

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2016 were approved. They should be posted on the website shortly.

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

- **Ordinance Changes:** There was a fairly long discussion of proposed changes to Town ordinances which will ultimately be discussed at the Ordinance hearing Wednesday, May 11th and voted on at the Town Meeting in June.
 - **Legal Review:** As a result of a recent court case (in Camden) that established some process issues in the State's appeal process, the Selectboard is having legal counsel review the appeal section(s) of each town ordinance. Comments from that review have been received for a number of them. The comments were discussed but it was agreed that Board members needed more time to review/understand the recommended changes. The Board agreed to postpone final review until the next meeting. Furthermore, the format of recommended changes is difficult to understand so Mary agreed to translate the comments into a more familiar MS Word markup format. There are still a couple of ordinances, currently in the revision cycle, which will be sent to counsel for review before the hearing.
 - **Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) and Building Permit (BP) Ordinance:** Jim Mayer gave an overview of proposed changes to the SZO and BP ordinances. He noted that State rules for shoreline development have been changed and the ordinances have to be updated to be consistent. He and Bob Trabona also pointed out areas where the changes actually make it easier to plan/build within the shoreline zone.
 - **Town Owned Property Management Board (TOPMB):** The Board discussed potential changes to the TOPMB Ordinance. Most of the discussion concerned proposed fee changes and it was noted that current fees have been in-place for years. The Board agreed to recommend higher fees, noting that they still won't cover the full cost of maintaining the dock and floats.

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 Commissioners sent their draft budget for 2016-17. Georgetown's share is reduced \$15,468 from the current year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- First Church: John Jones issued a potential usage survey asking residents to provide their comments. Mary noted that a few have been turned in to the office. Some have also been emailed directly to John. Survey results should be correlated in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The list of ballot clerks for the upcoming election was approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- The Town Office will be closed Monday, April 18th and Friday, April 22nd.
- Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 pm – Ordinance Hearing
- Tuesday, May 17, **6:00 pm** – School Budget Hearing
- Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 pm – Municipal Budget Hearing

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 26 at the Town Office.

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