

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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www.singingbridge.net

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

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2015 were approved. They are posted on the Town website. Note: The official minutes are normally more detailed than the notes I distribute immediately after the meetings.

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

- Abatement Requests: The Board considered three abatement requests. They denied a request for approximately 40% land value reduction because the assessment (value per acre) is consistent with other, similar properties in the area. They approved one to reflect deletion of a trailer no longer on the property. They approved a change in acreage based on a survey done at the owner's expense.
- Town Owned Property Management Board (TOPMB): Kate brought a couple of issues raised by the TOPMB to the table.
 - One concerned the Town policy for alcohol on Town property. There is no written policy but Bill pointed out, and Geoff concurred, that based on history the policy is that no alcohol can be served on Town property but bring your own is acceptable.
 - The other issue is an apparent conflict within the TOPMB ordinance concerning who has authority to authorize use of the TOPMB property. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that the TOPMB should initiate an ordinance change and process it through the normal process with a hearing in May and vote next June.
 - During the discussion the Board indicated they are not supportive of additional functions at the Town dock.

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:

- Arrowsic/Georgetown Internet Needs Survey: Mary pointed out that the group really needs inputs from as many people as possible. There is a link to the on-line survey on the Town website (bottom of list on left hand side). If you prefer to do it on paper, Mary has copies of the survey form at the Town Office.

- Bath Area Food Mobile Truck: Announced they will not have a truck in January 2016. Other planned 2016 deliveries are in jeopardy due to lack of funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

- First Church: Work continues with Saturday morning work parties.
- Board and Committee Vacancies (from the Town website).

Board of Appeals – 1 Full Time Member ; 1 Alternate Member

Financial Advisory Committee – 1 Full Time Member

Harbor Committee – 1 Alternate Member

Planning Board – 1 Alternate Member

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees or boards, please contact Mary McDonald in person at the Town Office or call at 371-2820.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Solid Waste Committee Request: The Board authorized the committee request to purchase a new compacting container using existing reserve funds.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Rabies Clinic at the Town Office Saturday November 14th, 9:00 – 11:00. The following services will be available: rabies shots, microchipping, ear cleaning, and nail trimming. 2016 dog licenses can also be issued that same day.
- Town Offices will be closed at noon Wednesday, November 24 and all day Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 24th at the Town Office.

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