

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present. John McIlvain also came to provide an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 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.

- **Municipal Valuation Return:** This document was reviewed with Mary, approved and signed for submittal. It provides an overall summary of property assessment data for the Town and breaks down details into many categories. The Board also approved and signed the Assessment Return for Sagadahoc County which provides some of the same data to the County.
- **Abatement Applications:** Three new abatement applications were recently received. There was a very short discussion and it was agreed that all three would be sent to Bill Van Tuinen for review.
- **Comprehensive Planning Committee:** John McIlvain came to the meeting to provide an updated status report on the Comprehensive Planning effort. He summarized meetings held by the Comprehensive Planning (central) Committee and two subcommittees (Age Friendly, Marine Resources) that have been established. He indicated that the RFP for Consultant support has been posted. Proposals are due in mid-December. The Memorandum of Agreement with UMaine has been approved. They will provide support to the Marine Resources subcommittee at no cost to Georgetown. He also indicated that 30 people attended the AARP sponsored "Age Friendly Communities" presentation Monday night.

### 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:

- The Island Institute is sponsoring a day long symposium on coastal flooding and sea level rise at USM on November 28th. A number of Georgetown residents, including Kate MacKay, plan to attend.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Boards and Committees:** Vacancies still exist on a number of committees (see Town website). The Planning Board (2) openings are most urgent. See "Volunteers Needed" on the home page of the Town website.
- **Emergency Operations Plan Revisions:** This was a follow-up to the last meeting where Kate MacKay had concern about the plan committing to a yearly exercise. She met with Jerry Gamache and resolved the wording. Geoff Birdsall commented that exercises should be done at the County or State level. Bob Trabona pointed out that in the event of a real emergency Georgetown would likely be on its own.

NEW BUSINESS:

- AOS 98: The Town received notice of Superintendent Eileen King resigning effective December 31st. She is taking a position with Maine State Superintendent's Association.
- GVFD will hold an Open House Saturday, November 18, 12-2 pm to show off the new tanker.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Wednesday Nov 22	Town Office closes at noon		
Thursday Nov 23	Town Office closed		Also: Town Office is closed Fridays

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 28 at the Town Office.

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