

## REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF February 24, 2015

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THE MEETING: There were 6 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2015 were approved.

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

Shellfish Conservation Closures: The bulk of the meeting was an extensive discussion of shellfish issues requested by Buster Moore and there were 5 people who came to participate. I won't attempt to report the detail discussion, but I would summarize as follows:

In response to questions about the existing conservation closures and Chris Warner's efforts, the Selectmen summarized previous discussions and made it clear that they have made no commitments beyond the current closure. They also clarified that Chris had done seeding and installed nets at his own expense once the flats re-open they will be open to all diggers. The current conservation closures end in November and no request for extension has been received to date.

Jay Holt explained the "scientific studies" being accomplished by GCS students and by Chris Warner. He recommended that final data be collected before the flats are re-opened to all diggers. Before the meeting he had submitted an email forwarding part of Dr. Beal's report regarding decline of the soft shell clam industry and the relationship between his work and the studies.

The Board recommended that all interested parties attend the Shellfish Conservation Committee meetings to discuss their issues. Furthermore, the Board asked Chad Campbell (chair) to have the Shellfish committee develop a recommendation/proposal, for Board review/approval, on what should be done when the current conservation closures expire in November. They agreed that the long-term strategy issues should be resolved before the closures expire.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda at: [www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php](http://www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php)

The most interesting items were:

Purdy Powers completed the 2013-14 (through last June) audited financial statements and submitted them to the State.

Spirit of America is looking for nominations for the 2015 Tribute. Suggestions can be made to any selectman.

Patten Free Library sent their Strategic Plan for 2012-15, Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2013-14 and their Request for Funding for 2015. The request is \$503 higher than last year, an increase of 0.3%. The request was forwarded to the FAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

The site visit and hearing by BAR for Five County Credit Union has been postponed to mid-April.

Requests for bids for the 3-year snow removal contract are out. Three people have picked up bid packages. Bids are due March 9th.

Old Ambulance: One very low bid has been received so far. The Board agreed to wait until the next meeting to see if additional bids come in.

Ads have been placed for additional Transfer Station attendant(s). There have been no applicants to date.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 10th at the Town Office.

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