

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2016

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meeting of June 14, 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.

- When he called the meeting to order, Geoff Birdsall recognized Bill Plummer for his volunteer service to the Town, as a selectman as well as many other volunteer activities.
- This was the first Selectboard meeting after the election and Town meeting. Geoff Birdsall was elected Chairman. The Board reviewed the written guidelines for meetings. Later in the meeting Mary provided a written summary of all elected officials and committee members and walked through the status of each. The entire updated list will be posted at the Town Office and on the Town website. There are still openings on the Planning Board, Board of Appeals and Harbor Committee.
- Dave Moyes, chair of the Harbor Committee, came to the meeting to discuss the process for purchasing a boat. George Dufour has advised the committee that he is putting his boat up for sale so it will no longer be available. After some discussion Mr. Moyes agreed to contact one or more towns that own boats for their harbor committees to see what provisions they have. The Harbor Committee has sufficient reserve to pay for the type of boat Mr. Moyes defined. The process includes the committee finding a suitable boat and bringing the particulars to the Selectboard for approval of the purchase. The process will be discussed in more detail at future meetings.
- There was a discussion of plans and schedule of events for the Tricentennial celebration in Five Islands on July 23rd. The main roads through Five Islands will become one-way at 2:00 pm and there will be no parking allowed on the loop. There will be remote parking and shuttle buses from WoodEx, the Town Office/School/First Church and Plummer boatyard from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm. There will be two sheriff deputies in town to help manage traffic. Fire and ambulance service will be available. There will be a variety of activities during the afternoon/evening culminating in fireworks at approximately 9:00 pm. Event schedules will be posted well in advance.

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:

- The Maine Historic Preservation Commission is considering nomination of the Robinhood Free Meetinghouse to the National Register of Historic Places. Anyone with comments should get them to the commission by July 22nd.
- Bath Savings provided notice of payoff of the \$477,000 road loan taken out in 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board had a brief debrief on the recent Town Meeting. It was not well attended and Board members want to put forward ideas on how to increase participation.
- Jerry and Karin Gamache will come to the next meeting, July 12th, to review annual updates to the Emergency Management Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a short discussion of the proposed contract with Lincoln County Animal Shelter/Coastal Humane Society (which have merged). There is some concern about the potential responsibility for costs associated with veterinary services if/when the ACO transports a hurt animal to the shelter(s). The Board agreed to accept the contract.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- Blessing of the Fleet – Noon, Sunday, July 3rd at the Town Dock
- Fire Department Auction – 9:00 am, Saturday, July 9th at Five Islands Station
- Tricentennial Celebration – 3:30 pm, Saturday, July 23rd at the Town Dock

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 12th at the Town Office.

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