

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2010

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THE MEETING:

The Selectmen began their meeting at 6:45pm in executive session, reviewing the performance of employees Mark French and Jim Coombs at the Transfer Station. They went into regular session at 8:30pm.

There was one member of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of August 10 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

1. Under Old Business, sale of the Aleada Pinkham house fell through: Robbie Pinkham did not make payment as required under the contract he signed; the Selectmen will advertise the house for sale again, this time under For Sale, rather than a display ad.
2. Under Old Business, the problem of County communications with the GVFD. County EMA Director Misty Green and Brodie Hinckley tested reception from the tower in Phippsburg on August 12 and did not encounter the problems the GVFD reports. The Selectmen will ask Green and Hinckley to come to a meeting in September with members of the GVFD Board to determine where the problem lies.
3. Under Old Business, the question of who should hold the Boston *Post* Cane. Rheta Morgan is the oldest Georgetown citizen (property owner and registered voter), though she now lives in Kennebunkport. The Selectmen agreed to recognize her, even though she is not a resident. They also discussed storing the cane at the Town Office or the Historical Society, along with photographs of the presentation to Mrs. Morgan. They did not decide this issue.
4. Under Old Business, Kate MacKay was appointed the Town's Animal Control Officer. Larry Mann, who has held this post, is to be notified.
5. Under New Business, Jon Hentz's requested a meeting with the Selectmen, Code Enforcement Officer, chair of the Shellfish Committee, and Amy Fitzpatrick of DMR to review laws and process for dealing with failed septic systems. The Selectmen agreed that Jon's letter spelled out the law clearly enough and that no meeting would be needed.
6. Under Other Housekeeping Items, the Baptist Church in Georgetown Center has been cleaned in preparation for the memorial service for Billie Todd, scheduled for 1:30pm Sunday, September 5, 2010. Cost of the cleanup will be charged to the Church fund.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The County Commissioners have assessed the Town the exact amount budgeted for, \$809,287, due September 1, but paid just before interest starts November 1.

Bill Van Tuinen promised to complete his work in August; he is running out of time.

Personnel interviews will continue. Mary McDonald, Assistant to the Selectmen, will draft a list of those to be interviewed.

The Selectmen went into executive session at 9:25pm to discuss a letter from a taxpayer who is unable to pay Town taxes. They will next meet September 14 at 7pm; when they assemble at 5pm September 7, it will be for a class required under the Federal NIMS program.