

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Approved MINUTES for Tuesday, October 15, 2024

The meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Collins at 7:01pm.

There was one item of **public comment** from Jessica Weller, who updated the Board on future grant opportunities the Conservation Commission was exploring.

There were no **items added to the agenda**.

The Board held one **Scheduled appointment**:

- 7:05pm – Update on Statistical Revaluation and Commitment w/Bill Van Tuinen (See Assessing Items)

On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following slate of **minutes**:

- September 10th Regular Meeting
- September 24th Regular Meeting
- October 1st Special Meeting

The Board was provided with an Updated Building Permit Listing for **review**.

The lone **Assessing Item** was an update from Assessing Agent William “Bill” Van Tuinen regarding the preparatory work that was doing ahead of the annual Tax Commitment. It was noted that due to the falling Certified Ratios this work was prudent – and statutorily encouraged. The final numbers were still to be determined, but Mr. Van Tuinen noted that all properties would see valuation increases – with the magnitude varying between waterfront properties and rural ones. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Van Tuinen should proceed with the Statistical Revaluation work.

The Board was provided with the following items of **correspondence**:

- State of Maine – Municipal Valuation Return Reminder Letter
- Sagadahoc County EMA – Notice for NIMS Class on December 2, 2024
- Town of Brunswick, Public Works – Household Hazardous Waste Day Notice
- Age-Friendly Georgetown – Community Calendar for October

There was no **other correspondence**.

It was noted under **continuing items** that Paul Wren’s Maine Waste Discharge License on Town Landing Road was approved.

For **Committee Updates**, it was noted that the Town Office was in possession of **Recreation Committee Minutes**, as well as **Conservation Commission Minutes** for August and September.

There were no **membership** items.

The following **Liaison Updates** were provided:

- Mr. Collins reported that the Planning Board had begun discussion on the recent request that they develop a Short-Term Rental Ordinance. It was determined that there was still information to be gathered.
- Ms. Tudor reported on the Conservation Commission's recent meeting, following up on Jess Weller's Public Comment regarding future Grant Opportunities. On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, and voted unanimously (3-0) to authorize the exploration of future Resiliency Grants collaboratively with the Town of Arrowsic.
- Ms. Eee reported that the Recreation Committee would be working with the Community Center on Halloween for the Trunk or Treat. Ms. Eee also shared that she would soon (date TBD at the time of these minutes) be convening the Board of Appeals for its organizational meeting

The **Town Administrator** provided a brief **Update**, noting the following items:

- Mr. Washburn noted the voting was underway, with regular in-person absentee voting continuing through the close of business on Halloween.
- He noted that Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department and Central Maine Power both deserved kudos for their windstorm and power outage response.
- It was noted that a Regional Storm Preparedness group would be convened in the coming months.
- It was also noted that it was time to haul the Recreational Floats.
- Mr. Washburn shared that the quarterly reports for MEMA (Robinhood Road Culvert) and the CRP (Energy Audit) Grants had been filed.
- Lastly, Mr. Washburn shared that water at GCS had tested positive for coliform bacteria and that it would likely be resolved in the subsequent days.

The **Finance Director** provided a brief **Update**, noting the following items:

- Ms. McDonald reported that the Audit Engagement letter was ready for signature by Chairman Collins.
- Ms. McDonald also updated the Board on the Tax Anticipation Note process. The Board then took up the Old Business item relative to the Tax Anticipation Note (see below).

The **Code Enforcement Officer (and Addressing Officer)** provided a brief **Update**, noting the following items:

- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to create Folly Ridge Way off Five Islands Road.
- CEO Field reported that there was a request to trim a tree on the town land abutting Blueberry Hill Road. Board members questioned whether allowing the trimming could set a precedent and ultimately it was determined that more information would be necessary.

The Board addressed one item of **Old Business**:

- On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to authorize the procurement of a Tax Anticipation Note, from Bath Savings, not to exceed \$600,000 and to be signed by the Select Board Chair and Finance Director.

The Board addressed the following items of **New Business**:

- On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously to approve a Cemetery Lot Deed for Stephen and Patricia Thibodeau at Lot 134A.
- The Board held a discussion on Select Board Meeting times, and it was determined that, starting in November, Select Board Meetings would start at 6pm.

- On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously to reschedule for Select Board Meeting on October 22nd to October 29th.

The following **items** were available **for signature**:

- Cemetery Lot Deed for Stephen and Patricia Thibodeau (Lot 134A)
- Audit Engagement Letter

There was no further **public comment**.

It was determined that there would be no **Executive Session**.

Following the completion of its business, the Board stood **adjourned** at 8:03pm.