

# SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

## Approved Minutes for Tuesday, November 19, 2024

The meeting **was called to order** by Chairman Collins at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Collins, Ms. Tudor, Ms. Eee, the Finance Director, the Town Administrator, the Fire Chief, the Code Enforcement Officer, and various members of the public.

Tom Sheehan, of West Georgetown, offered **public comment** requesting that the Town designate Marrtown Road in West Georgetown as an ATV Access Road.

On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the **minutes** of the October 29th Meeting for review and approval.

The Board was provided the following items for **review**:

- An Updated Permit Listing
- October Hauling Numbers

The lone **assessing item**, setting of a Mil Rate, was addressed under **New Business**.

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

- State of Maine – Governor’s Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future’s Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission Interim Report
- Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Department – Incident Report
- Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department – Informational Discussion at GHS on 12/5
- Citizen Request – Tom Sheehan – Re: Request for ATV/UTV Access on Town Road
- Riverside Disposal – Informational regarding services offered
- Efficiency Maine – Informational regarding possible future upgrades
- New Hope MidCoast – funding request letter
- Letter from Pam Gunnell regarding Tax Assessments (ADDED TO AGENDA WITHOUT OBJECTION)

There was no **other correspondence**.

There were no **continuing items**.

The following **Committee Updates** were provided:

- Mr. Collins reported that the Planning Board was still trying to determine what information they would be looking for relative to Short Term Rentals.
- Ms. Tudor reported that the Conservation Commission was working on a collaborative Resiliency Grant with the Town of Arrowsic to study water hydrology. Ms. Tudor also shared that the Commission was looking into future programming regarding preparedness and that their Annual Potluck would be taking place on the 21st of January. Ms. Tudor also reported that while intrusions at the Transfer Station had slowed, there were still regular intrusions.

- Ms. Eee reported that the Recreation Committee was busy preparing for the Annual Holiday on the Harbor – including tree tipping and a wreath making party at Jon Hentz’ home. Pickleball has moved indoors at the school and the upcoming School Committee Meeting would be a hybrid meeting.

The **Town Administrator** provided a brief **update** on the following items:

- Georgetown resident Jon Hentz was in the news for his recent Honor Flight Trip.
- The Emergency Communications Tower leases were signed by the Town and County – awaiting a final landowner signature.
- He plans to bring ARPA-related quotes for the retrofit of the conference room and the exterior doors to the next Select Board Meeting.
- The Chair of the FAC was finalizing the Budget Process Memorandum.
- Tax bills were to be sent with an insert outlining the statistical revaluation.
- A second letter would be sent to the residents who had previously had their property taxes stabilized.

The **Finance Director** updated the Board regarding the following items:

- Health and Dental Insurance rates would be increasing effective January 1.
- She shared that the auditors would be on site during the week of Thanksgiving.
- The Climate Resiliency Grant that funded the Town Energy Audit was completed, and the remaining monies were returned to the State.
- The Finance Director (and Town Administrator) attended a class regarding updates to the Maine Revenues Services’ Tax Portal.

The **Code Enforcement Officer** provided the following **updates**:

- The Smith Family is building a new home off Five Islands Road. The current road/driveway to the dwelling is 900 feet. They requested to see if the road could be named. This is allowed. They are requesting the name, Izzy Lane. He reported that there are no other similar road names in Georgetown. On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the request.
- Regarding Blueberry Hill, Mr. Field noted receipt of a draft easement and associated paperwork from the law office of Theriault-Theriault, who represent the Petersons. In reviewing the process, it was learned that for this type of action to be approved, it must go through a Town Meeting. Whether or not to have a special Town Meeting for this case obviously will be up to the Board, or wait until the regular Town Meeting in June. The Board determined that it would not be holding a Special Town Meeting.

The **Fire Chief** provided the following **updates**:

- Engine 3 is back and in service. A work party of 11 volunteers repacked the equipment. The Department is awaiting a final invoice.

- Calls are being made to those who have expressed interest in joining the department.
- In the past month, there were 7 EMS calls, and 3 fire calls (1 false alarm, 2 mutual aid to Arrowsic for a car and brush fire).
- The Chief noted that the weather has been very dry and that burn permits were temporarily suspended.
- Lastly, attendance was encouraged at the GFVD Info Night on December 5th at the Historical Society, with an online component available.

There was no **old business**.

The Board addressed the following items of **new business**:

- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously to accept the Finance Director's recommendation and set the Mil Rate at 6.02 Mils.
- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the Conservation Commission request to partner with Arrowsic on a Climate Resiliency Grant.

There were no **items for signature**.

There was no subsequent **public comment**.

There was no **Executive Session**.

Having completed all the business before it, the Board **adjourned** at 7:13pm.