

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 25, 2017

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present for the whole meeting. There was a large group of Comprehensive Plan group members who came to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Committee (see below). I didn't get a count.

The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 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.

- **Organization of the Board:** Geoff Birdsall was reappointed as Chair. He was also assigned lead for legal matters. Kate MacKay was assigned lead for personnel matters.
- **Comprehensive Planning Group:** There were so many attendees that the meeting was temporarily moved to the conference room. The main issue of discussion was the makeup of the official Comprehensive Planning Committee; specifically the number of regular and alternate members. There is a trade-off. A very large committee can have a broader spectrum of town representatives while a smaller committee is easier to manage. There was a short discussion of rules under which the committee, and subcommittees, will function. The Board agreed to appoint committee members and provide guidance/rules at their next meeting August 8th.

### 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](http://www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php)

The most interesting items were:

- Secretary of State BMV authorized Amanda Campbell as an agent at the new registration level.
- ME DOT Local Road Assistance certification form for FY 2018 is due August 1st. Mary will work with Charlie Collins to submit.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Boards and Committees:** Planning Board, BOA, Harbor Committee and Recreation Committee all have openings. One Planning Board member and two alternates are critical. Anyone with interest should contact Mary.
- **Terms of Town Officials:** This was a follow-up to an issue raised at the previous meeting questioning why the Road Commissioner has a 1 (vs 3) year term and what it would take to change it. The response received from MMA is that the town could conduct a special town meeting at least 90 days in advance of election or approve a warrant article at the town meeting.
- **Access to Sagadahoc Bay:** Mary provided an update on research into Town records. The 1974 annual report included history of the issue. The bottom line is that recreational clambers must have permission of a land owner to access the tidal flats.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ipcar Survey:** The Board approved a request from the Conservation Commission for John Wood to come discuss progress on the Ipcar survey at the August 22nd Selectboard meeting.
- **Rt 127 Shoulder:** The recent fatal auto accident on 127 was partially caused by the shoulder dropping off 5-6 inches. It was noted that there are many places where the shoulder and/or pavement are damaged on 127 in both Arrowsic and Georgetown. It was agreed that Charlie Collins should put repair of shoulder/pavement into the State road maintenance plan.
- **Transfer Station:** The Board approved adding Corey Montgomery as a part-time employee of the transfer station.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Saturday, August 12	Working League Fair	GCS	

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

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