

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Minutes for Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:01pm.

There was no **public comment** at the outset of the meeting.

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

There were no **scheduled appointments**:

It was moved by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, and voted unanimously to approve the **minutes** of December 17th Meeting.

There were no items for **review**.

The Board addressed the following **assessing items**:

- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Mr. Collins, it was voted (2-0, with one abstention) to forward the Abatement Request from Susan Hess (1267 Five Islands Road, 11U-002) to the Assessing Agent for further review.
- On a motion from Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to deny the Abatement Request from Susan Sheehan Irrevocable Trust of 2023 (21 White Road, 08R-019).
- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously to forward the Abatement Request from Five I Fuel, Inc. (14 Saddler's Cove Road, 13U-051) to the assessing Agent for further review.
- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to deny the Abatement Request from Frank Woodworth (6 Pilothouse Lane, 10U-012).

NOTE: Copies of the Administrator's Abatement Memorandums shall be kept on file at the Town Office with the abatement files.

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

- U.S. Department of the Interior – Letter re: Federal Mapping
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry – Submerged Lands Newsletter
- Sagadahoc County EMA – NIMS Class (in Bath)
- Maine Municipal Association – RMS Express – December
- AARP Community Challenge Grant Program
- Thank You Letter – New Hope MidCoast
- Thank You Letter – Bath Area Food Pantry
- Thank You letter – Spectrum Generations
- Thank You Letter – Oasis Free Clinics
- From Doug Kulis – DOT Application & Guidelines for ATV Access Routes on State Roads
- From Bill Webster – Citizen Request re: future Town Meetings

The Board was updated on the following **continuing items**:

- The Bacon Family's Maine Waste Discharge License on lot 11R-025 was up for renewal.

- The Rekgreasion Properties LLC Maine Waste Discharge License located on lot 01U-056 was approved.

The following **Board Member and Committee Updates** were provided:

- Mr. Collins reported that the Planning Board was working on a questionnaire related to short term rentals and that the Select Board would be discussing the proposed survey at a future meeting.
- Ms. Tudor reported that the Solid Waste Management Committee was looking into the possibility of finding some new members that may bring along different perspectives. She further noted that the Committee was also working on drafting a series of questions for Town Counsel relative to possible future ordinance changes. Lastly, Ms. Tudor shared that the Conservation Commission had met and rescheduled their Potluck.
- Ms. Eee reported that the Recreation Committee had met, and that School Committee would be meeting at 5pm the next day.

The **Town Administrator** provided an **Update** on the following items:

- The Emergency Management Director was working to track down some FEMA monies from the January storms.
- It was reported that Harpswell hadn't in fact progressed to the point of a Right to Fish Ordinance. The Administrator shared that he would be bringing forward a proposal to convene a Policy / Ordinance Drafting working group to the next Select Board Meeting.
- It was noted that the Town Office would be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The **Fire Chief** provided an **Update** on the following items:

- The new year saw six department calls in the first two days, and 11 by the time of his report.
- A Mandatory training day was held and well attended.
- The Department had recruited five new members. The Chief noted that there would be a couple of months of training to follow.
- The vehicles were all running and in service.

Old Business:

- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Mr. Collins, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to donate the old **conference room chairs** to Bob and Sharon Trabona in thanks and recognition for their many years of service to the Town.
- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (2-0, with one abstention) to donate the old **conference room table** to Jonathan Collins.
- Chair Collins provided the Board with a **brief update re: Flying Point Road Culvert Project**. It was reported that KELT would be looking into additional grant funding following a meeting with Pine Tree Engineering.

New Business:

- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the Town Administrator's **Recommendation to create an Ad Hoc Town Report Committee**.
- On a motion from Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3-0) to direct to Town Administrator to post to the Town Website certain relevant items of the Select Board packets on the Monday prior to a Select Board Meetings

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

- *Denial of Abatement Application for Susan Sheehan Irrevocable Trust of 2023*

- *Denial of Abatement Application for Frank Woodworth*

The lone **public comment** came from Robert “Bob” Trabona. He thanked the Board for their donation of the old conference room Chairs, noting that he has admired them for many years. He further shared that he hoped that approval of Short Term Rental survey would be addressed at the next Select Board Meeting, sharing that postage costs would be in the region of \$1,600 – hopefully from contingency funds.

There was no **Executive Session**.

The Board **adjourned** at 7:23pm.