

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2015 were approved. They are posted on the Town website.

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

- There was a brief discussion of the State Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry provided Tree Growth Roster which had been sent to the Board for review and approval. The report was approved.
- After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to appoint Maureen Stanton as an associate member of the Conservation Committee.

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:

- DHHS sent the 2015-16 General Assistance Ordinance Maximums, appendices A-D for adoption by the Town. The Board will hold a public meeting in October. Mary noted that the State will reimburse 70%, as opposed to the current 50%.
- ME Revenue Service preliminary 2016 State Valuation was sent for comment. It was noted that the average sale price for homes sold in Georgetown during 2014 was approximately \$431,000, down significantly from previous years.
- Notice from Camden National Bank that their merger with Bank of Maine is complete and Georgetown's account would be transferred to Camden National.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Town audit is complete except for the School audit input.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A letter was received from a resident that owns a very small lot she believes is not adequate to build a house on. She wanted to know what she could do to reduce taxes. The Board agreed that the only help the Town can provide is review of an abatement request if/when she submits one.
- There was some damage to the Mountainside Cemetery fence and whoever caused it did not take responsibility. The Sherriff was notified and has reviewed the situation. Mary has called the Town insurance agent.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- No First Church work this Saturday (9/26). Both ends were cleared out and the basement is just about ready for sandblasting.
- There will be a Flu Vaccination Clinic **Friday, October 2, 10:15-1:00** at the Town Office conference room.
- There will be a Harvest Pot Luck Dinner at the Community Center **Saturday, October 3rd.**

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Thursday, October 15th, at the Town Office. This is a one-time change from the normal Tuesday meetings.

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