

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2017 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.

- **Assessing Items:** The Board discussed four abatement applications. Two have been sent to Bill Van Tuinen for his recommendation. One was denied because it was submitted by someone other than the property owner of record. One, which was intended to correct an error on the data card for the property, was approved.
- **Boards and Committees:** A number of new appointments were discussed and approved by the Board. Assignments include Roger Bogart on Board of Appeals, Tom Sheehan as an alternate on the Harbor Committee, Charles (Buster) Moore III on the Shellfish Conservation Committee and Scott Lindsay as an alternate on the Shellfish Conservation Committee. There are still a number of openings listed on the Home page of the Town website.
- **Homestead Exemptions:** Mary passed on a request from the Tax Collector and Treasurer to send a note to residents who have or are seeking a homestead exemption. The State budget proposed by Governor LePage (but not yet approved) would make two significant changes to the program. It would eliminate the exemption for owners under 65 years of age and it would require the Town to verify owners' age before granting the exemption. The proposed letter would explain the proposed change in detail and provide contract information for our legislators.
- **Green Crab Project:** Kate MacKay gave a quick overview of the project which is intended to demonstrate feasibility of processing green crabs for food.

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:

- ME DOA,C&F notification that State Park Sharing (in lieu of property tax) this year is \$7600.
- ME DOA,C&F notification of the Harbor Management and Access Grant program. It was forwarded to the Harbor Committee.
- Sagadahoc County EMA is holding an Emergency Preparedness Conference April 25 and 26.
- MMA BAR workshop May 11th. Mary McDonald will attend.
- Requests for funding from Bath Area Seniors Activity Center, Midcoast Maine Community Action, and Patten Free Library. The library request is approximately \$350 higher than last year. All three requests were forwarded to the FAC.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
March 11, 6 pm	Family Game Night	GCC	
March 12, 2 pm	Get to Know Your Neighbor Party	GCC	
March 16, 1-4 pm	Game Day	GCC	
March 25, 5 pm	Pot Luck Dinner	GCC	Italian Theme

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 14th at the Town Office.

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