

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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THE MEETING: There were 6 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2016 were approved. The minutes are posted on the Town website.

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

- Douglas Wollmar came to discuss his interest in the open alternate member position on the Harbor Committee. Bill Plummer provided an overview of duties and expectations of the Board. After a brief discussion the Board voted to approve his appointment.
- Citizen’s Working Group: Three members of this group attended.
 - Maureen Stanton gave an overview of their current effort to review and plan implementation of the 48 recommendations from the Georgetown Climate Adaption Report. The report is available on the Conservation Commission’s website - <http://gtownconservation.com/>.
 - Nancy Kinner discussed the latest project she is undertaking with her UNH students. They are planning to do an analysis of culverts in Georgetown. They are also putting together information packages in support of Emergency Management Plans. She also discussed different types of exercises she conducts with groups to validate the plans. She hopes to work with the Georgetown emergency preparedness group.
- Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadband: Kate provided a brief overview of the Broadband meeting held in Arrowsic February 17th. The working group has met with a number of different companies and has details on four different alternatives for providing broadband internet access. Two potential solutions are “wireless” and two are “fiber optic” based. The technical group gave descriptions of each alternative and very preliminary, rough cut cost estimates.
- Solarize Midcoast Maine: Kate also provided a summary of the Solarize Bath meeting she attended on February 23rd. Midcoast Economic Development (MED) is working to get discounts up to 20% on solar installations. Kate said the presentation was interesting and informative except for the SunDog (startup company) segment. There are a number of information meetings scheduled in the mid-coast – listed below.

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:

- Thank you notes were received from Big Brothers Big Sisters and Catholic Charities for the 2015-16 donations.
- Funding requests were received from Patten Free Library, Elmhurst, Bath Area Food Bank and New Hope for Women for 2016-17 donations. These requests were forwarded to the FAC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Shellfish Committee has requested a formal review of their proposed budget for next fiscal year. They apparently want additional supplies and labor hours. The Board briefly discussed subsidizing specific businesses. Kate indicated she wants to better understand the need and options available and she suggested the Shellfish attend a Board meeting of Board members attend a Shellfish Committee meeting to discuss.
- The Board received a letter from Road Commissioner Charles Collins requesting the process for approval of an easement to allow a sewer line under the Indian Point/Loop Road. The Board agreed that the easement had to be legalized formally and all expenses paid by the owner.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Saturday, February 27th at the Robinhood Meeting House – Georgetown Trivia Night
- Saturday, March 5th, 11:00 am, in Bowdoin Central School – Republican Caucus
- Sunday, March 6th, 5:30 pm in Georgetown Central School – Democratic Caucus
- Wednesday, March 23rd, 7 pm, GHS – “Tick Talk”

Solarize Midcoast Maine had a launch event on the 23rd in Bath. They have 4 more planned.

- March 2nd Thomaston
- March 9th Bowdoinham
- March 15th Rockport
- March 22nd Topsham

More info at www.solarizemidcoastmaine.com

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 8th at the Town Office.

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