

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2017

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 3 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2016 were approved. They 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.

- **Building Permit Issue:** Rich Donaldson, Chair of the Planning Board, and Jason Lang, Code Enforcement Officer, came to the meeting to discuss an issue resulting from a Building Permit request from a resident couple who were also in attendance. The issue is that Georgetown's Building Permit ordinance says that three residences built on a single property within 5 years is to be treated as a subdivision. Rich pointed out that State law indicates that rental residences are not subject to the subdivision rules. While Georgetown's ordinance is silent on this distinction, it does say that it is in compliance with the applicable State statute. Both Rich and Jason said they support the applicants request for a third small rental unit on their property but they wanted concurrence of the Selectboard to approve it. Alternately they proposed a legal review. After discussion, the Board agreed with the Planning Board approval with the caveat that it cites the State statute.
- **Assessing Item:** The Board reviewed a request for abatement based on the (poor) condition of the structure on a lot. Mary provided an overview of the specific lot and structure including a number of pictures showing condition. She said she was unable to find any like properties in the area. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to send the abatement request to Bill Van Tuinen for a recommendation.

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:

- Sagadahoc County provided a Spirit of America Certificate of Recognition to John Hagan in December.
- Requests for funding from Health Equity Alliance, Maine Public Radio, Mid Coast Maine Community Action and Sweetser were received and forwarded to the FAC.
- Thank you notes were received from Bath Area Food Bank, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Elmhurst, New Hope for Women, Patten Free Library and Sweetser for donations made in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There are still numerous openings on Boards and Committees. Jim Mayer submitted his resignation from the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Shellfish Conservation Committee asked the Board for extension of the Heal Eddy closure until August 1, 2017. After brief discussion the Board agreed to support the request.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Comprehensive Plan Exploratory Working Group meeting/presentation Monday, January 16, 7:00 pm, at GCS.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 24 at the Town Office.

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