

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2021

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. SelectBoard member Jon Collins plus administrator Amanda Campbell were together in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor and Rich Donaldson attended on Zoom. There were 3 members of the public in attendance on Zoom. The meeting was relatively short and there was no in-depth discussion of any issues.

The minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2021 were approved. They will be 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:

- The Maine Forest Service provided a brown tail moth update. Amanda indicated that infestations generally follow the I-95 corridor. Georgetown did not have significant issues with the moths this year.
- Ruth Indrick, of KELP, informed the Board and Road Commissioner that she won a grant to help with the replacement cost of the Flying Point Road culvert.
- Age Friendly Georgetown/People Plus submitted a funding request for \$500 to continue the Volunteer Transportation Program. The request was forwarded to the FAC for consideration in next year's budget.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES:

- **Planning Board:** Rich Donaldson mentioned a discussion held by the Planning Board. Property owners having business with the board can attend the meeting in-person or via Zoom; their preference. Regardless of which they choose, they will be given copies or access to all documents. Rich feels this approach is consistent with the Governor's direction.
- **TOPMB:** Jon Collins advised that the TOPMB approved permits for the holiday events at the Town Wharf. Bronwen Tudor recommended that the proposed lease for the Town Wharf be reviewed carefully before it is sent to Legal. Her concern is definition of some terms and clarification of detailed responsibilities.
- **Solid Waste:** Amanda noted that the Solid Waste Committee recommends that the Transfer Station close at 4 pm year-round; no change to summer hours. The Board agreed with this proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Municipal Valuation:** Amanda advised that the annual Municipal Valuation Report needs to be reviewed, approved, signed and submitted to Maine Revenue. She has noted a few comments.
- **Maine Revenue Sales Analysis:** Amanda advised that the State's sales analysis needs to be reviewed with comments submitted back to Maine Revenue. This analysis compares actual cost of sales against the Town's assessed value for each sale. The Town can identify sales/valuations that are biased somehow; for example, transfer to a family member. Amanda noted that there were 50 sales. 15 sold for less than the Town assessment and 35 sold for more than the Town assessment. Amanda will update the report and send to Maine Revenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Holiday Events:** Aria Eee noted that the new Recreation Committee is sponsoring a series of community events related to the annual Christmas tree lighting. See Upcoming events at the end of this report.
- **Road Name Issue:** Bob Trabona explained that GVFD recently answered an emergency but went to the wrong property because two Town roads have similar names; Moonstone Road and Moonshell Lane. He asked if the Selectboard could change one to eliminate the potential confusion in an emergency situation.

REMINDER: Sent at the request of Jim Peavey, Age Friendly Georgetown.

- The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department is once again offering their "Sand for Seniors" program. With just a call to their business office, they will dispatch a deputy to bring you a free 5 gallon bucket of sand to keep your steps and walk safe this winter. Plus, you will get a chance to meet one of Sagadahoc's Finest. **Just phone 207-443-8201**

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Saturday, November 27, 1-3 pm	Ornament Crafting Party	GCC	Sponsored by the Recreation Committee
Saturday, December 4, 2-4 pm	Tree Trimming	Town Wharf	Sponsored by the Recreation Committee
Sunday December 5, 4-6 pm	Tree Lighting, Trolley Rides and More!	Town Wharf	Sponsored by the Recreation Committee
Saturday, December 11, time TBD	GCC Holiday Anti-Social Dinner	GCC	Drive Through

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 14 . 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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