

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2013

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THE MEETING: There was one member of the public present. The minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of November 12 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEM: In my judgment, the following item was the most important thing covered during the meeting.

Mary announced that she had received information about repairs to Perkins Island Lighthouse ON Perkins Island in the Kennebec River off Marrtown from Thomas Sheehan. I copied the following from

www.facebook.com/americanlighthousefundation

"Some exciting things will be happening at Perkins Island Light Station in Maine during spring/summer 2014!

"On November 22, 2013 a group of stakeholders met at the offices of the Maine Island Trail Association in Portland to establish a process for repairing and repainting the exterior of the keeper's house at Perkins Island Light Station on the Kennebec River. Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands, which owns the island and keeper's house, will be working with the American Lighthouse Foundation and the Maine Island Trails Association (along with the help of vital community donor support being pledged towards the work) to make this project a reality in 2014.

"In addition, ALF, which cares for the lighthouse, will be carrying out further preservation work on the wooden tower next season. Perkins Island Light Station is poised to receive a great dose of TLC thanks to a team of community partners coming together for a mutually shared cause! "

I think that more information is available from Tom Sheehan or Andy Roth-Wells.

ASSESSING ITEMS

1. Frank Piechowski pointed out that his land was listed in the assessing records as 5 acres but that his deed showed that it was only 4 acres . Earlier Town records showed that the 4 acres was correct and that there had apparently been a clerical error. The records were corrected and his assessed value was reduced by \$2,000, which is what the Town assessed for back acreage.

2. Nadeau and Gogolino said that the Town's assessed value for their property in Bowman's Landing was substantially above what they had paid for the property and that the banks appraisal for the mortgage also supported a reduction in their assessed value. Mary had compiled data on the assessed values of comparable properties in Bowman's Landing. These data showed that the assessed value for the Nadeau/Gogolino property was consistent with the comparable properties in Bowman's Landing. The Selectmen voted to deny their

request.

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 item was a letter from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services regarding the State's audit of the General Assistance accounts. All items reviewed were in compliance.

NEW BUSINESS: After much discussion and review of the busy holiday calendar, the Selectmen voted to hold only one meeting in December - on Thursday, December 19 at 7 PM.

OTHER ITEMS: Mary reported that copies of the Town maps that had been selling at \$3 each now cost the Town \$3. It was agreed that the price should be raised to \$4.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Thursday, December 19 at the Town Office.

DON'T FORGET THE COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14.

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