

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2012

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

The minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2012 were approved.

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

1. Discussion with the Shellfish Conservation Committee: The entire committee came to discuss the potential *aquaculture lease for clamming* issue. After extensive discussion, the Board took the following actions on the three issues which are involved.

The Committee recommended a conservation closure for the specific flat and the Board concurred with this recommendation (as required by ordinance). The conservation closure will be for 3 years beginning next spring.

The Board advised the Committee that they have authority to authorize seeding and management of the flat. Chris Warner indicated that he was going to take personal responsibility for seeding the flat.

The Board advised that they are willing to listen to further input on the issue of the Town leasing digging rights to the specific flat but that any decision was well into the future. Dolores and Bill both stated that they believe all Town flats should be open to all licensed diggers. The Board and the Committee all agreed that the lease issue should be handled through the Town rather than through the

State. All agreed that the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance must be carefully revised, reviewed, and approved before a lease request can be considered.

2. Two assessing issues were addressed.

In the first case, the Selectmen approved a change in the lot's size from 7 acres to 5.6 acres, resulting in a net tax reduction of \$98. The size issue was apparently an administrative error.

In the second case, the executor of an estate requested an assessment reduction of \$30K (from \$271K). The Selectmen agreed to have this request reviewed by the Town Assessor, Mr. Van Tuinen.

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 note from Jerry Gamache, EMA Director to Andy Vavolotis, Robinhood Marine Center, regarding fuel in case of an emergency. The Board praised Mr. Gamache's efforts and agreed Mary should advise him they had no issue with the way he is pursuing this matter.

Email from Kathy Gravino confirming that the Marsh Migration Technical Support Application has been submitted.

Mary read a letter from Elias Goodrich, a junior high student, asking that the Board approve his community project plan to clean up the area from the Transfer Station to the Wharf. The Board agreed it sounds like a good project which they will support. They asked Mary to obtain a copy of the "plan".

A letter was received from Fields for Our Future thanking the town for approving the \$5000 donation and requesting a check. The Board asked Mary to confirm that the project was moving ahead before sending the money.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Growth Parcels: Mary received a call from the Maine Forest Service acknowledging they have received the Georgetown request and are reviewing the Forest Management and Harvest Plan for Ledge Island. The Board agreed they would like to meet with the MFS representatives in person. Mary will

follow-up to setup a date and time.

Road Issue at Goodman property: Bill Plummer summarized a discussion he had with the property owner which did not resolve the issue. He recommended that the Board meet at the property to review what, if anything, the Town can/should do to resolve the issue. Because of other commitments, this field trip will be scheduled for January.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 11 at the Town Office. Unless pressing business arises, there will be no second meeting in December since that Tuesday is Christmas.