

## REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2015

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2015 were approved. The minutes will be posted on the Town website.

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

- Conservation Closure: Geoff brought up the Shellfish Conservation Committee's request to extend the current conservation closure in Heal Eddy another six months to next June. The extra time is needed to obtain complete, accurate data about the benefit of using netting to control the green crabs. Bill asked what happens when the closure completes in June – is the area then open to all diggers. Geoff indicated the committee wants to be involved in the measurements but hasn't firmed any plans/recommendations beyond that. Geoff moved that the Board approve the request to extend the current closure until June and the Board agreed unanimously.
- Sales Ratio Analysis: Mary reviewed comments she had on the Maine Revenue Service report, mostly rationale for not including specific properties in the report. Typical rationale is an inter-family transfer or a distressed sale where the actual sale price is not necessarily related to the real assessment value. The state uses this report to analyze overall town assessment status. After some discussion of specific properties the Board agreed to submit the report to the state with the comments.
- Finance Advisory Committee: Kate provided an overview of her findings, from Town records, on the origin and history of the FAC. This is background information in preparation for a future discussion on the role of the FAC.

### 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:

- Tax bills were mailed October 23rd.
- A letter from the Treasurer to John Holt thanking him for a \$500 donation used to repair the school salt water tank.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Board and Committee vacancies still exist on the Board of Appeals, Financial Advisory Committee and Planning Board.

### UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- First Church: There will be a work party at 9 am this Saturday and next. Focus is small clean up items and reinforcement of the upstairs floor where there were access holes.
- Elections: Polls will be open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 10th at the Town Office.

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