

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson, and Jon Collins, plus administrator Amanda Campbell were present in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor was on ZOOM. There were 3 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

Note: I've been attending Selectboard meetings for 9 years and this was the shortest meeting (30 minutes) I've ever attended. There were no major issues and minimal discussion.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meetings of October 19 and 26, 2021 were approved. They are posted on the Town website.

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:

- Maine Revenue Services forwarded the Annual Sales Analysis for this year (July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021). Amanda advised that she will review the data and identify any updates from the Town's perspective. The data will be reviewed at the next Selectboard meeting and then comments, if any, will be submitted to MRS.
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters provided their 2020 annual report.
- Spectrum Generations (\$450) and The Life Flight Foundation (\$521) submitted 2021 funding requests. The requests were filed for FAC use in next year's proposed budget.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES:

- First Church Steering Committee minutes for October 7 have been posted on the Town website.
- GVFD: Rich noted that a couple recently made a very large donation to GVFD in the name of their parents. Details will be announced separately.
- First Church: Jon advised that the committee has talked with the engineering company who submitted the only bid for the first phase structural analysis and they will accept the bid. Results should be available by Thanksgiving.
- Recreation Committee: Jon noted that the new committee had drafted their proposed Mission Statement. The Board accepted it. The first event they will sponsor is the annual tree lighting at the Town Wharf. Bronwen questioned whether there is a need for an ordinance establishing the new Recreation Committee. The Board said no.
- Conservation Committee: Bronwen advised there will be a webinar entitled "Climate Change in the Gulf of Maine". Unluckily I didn't catch the date. Bronwen also provided a "heads up" that next spring there will be a National effort to help amphibians navigate to ponds/vernal pools for reproductive purposes. This is similar to the turtle crossing signs/effort that has been going on in Georgetown for a number of years.

OLD CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Broadband: Amanda said she and Terry Taylor met with Island Institute representatives on November 3rd to discuss the "affordability fund".

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 23. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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