

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2015

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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www.singingbridge.net

THE MEETING: I was the only member of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2015 were approved. They are available on the Town website. Note: There is considerably more specific detail than this report normally provides.

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

- Sarah Mancini, the new Animal Control Officer (ACO), came to the meeting with a number of requests. The Board agreed to support her obtaining an official identification card and a windbreaker with ACO identification. Kate offered to provide her a digital camera specifically for official use. There was a discussion about the protocol for handling sick/injured animals. Ultimately, it was agreed Sarah would contact other town ACOs in the local area and return to the Board with a recommendation based on what she finds is normal protocol. Geoff pointed out that the Town doesn't have budget for emergency visits to a vet.
- Assessing Items: The Board discussed a request for abatement on buildings for a resident that recently completed a garage, a deck, solar and wind generator installations. They agreed to send the request to Bill Van Tienan requesting his explanation of the solar and wind system assessments. Kate noted that we might want to consider encouraging renewable power systems.
- Public Scoping Session: Mary noted the Town received ME DMR notice of Tom Bolster scheduling a public scoping session Tuesday, December 15th, 6:00 pm at the school. The purpose of this session is for Tom to provide information to the community – a first step in the process of getting a standard aquaculture lease in Robinhood Cove. The session is open to anyone. It's an opportunity to learn and/or ask questions about Tom's plans.

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:

- Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD) notified the Town that they are planning a "Solarize Midcoast Maine" initiative update (presentation) and free workshop in February. Kate advised that the Conservation Commission will publicize

this meeting/workshop early next year.

- Requests for funding were received from Coastal Transportation (\$550) and Lifelight of Maine (\$521). It was noted that this is the first request from Lifelight and that the amount is based on population.

OLD BUSINESS:

- First Church: Nothing planned for this weekend.
Kate is working to establish a committee or working group to reach out for community input on the church. This would include discussion of history, plan/costs, and what the church can/should be used for. Anyone with interest should contact Kate directly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A new Jason Schoener art show was hung in the Town office by Susie Wren. It will be on display through the end of January. Everyone is invited to check it out.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Community Dinner at GCC, 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 12th.
- Kids Party at GCC, 6:00 pm, Saturday, December 18th.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Town Office. There will be no meeting December 22nd unless some emergent item comes up.

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