

# Selectboard Regular Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:00 P.M.

**Georgia Fire Department Community**

**Room** In-Person and/or

Teleconference/Virtual

**Approved:** unapproved

**Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas (Board Chair), Shannon Jenkins, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, Nick Martin

**Selectboard Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Letourneau, Administrator and Town Clerk

**Public Present:** Emily Johnson, Heather Dunsmore, Heather Grimm, Dennis Boucher, Katie Driver, Bette Dunsmore, Brian Dunsmore, Suzanna Brown, Doug Bergstrom, Carl Laroe, Todd Cadieux, Frank Gore, Greg Drew, Ken Minck, Terry Cleveland, Bob Giroux.

**Public Present Zoom:** Jana Thuesen, Amber Baker, Kristina Senna, Bridget Stone, Karen Heinlein, Sue Webster, J. Montagne, Chelsea Dubie, David Tifft, Lori Hobart, Randy Delong, Dick Macavania-SD Ireland, Will Kell.

## **Regular Selectboard Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Devon Thomas moved to open the meeting to order. (6:00)

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Chair Update:** Devon thanks everyone who applied to help with the ethics committee.

## **Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda:**

Todd would like to add to the agenda, the cost for the automated gate was not added into the budget for the security system for the beach. Carl suggested adding that to the agenda. Devon motioned to add it under the board business N. Martin seconded it. All in favor.

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**Selectboard Minutes and Warrants.**

Carl Rosenquist moved to fix Minutes from 4/24/2023 before approving them. Kristine Senna is entered twice on zoom. Under #3 Purchasing policy there are 2 failed motions by Carl when there should have been only 1.

- Carl states in #12 the Committees should state as follows:
- Budget Finance Committee: Jamie and Nick
  - Personnel Policy: Carl and Nick
  - Public works: Shannon and Jamie
  - GCEC: Carl and Shannon

Clarification on the motion to offer the Selectboard clerk position to Olivia Sequin was approved by the Selectboard in Executive session. But she declined the position because she had already found employment elsewhere.

Devon moved to approve amended minutes, Carl motioned, seconded by Nick. All in favor. Nick Martin moved to approve warrant #6 with clarification regarding N.E Truck tire return, seconded by Jamie Comstock. All in favor.

**Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)**

GCC Trails Policy -  
Ken Minck wants the trail policy to be not a policy but an ordinance. Carl Rosenquist moved to make the trail policy an ordinance, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor. Ken stated that this needs to be warned to the public and Cheryl stated that there are 2 others that are to be warned so that'll happen at the same meeting.

Bette Dunsmore states "that it should be public so the landowners who have been paying tax on that land, know of the ordinance before you take away their rights."  
Heather Dunsmore expressed concern on whether the landowners could be involved in this before it goes to the SB. Shannon clarified that anyone could go to the GCC meetings also that they are also a warned public meeting.

Bridget Stone wants clarification on when something is sent from the Library Board to the SB to be read into the minutes if it gets done. Cheryl states that it was on the agenda and Carl did bring it up. Bridget apologized; said she was not at the last meeting. The library wanted to know when the decision was made about the cameras at the library and the discussion around that. They also want a copy of the contract with Philo. Devon said he'd get her that information and that Jamie is the contact point for IT.

Bette Dunsmore stated that she thought it was a good thing to have the cameras at the library because there are a lot of children getting on the bus there. If there was an issue that that information could be provided to the proper authorities.

Cheryl finds that the meeting was 1/12/23 to approve the cameras. Motion made by Carl, seconded by Gary for \$75,000 for Philo security.

Bridget states that she's been there 8 years and she's not aware of any incidents so far that have happened with the teenagers waiting for the bus.

89 **Unfinished Business: None**

90 **Correspondence: None**

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92 **Board Business:**

93 A. Paving bids:

94 **Whitcomb's:** Total bid cost \$380,801.25  
95 Quantity 3,761 \$101.25 / ton

96 **Pike:** Total bid \$306,769.45  
97 (Hungerford's) Quantity 3455 \$88.79/ ton

98 **SI:** Total bid \$356,998  
99 Quantity 3466 \$103/ ton

100 **SD Ireland:** Total bid \$381,969  
101 Quantity 3870 \$98.70/ ton

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103 Motion made by Carl Rosenquist to allow Todd to move forward to make the choice,  
104 seconded by Shannon Jenkins. All in favor

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106 **Ethic and Conflict Policy Committee:** There are 14 people who applied to be on the  
107 committee. Devon is asking for everyone who applied to be able to be on the  
108 committee. Carl moved that no employees, town officials or people on other boards be  
109 able to be on this committee. Motion failed. Motion to move everyone to who so  
110 choices to be on the committee accept members on the SB. (made by Devon)

111 Discussion stating that different boards and departments like Library, DRB and planning  
112 have their own policies.

113 After discussion, Carl makes a motion to omit any employees or any board member  
114 from being on this committee. Seconded by Nick Martin. All in favor.

115 Motion to approve 7 members by Nick, seconded by Shannon. All in favor.

116 Committee: Katie Driver, Martha Jansen, Terry Cleveland, Frank Gore, Sue Webster,  
117 Kyle Grenier, and Heather Dunsmore.

118 Alternates~ Jana Thuesen, Brian Dunsmore, Kristina Senna, Dayle Goud and Heather  
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121 **Stormwater:** Cheryl states that the board was advised by the attorney not to sign the  
122 Notice of Intent without an agreement with the HOA and the homeowners. She read the  
123 letter dated 11/18/2022. Not to move forward until further notice from the attorney.

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125 **Application For Boring Under Town Right of Way:** Todd and Doug changed the  
126 fees to dig under the road from \$1000 to now \$5000. Previously you got your money  
127 back in a year if no issues occurred. But now you get \$2500 at the end of the first year  
128 and \$2500 at the end of year 2 if no issues. Carl moved to approve the contract as  
129 submitted by our public works director, seconded by Shannon. All in favor.

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131 **Escrow Agreement:** Motion made by Carl to agree with the escrow agreement  
132 template, seconded by Nick Martin. All in favor. The monies are held by the attorney.

133 Motion to approve the escrow agreement for Carl Laroe (CAX) of \$20,000 by Carl,  
134 seconded by Jamie Comstock. All in favor.

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136 **Approval of OT for Highway:** Motion to approve for an unspecified time for OT by  
137 Shannon, seconded by Carl. All in favor.

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139 **Mini Split replacement of heat pump at the library:** Todd states Bourne's Energy is  
140 the cheapest at \$4410.56 for a new unit and that we will keep old one for parts. Amber  
141 expresses concerns that the library has already overspent their budget line for the  
142 building maintenance. Where's the money going to come from? Bridget states due to  
143 the age of the building the library building maintenance line should be increased. The  
144 unit is 11 years old at this point. Carl suggested handing this off to the Public Works  
145 committee to come back to the board with the recommendation unless Todd feels it's  
146 an emergency kind of thing that needs to be taken care of right away. They could sit  
147 with Amber and look at the budget to see where we can get the money.

148 Motion made by Carl to approve Todd to discuss this with the building and grounds  
149 committee about replacing the one unit, seconded by Shannon. All in favor.

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151 **Non-employee work agreement:** Todd is looking to hire non-employee people to do  
152 work around the town trucking, ditching and such. Todd has a list of people who will  
153 work for the town who have a COI and provide a W9. Carl makes the motion to  
154 approve the non-employee work agreement, seconded by Nick. All in favor.

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156 **Treasurer position:** Carl moves to approve a treasurer position up to 32 hrs per week  
157 at \$35 an hour, seconded by Nick. All in favor.

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159 **Class 4 Road approval:** Carl moved to approve class 4 Rd guidelines and Mr.  
160 Delonge to go ahead to make improvements, seconded by Nick. All in favor.

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162 **Power for automated gate at the beach:** Nick motioned to provide power and internet  
163 for cameras at the beach for the Philo contract. The cost would be \$6600 and on-going  
164 expenses to run them, and have the Budget and Finance look at it. Seconded by  
165 Jamie, all in favor.

166 Motion to enter executive session:

167 Doug Bergstrom, Suzanna Brown, Greg Drew for Planning.

168 Keith Baker and Chelsea Dubie for Fire and Rescue.

169 Cheryl Letourneau for administration.

170 Todd Cadieux for Highway.

171 Devon motioned to allow Keith and Chelsea to proceed with a personnel matter.  
172 Seconded by Shannon, all in favor.

173 Devon motioned to allow the FD to hire a new cadet, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

174 Devon motioned to cut the selectboard clerk position in favor of hiring a minute taker  
175 and to move forward and offering that position to the community, seconded by Carl. All  
176 in favor.

177 Motion to hire Bob Larose as a seasonal Public works worker at \$25 an hour and not to

178 exceed 30 hours per week. Seconded by Nick, all in favor.

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180 The motion is to investigate the possibility of purchasing property for the town on the  
181 recommendation from the DRB and ZA. Seconded by Shannon, all in favor.

182 Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carl at 10:02 seconded by Jamie, all in favor.

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