

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2015

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THE MEETING: There were 4 members of the public present. The minutes of the meetings of April 14 and April 21 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEM: In my judgment, the following item was the most important thing covered during the meeting.

Under NEW BUSINESS the School budget was forwarded from the School Committee. It was voted to forward it without change to the Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 at 7 PM.

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

The most important items were:

1. A reminder of the Public Open House on the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps on May 12 in Topsham at 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM.
2. Request for funding (\$500) from New Hope for Women. The request was received after the deadline and did not include an explanation of what they do for the Town. The request was rejected on a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There still have been no responses to the ads and public notice. Ads will be placed again in the local paper.

Work parties will be held at the First Church every Saturday at 9 AM . People interested in helping should contact Bill Plummer.

Regarding the proposed amendment to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance to establish a minimum age for commercial licenses of 12 and the Selectmen's recommendation to make the minimum without change 18, the Shellfish Conservation Committee believes that age 18 is too high. They prefer to make no change. There will be no amendments proposed for Town Meeting.

Meet the Candidates night will be June 2 at 7 PM. Candidates on the ballot are:

Town Clerk – Catherine Collins

Tax Collector – Catherine Collins

Selectmen – Kate McKay

- Dolores Pinette

Treasurer – Mary McDonald

Road Commissioner – Stanley Burns

- Charles Collins

- Dale Savoie

School Committee – Nina Roth-Wells

Town-Owned Property Management Board – Mark Donovan

Cemetery Trustee - (No candidate)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Trabona commented that one of the Selectmen had expressed the desire to see no budget increase and/or no increase in the projected mil rate during the last meeting (April 21). He pointed out that this was different from the guidance provided to the Financial Advisory Committee and the Town's committees and boards in a memo from the Selectmen back in January. He was of the opinion that the budgeting process would work better if all parties to the process were working toward the same objectives from the beginning. It is a waste of everyone's time if we are working toward a different end goal than what the Board of Selectmen are working toward.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ordinance Hearing – May 13

School Budget Hearing – May 19

Municipal Budget Hearing – May 20

Meet the Candidates Night – June 2

Vote – June 9

Town Meeting – June 13

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 12, at the Town Office.

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