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REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2020

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 3 members of the public present. This was a "hybrid" meeting. Two selectboard members were in the Town Office using a shared dial-in link for audio and ZOOM for video. All other participants were using ZOOM. This arrangement seems to work well.

The minutes of the meeting of August 11, 2020 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.

- **Town Meeting:** There was a long discussion of issues related to the upcoming Town Meeting. Because of COVID-19, it will be conducted outside and there will be different processes and controls. Procedures and responsibilities were discussed and resolved. A notification flyer has already been distributed. There will be a sound system servicing the tents and anyone wanting to speak will have to go to the microphone.
 - The Town Meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, August 29, at 10:00 am. Rain date/time is Sunday, August 30, at 10:00. The Board will meet by ZOOM Friday evening to review the weather prediction. If necessary, the meeting will be postponed not later than 8:00 am Saturday morning. Notification of postponement will be done by the Town page in Facebook and several emailing lists. If it's postponed I will send out a notice on SingingBridge.
 - The Town Meeting will be held outdoors, under tents, behind the school. Bring umbrellas and portable chairs. All participants must enter and be checked in at the far end of the parking lot adjacent to the green house.
 - Rich Donaldson advised that a team of people will take down the three tents in Woolwich, bring them to Georgetown, and set them up behind the school on Friday afternoon/evening (time not yet established). He is still looking for a few hardy volunteers to help.
 - The Town Meeting Warrant, School Budget, and Town Budget are all posted on the Town Website home page. Scroll down to "Town Hearings/Meeting Dates". Paper Copies are also available at the Post Office.
 - Proposed Changes to Ordinances and 2 new Ordinances (Cannabis, and Sex Offender Residency) are posted on the Town Website Draft Ordinances page. Paper Copies are also available at the Post Office.
 - Amanda Campbell is recording a video to explain the process for this year's Town Meeting. It will be posted on the Town Facebook page.

- **Assessing Items:** Bill Van Tuinen advised that all property assessment items will be completed by October to support the property tax notifications.
 - Tom Tippie was in the Town Office 8/25 to update tax maps.
 - Pat Dow has been in Georgetown to initiate field work and collect cards that need to be updated.
- **Stored Records:** Amanda advised that the school custodian had found major water damage to old town records. The water has been cleaned up and records are being dried out but many have been completely destroyed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda at: http://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=23

The most interesting items were:

- Maine Revenue Service advised electronic payment of \$31,941 for 2020 Homestead Exemptions for half the year.
- Maine Forest Service requested an updated Tree Growth tax roster by 9/25.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Emergency Communications:** Rich Donaldson indicated that the GVFD plans to add height to the Harrington Hill tower. Plans have been reviewed by the Planning Board.
- **Excessive Fireworks Noise:** The TOPMB met with Five Islands residents to discuss the problem and explain applicable statutes and enforcement. Residents propose a sign asking residents and guests to limit dates and times for fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Robin Moore has resigned from the Conservation Commission.
- Jason Lang is resigning as Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). Cliff Wilcox will be replacing him.
- The Board approved Bill Webster as a full-time member of the Planning Board.
- **Transfer Station Theft:** Jim Combs and the Sagadahoc Sherriff's deputy have submitted reports on the incident. Locking bars are being installed on the doors. They are also looking at a video camera that has a view of the Transfer Station.
- **Town Meetings:** Amanda Campbell has forwarded a memo to all committees/boards to advise of procedures for virtual and/or in-person meetings. The Conservation Commission will restart having regular meetings in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Saturday, Aug 29, 10:00 am	Town Meeting	Behind the school	If there is a rain delay, the meeting will be held Sunday, same time, same place

Monday,
September 7

Town Office
CLOSED for Labor
Day

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 22 at the Town Office.

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