rate: The Board reviewed a document from Bill Van Tuinen that provided a number of scenarios for establishing the mil rate. After some discussion the Board agreed to use the same rate as last year – 7.38. Tax bills will be prepared and mailed in the next couple of weeks.

### **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:

- Bath Housing sent a letter announcing a new Community Aging in Place (CAP) program intended to help low-income seniors make safety improvements to their houses. Mary has posted the notice.
- Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) announced the grand opening of the Morse Pond Preserve Saturday at 12:30 pm. It will start at the parking area on Sequinland Road. All are invited.
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens announced evening light shows on Thursday-Sunday from November 21 through December 31. They indicate it will be the largest light show in Maine.
- A funding request from Spectrum Generations was forwarded to the FAC.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Transfer station personnel vacancies were discussed. The Board agreed to re-post the positions in the Times Record.
- The Board approved authorization for the School Committee to use up to \$36,000 from the reserve fund to repair the roof on part of the school and the town office.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board approved a request from the Conservation Commission to allow 4 university students to search town/county records on wells, septic systems and culverts.
- The Board approved a request from the Tricentennial Committee for usage of the Tricentennial logo on a picture postmark that will be used starting in June 2016.
- Mary summarized an update from Tom Sheehan concerning planned work to be done on Perkins Island starting next summer. Specifics include rebuilding the barn, painting the bell tower, new roof and door on the oil house, a walking trail on the property and (possibly) a ramp and float for boat access.
- The Board approved a request from the town treasurer to authorize borrowing up to \$400,000 in anticipation of tax revenue. Bill pointed out this is the normal process and interest last year was about \$90.

### UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- First Church: There will be a work party this Saturday at 9:00.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 27, at the Town Office.

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