

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meetings of September 13 and 16 (executive session only), 2016 were approved. They have been posted on the Town website.

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

- **Comprehensive Plan:** At the end of the meeting four members of an ad-hoc committee came to discuss/recommend that the Selectboard establish and authorize a committee to look into updating the Town Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in 1993. This was a follow-up to discussion at the previous Selectboard meeting (see minutes). There was considerable discussion about the **content** of a comprehensive plan (which is defined by the State), the benefits of having a comprehensive plan (fundamentally so the town can apply for grants), the amount of work involved in creating a comprehensive plan and negative reaction/comment from the previous comprehensive plan. MacKay indicated she was prepared to go ahead but Ms. Pinette and Mr. Birdsall both expressed concern. They agreed that the Selectboard would make a decision by the end of October.
- **Assessing Items:** Mary advised that field work was complete and Mr. VanTuinen is reviewing the data. All updates to be complete by October 15th to support issue of property tax bills.

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:

- Notification from MMA Risk Management: 2017 Workers Comp renewal paperwork is due October 17.
- Notification from United Way: Heating Assistance meeting, Monday October 17. Mary plans to attend.
- Received a pamphlet from Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve: Third Edition of Public Shoreline Access in Maine. Can be reviewed at the Town Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **First Church:** MacKay indicated that the citizens group had identified a structural engineer from Brunswick who was willing to come to review structural aspects of the building at no cost to the Town. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to proceed with this review on October 5th.
- **Committee/Board Appointments:** Mary noted that she will post a list of openings around town and in the Tide. Anyone interested in one or more of these positions should contact Mary or one of the Selectmen.
- **Tree Cutting Violation:** Certified letters have gone to the owner, her attorney and the contractor. Birdsall provided a quick status update. The owner has contracted with a forester to develop the re-vegetation plan and with another company to clean up the trees that were felled. The original contractor has not yet accepted responsibility.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- **Flu Shot Clinic at Town Office:** Friday Sep 30, 10:15-1:00
- **Harvest Pot Luck at GCC:** Saturday, October 1, 6pm
- **Town Office Closed**
Wednesday, Oct 05 (MMA convention)
Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day)
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day:** Saturday, Oct 29
pre- registration required !
- **Hunters Breakfast at GCC:** Saturday Oct 29, 5:00 – 10:00

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 11 at the Town Office.

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