

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Prepared by Rick Freeman

Note: (1). These are not official minutes -- -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site and at the Town Office and other places following Board approval at the next meeting.

(2). If anyone wishes to stop receiving these reports, they may simply hit "Reply" and request to be deleted from the list or say "Unsubscribe."

(3). Reports of earlier meetings and some supplementary materials are available at my Town Meeting website:

www.singingbridge.net

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2012 were approved.

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

1. Dale Savoie came to the Selectmen to propose that his snow plowing contract be extended for two years beyond the current (2012-13) year. There is a clause in the current contract that allows this if both parties agree. Dale proposed that the 4th year be at the same price as the current year and that the 5th year be at a price 5% above the current year. It was agreed that Mary McDonald would draw up the contract extension for review by both parties at the next regular meeting of the Selectmen (October 9) with the likelihood of signing the extension at the Selectmen's meeting 2 weeks later (October 23)
2. The Selectmen went into executive session with the tax assessor (Bill van Tuinen) to review the application of the Ledge Island LLC for renewal of its Tree Growth status. This parcel is Stage Island. The Selectmen had both the old and the new Forest Management Plans. After the executive session the Selectmen voted to table the application and to ask the Maine Forest Service to meet with the Selectmen to review the Forest Management Plans.
3. Under new business Geoff Birdsall raised the possibility of reconfiguring the Town Office space to provide more privacy for both the Town Clerk and the Assistant to the Selectmen. This would involve, among other things, putting up a wall between the two spaces and probably rearranging the furniture and files. It was agreed to get plans and estimates for the project with the possibility of doing the work this winter. There was also a brief discussion of a longer range plan to move the Town Offices across the road to the basement of the First Church. There is more space there and it would free up needed space in the present building for the School. This would be more expensive and would require more planning than the short term proposal made by Geoff.

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:

- a message from Chris Warner advising that he will be presenting his proposed shellfish lease application to the Shellfish Committee at their next meeting on Thursday, October 4 at 7 PM. There were no details available at this time. Geoff urged all the Selectmen to attend the meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

- Mary reported receiving a draft agenda from Jon Hentz regarding an upcoming meeting of Georgetown officials and people from the State Department of Transportation about the state of Rt. 127. The meeting is scheduled for October 16 at 9 AM at the Town Office and is open to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Road Paving Loan was finalized on September 24.
2. The Town has received the \$10,000 grant from the Marshall L and Ruth-Anne Gibson Municipal Charitable Program. The money is being forwarded to the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary reported that Susie Wren has resigned from the Conservation Commission for personal reasons. There had been an extra member so no replacement is necessary.
2. Mary said that Jay Holt had reported that the Coastal Cleanup had been very successful. Participation was up substantially.

There will be a short special meeting of the Selectmen at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, October 2. The next regular meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 9 at the Town Office.

Prepared and distributed by Rick Freeman