

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present for the whole meeting. A number of people came to participate in discussion of the Broadband Effort. Linda Klonowsky and husband came to discuss clamming access to Sagadahoc Bay. This was a busy meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of August 22, 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.

- **Broadband Project:** This was an extensive discussion. Carlos Barrionuevo led a discussion of the Broadband Groups progress and a request for support from the Town. Representatives from Georgetown, Arrowsic, Southport and the Island Institute also participated. The group is preparing to issue a Request for Information (RFI) that would initiate an engineering study to define exactly what is needed and what technologies would be used to satisfy the need. Ultimately that engineering effort would lead to an RFP for implementation. Carlos pointed out that adding Southport to the team makes it much stronger. He also summarized that the Island Institute is already working with some other island communities on similar projects so they bring both technical expertise and partial funding to the effort. Most of the representatives added their perspectives to the lengthy discussion. Carlos said it is anticipated that the RFI will cost \$30,000. The Island Institute will potentially provide \$15,000. The group is asking Georgetown, Arrowsic and Southport for \$5,000 each. Geoff Birdsall pointed out that a special town meeting would be required to provide that funding. After some discussion it was pointed out that the town could provide \$2,500 from the contingency line and the Board voted to do so. Director Robinhood said they would contribute \$1,000. The group will look at other sources for the remainder.
- **Access to Sagadahoc Bay for Recreational Clamming:** Linda Klonowski came to discuss problems she's having with recreational clammers and others trespassing on her property. She provided some background including the 1974 Town Report which has an extensive discussion of the same issue. According to this report, the "Colonial Deed" for her property includes ownership of the flats all the way to the low tide boundary. She indicated that problems include parking (blocking access to emergency vehicles) and trespassing on both flats and beach by people who are not digging. She is willing to allow access to recreational clammers if they just dig their bushel and then leave the flats. After considerable discussion, the Board indicated that it's really a private matter how she allows access. They appreciate the problems she cited and appreciate her trying to help residents.
- **Assessing Items:** Pat Dow has completed most of the fieldwork and inputting data. The Board would like to complete by October 10th so they can set the mil rate and distribute tax notices.

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:

- Mary reported that US Census Bureau LUCA update would take considerable work and they wouldn't allow the town to use the data elsewhere. The Board voted 3-0 not to provide the optional LUCA data.
- ME DEP will have a free disposal of obsolete pesticides day in October. People must register in advance. Notices have been posted in town.
- CHANS will offer a flu clinic 10-1:30, Wednesday, September 27th at the Town Office.
- Senator Eloise Vitelli is having office hours 10-12, Saturday, September 16th at the Patten Free Library.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board approved the request from the Conservation Commission to appoint Ruth Indrick as an Associate Member.
- The Board agreed to send a letter to MDOT about roadside shimming. There have been two recent accidents. It was pointed out that there are many problem areas along 127. The Board, Road Commissioner and Emergency Management Director can all be involved.
- The Board appointed six Alternate Members to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The paperwork will be completed this week. These members will be sworn in next week. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet at 7 pm, next Monday, September 18th, in the Town Office conference room. All town residents are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Saturday, Sep 16, 10-12	Senator Eloise Vitelli	Patten Free Library	Office Hours – Discuss any open issues
Wednesday, Sep 27, 11-1:30	Flu shot clinic	Town Office	Sponsored by CHANS
Thursday, Sep 28, 6-8 pm	Hearth and Soul fundraiser	Chocolate Church	Supports heating assistance, prevention of child abuse & neglect
Saturday, Sep 30	Harvest Dinner	GCC	

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

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