

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2015

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 4 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2015 were approved.

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

Organization of the Board: Kate MacKay attended her first meeting as a Selectman. Geoff nominated Bill Plummer to be chairperson for the next year. The nomination was approved 2-0 and Bill accepted "with pleasure" citing that he was particularly pleased since it will be Georgetown's 300th anniversary.

Board and Committee Oversight Assignments: Board members agreed to oversee board and committees and attend meetings as follows: Geoff will oversee Conservation, Shellfish and Solid Waste. Bill will oversee Planning Board, Harbor and Cemetery. Kate will oversee Board of Appeals and Recreation. Kate must resign her current membership on Board of Appeals and Conservation. The Board questioned whether Kate can continue as Animal Control Officer and agreed to check with Town counsel.

Board and Committee Assignments: The Board reviewed each of the Boards and Committees, noting terms that expire this year as well as existing and expected/announced vacancies. They agreed to contact members whose terms are expiring to see if they want re-appointment. Robert Arledge and Bob Trabona offered their services for the Planning Board. The Board moved to appoint them but will determine which specific seat (and date of expiration) at a later date. The Board agreed to assign Tom Bolster as deputy Harbor Master, a recommendation made by George Dufour and the Harbor Committee. Mary will update and post the list of vacancies for all boards/committees. Anyone interested in serving on the boards and/or committees should contact Mary or any of the Selectmen.

Appointments: The Board reviewed status of all Town appointments. Health Officer assignment will be 3 years going forward. All other assignments remain 1 year terms. The list of appointed officials is posted on the Town website.

Public Comment – Safety Concern: Rick Cliffe brought up an issue raised at the previous meeting in a letter from Tim Zorach. Tim noted that the 40 mph sign this is just before Robinhood Road (when traveling north on 127) should be moved back. At the previous meeting the Board declined to request a change from the DOT. Rick pointed out that he didn't really understand the issue during the previous meeting but has reviewed it since and concurs with Tim's recommendation. Cars coming over the two hills just before this intersection cannot see the sign until they peak the second hill and then is too late. Rick added that it would also be good to have a sign that indicates "Watch Out for Turning Traffic" in the same location. He recommended that the Board reconsider sending a request to DOT citing that "it

will hold more weight coming from Town government and from an individual. The Board agreed to reconsider the recommendation.

First Church: Bill thanked volunteers for work accomplished – the basement has been gutted and the chimney was completely removed last weekend. Kate initiated a brief discussion about how the building will be used and managed once work is complete. Bill indicated that he received verbal estimates for preparation (fill, leveling, compacting) of the basement and cement for the floor. He does not yet have any labor estimate for pouring and leveling the cement. He asked the board to authorize him to spend up to \$20,000 total once he has written estimates. The funds will come from the existing First Church Reserves which currently has approximately \$28,000. Authorization was approved.

Town Office: Mary noted that Deputy Clerk Robin Doak will be leaving, beginning 02 July, 2015. She has been a great asset to the Town and will be missed. Beginning Monday, 06 July the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM-12 PM and 1-5 PM. NOTE: The Town Office will be closed Friday, June 26th. It will also be closed, except for the clam license lottery at 9:30 am, on Friday, July 3rd.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board approved "Deer Creek Lane" for a new road in Robinhood as recommended by the Cecero and Balczunas families.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 14 at the Town Office.

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