

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: Geoff Birdsall was not in attendance. There were 2 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 23rd, 2017 were approved with a minor correction recommended by Kate MacKay. 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.

- Assessing Items: Four abatement applications remain in review by Bill VanTuinen. The Board approved one abatement application which resulted from an error correcting the acreage on the property. The board disapproved one abatement application that was based on an appraisal and included properties recently sold in the town. Rationale was that the town's assessment was consistent with assessment of a number of adjacent and nearby properties.
- Town Culvert Study: Mary McDonald indicated receipt of a note from GHS for the Conservation Commission. Under direction of professor Nancy Kinner UNH students have been analyzing town culverts and will present results in April. The Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to monitor culverts during storms. Training will be provided. Anyone interested should contact Nancy Kinner by email at nancy.kinner@unh.edu.
- Route 127 Safety: During Public Comment Bob Trabona asked if any progress had been made concerning the request to ME DOT concerning the hazardous conditions on shoulders along sections of route 127. Amanda advised that Dennis Lovely had been in to discuss the DOT plans and he indicated there was no money in the budget for shoulder work. Bob pointed out that this is a very serious safety issue which has recently caused one fatality. Board members agreed it is a safety issue.

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:

- Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) notified the town that they have scheduled a scoping session for Standard Aquaculture Lease Application with Georgetown Aquaculture LLC on February 21, 6 pm and GCS.
- Funding requests were received from Bath Area Food Bank, Bath Area Seniors Activity Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, New Hope for Women and Oasis Free Clinics. The requests have been turned over to the FAC for inclusion in next year's budget.
- A PPH article named Chef Troy Mains as Maine Chef of the Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- MMA sent a packet of information about Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust and copies were provided to each Board member. A representative will come to the next Selectboard meeting to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Snow Plow contract with Maine Moss, Inc expires this year (June 2018) but has provision for up to 2 annual extensions. The Board will invite Charlie Collins to come in March to discuss the options.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Thursday, Feb 15, 1-4 pm	Game Afternoon	GCC	
Saturday, Feb 24, 11-2	Sledding Party	Woodex	
Saturday, Feb 24, 5 pm	Potluck	GCC	Italian

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 27, at the Town Office.

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