

REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF December 11, 2012

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 2012 were approved.

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

1. John Travis came to the meeting to discuss storage, both for school supplies and unused equipment and town office records. He indicated that all storage in the school building is full and there are a lot of school items stored in the church across the street. Even so, he doesn't have space to store a lawn mower or snow blower. He recommended that the Board consider building a 24x24 or 28x28 building to be located adjacent to the parking lot. He and the Board discussed other options which have been considered – e.g. throw-away of items, PODs, containers. The Board thanked Mr. Travis for coming but did not commit to any specific action. It was agreed that a funding source, most likely shared between the town archives and school, would be needed. It will need to be addressed at the Town meeting next June.

2. The Maine Forest Service (MFS) has completed review of the Ledge Island LLC's Tree Growth application, including the confidential Management and Harvesting Plan. Board members agreed that they needed time to review the MFS response. The application will be addressed at the next meeting in January.

3. Mary indicated that the Project Canopy grant for \$4174 was approved by the ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It was noted that Georgetown's contribution will be in-kind labor.

4. Bob Trabona discussed details of two letters he sent to two residents constructing without approved building permits. Both were follow-ups to discussions he had with the residents last spring.

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:

ME DEP Winter 2012 Special Edition of the Shoreland Zoning Newsletter advises Town's will be able to take lands adjacent to moderate and high value waterfowl habitat out of resource protection under some conditions.

ME DEP Shoreland Zoning Rulemaking effective May 5, 2012 requires that any contractor excavating in a shoreland zone must be state certified. It was noted that Charlie Collins and Gene Reynolds have certified people.

Bob Trabona received a large package from Pine Tree Engineering, for Peter Mueser, along with a notice of intent to file a Stormwater Law permit application for construction of a 5,000 foot gravel access road. This is the first such application Bob, or the Board, has seen.

Wiscasset Adult and Community Education received a grant to assist former college students in completing their degree. They advised this grant will be open to all Sagadahoc former students. Mary indicated that she will post the notice outside the office.

A request for shellfish conservation closure of 2.3 acres at Heals Eddy was sent Dec 5th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fields for Our Future: Mary summarized the response from Steve Balboni, Director of Bath Parks and Recreation, which indicated that they have approximately 80% of the funding necessary to implement the project. After some discussion, it was agreed that Georgetown should submit the agreed to \$5000 since it was approved by the community at last June's Town meeting.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2013 at the Town Office.

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