

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

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THE MEETING: There were four members of the public present. The minutes of the meeting of August 28 were approved.

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

Ruth Indrick from the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) met with the Board to ask its support for a grant application that KELT will be submitting next week. The grant would support KELT's efforts regarding the shellfish resource of the area through water quality monitoring, identifying sources of pollution, and so forth. The program will focus on Georgetown's shellfish flats. The terms of the grant require that the Town match 25% of the grant amount and allow this match to be in-kind. The match would consist of the time used by the Shellfish WARDEN, Codes Enforcement Officer, members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and other volunteers. KELT will co-ordinate these efforts. The Selectman voted to endorse the application and support KELT's efforts.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST: Bill Van Tuinen recommended approval of the abatement request from David Knauber on lot 04R-022. The Selectmen voted to accept Van Tuinen's recommendation.

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 interesting items were:

- The Public Health Update from the Maine Center for Disease Control reported on the incidence of pertussis and mosquito borne diseases.
- From the Secretary of State, a letter regarding training of the Registrar of Voters. They do not show the Registrar being in training last year. The Registrar (Kris Coombs) has responded that she has received the required training in 2011 and will be going this year as well.
- From the County Emergency Management Administrator: a Health Alert that Maine Center for Disease Control has confirmed 10 bacterial infections (vibriosis) since July 1st. The median age was 70 and all had reported consuming some type of seafood during their exposure period. No cases are considered "linked" together.

- From Jeanne McGowan: an email announcing a reception for Lynne Jones on Saturday, September 22nd 10 am to noon at the Georgetown Historical Society.

- From CHANS: confirmation that our Flu Vaccination Clinic will be held here on Oct 3rd from 10:30 – 1pm (a \$20 donation is suggested but not required – Mary has posted more information at the Post Office, the Store and Community Center).

- Mary also reported the Hauling and Recycling data for the first two months of this fiscal year. Recycling is done by about 12 tons, the compactor is up by about 4 tons and the bulky waste is up by about 6 tons.

OLD BUSINESS:

Re: The Application for renewal of Tree Growth Status from Ledge Island LLC: The old and new forest management plans will be available next week. The Selectmen will review the application in executive session at the next meeting.

Re: Naming of a private road: One of the parties has suggested “Higgins Mountain Road.” Mary said that this was not acceptable under the Town’s Addressing Ordinance because of its similarity to the name of another road (Higgins Farm Road). She will inform the parties involved and request that they propose another name.

Re: The Engine #3 accident: The Fire Chief had reported that he has received inquiries from Beaver Valley regarding damage to the road when the engine went off the road. Chief Mann maintains that the road giving way is what caused the accident. He will also collect the pictures taken of the scene. Beaver Valley apparently has not submitted a claim to the insurance company.

Tod Reynolds was interviewed regarding the open position as Alternate Member of the Planning Board. The Selectmen voted to appoint him for a term of three years (until Town Meeting in 2015).

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 25 at the Town Office.

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