

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 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 26, 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.

- **Assessing Items:** The Board reviewed final property valuation (\$479M) data and a number of alternative MIL rates. After a brief discussion they voted 3-0 to keep the MIL rate for 2017-18 the same last year; 7.65. Property tax bills will be mailed no later than October 17th.
- **Animal Control Enforcement:** The Board reviewed the response from legal counsel concerning the process for assessing a fine. Counsel provided a response for the specific case. The Board agreed to have Counsel provide a standard draft letter (template), with correct wording that can be used by the ACO if/when a fine is warranted.
- **Planning Board Issue:** This was a carryover discussion from the previous meeting. The issue is what happens if an owner purchases a "buildable lot" and the acreage is subsequently reduced by natural (erosion) events or through another cause (eg eminent domain) not the owner's fault. The Planning Board believes it should still be buildable if the owner can meet setback requirements. The ordinances do not specifically allow it. Bob Trabona pointed out that ordinances are silent concerning "non-conforming lot not of record." The Planning Board will draft language for approval at next summer's Town Meeting.
- **Transfer Station:** The Transfer Station was broken into last week, apparently to take some electronics equipment (cell phones). Geoff Birdsall gave a summary of the break in as well as investigation by the Sheriff Department. It was noted that we may need to consider an alarm system for the facility.
- **Flu Shot Clinic:** 65 residents took advantage of the Clinic recently held at the Town office.
- **New Fire Engine:** Bob Trabona advised that the new engine is in Brunswick getting finalized. It should be available in 2 or 3 weeks.
- **Route 127 Shoulders:** Bob Trabona asked if the Town can request ME DOT repair and pave the shoulders when they re-pave next summer. A couple of recent accidents have been caused by vehicles going off the pavement. It was noted that the current situation is dangerous for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Board agreed to ask Charlie Collins to submit a request/recommendation. The Board may also submit a request.

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:

- State Department of Marine Resources advised of an application for standard aquaculture lease for Georgetown Island Oyster LLC. Comments are due by October 31st.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Recreation Committee:**The Board approved Cheryl Lang and Joyce Devito remaining as members. The also approved Jane Whittaker as an alternate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Comprehensive Planning Committee:**Don Cowing resigned last week. The Board discussed names of other people who have expressed interest. Kate MacKay will contact one to confirm she remains interested. If not Kate will contact another.
- **Emergency Operations Plan:**The annual update was provided to the Board for review and approval. While changes appear minor the Board tabled this item so they could review revisions in detail.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 24th at the Town Office.

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