

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 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 September 12, 2017 were approved with a few minor corrections. 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.

- **Public Hearing:** The Board voted to approve the General Assistance Appendices. There were no significant changes from last year.
- **Resident Complaint:** This issue was tabled from the last meeting. A written complaint was received by the Board. The letter indicated that a neighbor was maintaining a large volume of equipment/materials that posed a potential fire and/or environmental hazard. They requested that the Board take action to curb the problem. The Board discussed the issue at-length, particularly what legal authority they have in this situation. It was agreed that they would prepare and send a letter to the resident requesting the equipment/material be disposed of. Also, they agreed to ask Counsel what legal actions can be taken by the Town.
- **Dog at Large:** The Board discussed a situation where a resident has been cited and fined for his dog running loose but he has been unresponsive to the issue and fine. The Board agreed to clarify authority of the Animal Control Officer with legal Counsel.
- **Planning Board:** The Planning Board sent a request for clarification to the Board. The issue is what happens if/when a resident purchases a parcel that is a buildable lot (normally 2 acres) and something happens to reduce it to the point it is no longer large enough. Is it grandfathered? The Board agreed to ask for legal review by Counsel. Kate MacKay proposed that the Board ask MMA if there were similar cases in other towns. She may contact MMA directly.

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 will attend the United Way sponsored Heating & Supplemental Assistance meeting October 17th. Her experience is that she meets/maintains good program contacts who sometimes help when executing the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Tree Cutting Violation:** Geoff Birdsall read a prepared summary of the Town's actions and legal steps taken to summarize the case. The summary will appear in the minutes of September 26th that will be approved at the next Selectboard meeting.
- **Broadband Support:** This was a follow-up to the discussion at the September 12th The Board approved and signed a letter of Support for the Three Island Broadband Task Force. The support includes a Town contribution of \$2,500 and a Director Robinhood contribution of \$1,500; leaving \$1,000 for the Task Force to raise. Arrowsic and Southport are also expected to contribute \$5,000 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Oct 4 – 10	Town Office Closed		MMA Convention, Holiday Weekend
Saturday, Sep 30, 6 pm	Harvest Pot Luck	GCC	

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 10th at the Town Office.

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