

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF March 23, 2021

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted on Zoom. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson, Jon Collins, and Bronwen Tudor plus administrator Amanda Campbell were present.

The minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2021 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.

- **Public Hearing:** The Board approved liquor licenses for the Osprey (under new ownership) and Grey Havens Inn. The two couples who now own the Osprey introduced themselves and explained their history with the restaurant and Georgetown in general.
- **MDOT Speed Program:** MDOT sent notice that Georgetown can have the Radar Speed Trailer September 20 – October 8. Amanda indicated that road commissioner Charlie Collins will determine placement. She also suggested it be setup in front of the school for a few days.
- **Georgetown Trekkers:** Age Friendly Georgetown is establishing a "trekking program" intended to get more people out onto the beautiful public access areas throughout the town.
- **Emergency Communications:** Amanda advised that the County is moving ahead with the near-term upgrade which includes a new antenna in Georgetown. The Planning Board recommends that they install the new temporary antenna on top of the Fire House. They have drafted an update to the Ordinance that will enable the Selectboard to approve and extend the location.
- **TOPMB Ordinance:** The Board approved changes to the Ordinance and indicated it is ready for the Ordinance Hearing in May.
- **Solar Task Force:** The Board is assembling a task force to look at Net Energy Billing and/or other potential solar generating approaches. Bronwen met with Conservation Commission members to talk about the project and provided a brief overview of the discussion. Nancy Kenner participated in the discussion. She will lead the effort. Rich brought up a number of questions to be addressed by the task force. There is concern about the environmental impact. Issues include material mining and disposal and the end of life. Bronwen said there is no deadline for the study. It needs to be done right.
- **Good Samaritan:** During Public Comment Bob Trabona brought up a severe accident last Saturday at the intersection of 127 and Bay Point Road. The vehicles involved blocked traffic in all 3 directions. A woman got out of her car, checked on the people in the vehicles, and attempted to clear traffic so emergency vehicles could get through. The department would like to thank her for her efforts but nobody seems to know who she is. If you have any information that would help identify and/or locate her, please call Bob or Amanda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- MMA forwarded preliminary information about the American Rescue Plan Act which will provide money to counties and towns.
- GCS Custodian notified that water at the school was tested for lead and passed.
- Bath Area Seniors Activity Center and Oasis Free Clinic submitted their annual funding requests. They were forwarded to the FAC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Recycling:** The Board approved the Lincoln County Recycling Contract for 2021-22. The cost is the same as last year.
- **Cookie Sales:** The Board approved a request from local Girl Scouts to have a drive through cookie booth at the First Church parking lot.
- **Town Hearings:** Amanda noted that she has scheduled budget hearings for GCS, 5/18, and Total Town, 5/19.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 13. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Agenda, Meeting ID and Password.

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