

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2014

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THE MEETING: There were two members of the public present. The minutes of the meeting of March 25 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In the absence of Mary, Geoff Birdsall reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda at: www.georgetownme.com/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes.php

The most interesting item was a letter from Sagadahoc County reporting on the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year (2014-15). The Town's share was estimated at \$890,364 which is up from the \$828,907 for last year.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

There had been a conversation with Jeanne McGowan regarding planning for the upcoming tercentennial celebration. It was agreed that Bill Plummer would be the contact person for the Select Board.

The Steuernagle property just north of the School and Town Office parking area was reported to be for sale. After some discussion of the possibility of the Town purchasing the property to locate a needed storage facility, the Selectmen agreed that there was no interest in buying the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Regarding the deficiencies found by Maine Department of Labor inspections at the Fire House and Transfer Station, Geoff Birdsall had drafted a response indicating what corrections had been accomplished. The Selectmen approved to letter.
2. Bill Plummer reported on a meeting in Bath regarding the new Flood Plain maps. These maps are available in the Town Office for inspection. Bill suggested that homeowners should determine if their structure is in the new Flood Plain and determine what action might be necessary. Revisions to the Town's Flood Plain Ordinance might be required. If so, this can be done during the spring of 2015.
3. Bill Plummer reported that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection is still working on cleaning up the heating oil spill at the top of the hill in Five Islands that occurred about a month ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dolores Pinette reported that there had been some controversy about someone attempting to dump construction waste from an interior renovation. The Selectmen reviewed relevant portions of the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance and the Building Permit Ordinance. Waste generated from work done under a Town-issued Building Permit cannot be disposed of at the Transfer Station. The work in question did not require a Building Permit. According to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance, only town residents and seasonal renters can use the Transfer Station. It was agreed to review these provisions with the Attendants.
2. It was reported that the Shellfish Conservation Committee had voted to raise the fees for residential recreational and nonresident seven-day recreational shellfish licenses but not for any other licenses. The Board voted that if any fees were raised, then all fees not already at the State mandated maximum should be raised. The Shellfish Conservation Committee has not yet submitted these proposed fee changes as amendments to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. So this policy will be communicated to the Committee.
3. It was reported that there appears to be a problem with the roof of the Stone School House on the Bay Point Road. Bill will refer this to the Town-Owned Property Management Board which has responsibility for this property.

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

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