

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Approved:** November 28, 2016

**Present:** Selectboard: Chris Letourneau; Matt Crawford; Tara Wright; Paul Jansen, Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator; Amber Baker, Treasurer

**Absent:** Ric Nye

**Public Present:** Abby Ledoux, Milton Independent; Bill Hinman, Assessor; and Dan Walters, Library Trustee

Mike McCarthy added the following to the agenda.

1. General Ledger Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/16.
2. Georgia First Response Minutes for 9/29/16 and 10/27/16.
3. Georgia Public Library Minutes for 11/2/16.
4. Fire Department Officers Recommendations.
5. Check Warrant AP#76.

**Public Appearance:**

Bill Hinman, Assessor is here to present to the Selectboard the 2016 Errors and Omissions (E&O's). We have information that came to light that we need to correct in the Grand List this year, as in years in the past. Bill Hinman went over the E&O's.

Motion made to approve of the 2016 Error and Omissions, presented by Bill Hinman, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Bill noted that he saw an article in Seven Days that Martha from Georgia Wind had reported that they had generated 20% more electricity last year than they had anticipated. In our contract with Georgia Wind, if they increase their megawatt production by greater than 1%, then the payment that they give us goes up \$5,000. Bill called and is speaking with Martha to make sure those numbers get corrected for the December 31<sup>st</sup> payment.

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 24, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 10/24/16 regular meeting, with grammatical changes discussed, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor

## Review of Warrants:

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #43 for period end 10/27/16; Check Warrant Report PR#44 for period end 11/3/16; and Check Warrant Report AP #45 for period end 11/10/16, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #74 for payroll transfers to Citizens Bank, VMERS DB and VT Dept., of Taxes; Check Warrant Report AP #75 for a payroll transfer to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant Report AP #76 for the general fund, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

## Selectboard Concerns:

1. Dan Walters, Library Trustee joined the Selectboard at the table. Paul Jansen, Chris Letourneau, Paul Waite and Brian Biron spent some time down at the Library. Brian has been tasked with redoing the bathrooms. We will be redoing both of the bathrooms, but we are going to do one at a time then the Library can still be open. We really want to get going on these.

On the other side of the bathroom, in looking at it, it seems to make the most sense to all of us to make it a mirror image of the one on the right. Both of the bathrooms will now be a single person bathroom, both being ADA compliant. This should have started today. Brian knows that time is of the essence. There was a general discussion regarding the project.

The heat still needs to be looked at because the thermostats have been set at 64 degrees, but the temperature was actually 76 degrees. Mike states that Steve Legacy has zone values coming in because they were frozen. Chris states that the problem is actually the way the system is piped. There was a general discussion regarding the heating system.

Matt asked Dan to briefly tell the Selectboard what this UVM project is. Matt's understanding is that they are looking at the conference room as being handicapped accessible to the Library and portioning off the conference room as its own entity; the Library wouldn't necessarily be open for people to use it. Dan Walters believes that is one of the things they are going to look at. These are engineering guys so they are mostly looking at streets, curb cuts, stuff like that. We did ask them to look at the conference room accessibility as well.

Matt thinks that when you look at the building down there and what needs to be done, that perhaps if we had the UVM study and other lighting quotes maybe it's time to put a bond vote together to fund the improvements and take care of these all at once rather than piecing it together. Chris states that he would agree with that too. We should figure out everything that needs to be done and get some quotes and put it in front of the voters and be done with it.

The Selectboard will ask the Library Trustees to give the Selectboard direction as to what they feel the building needs. It certainly needs new outside lighting and we know that we need new lights inside that are more efficient. Dan Walters states that the Library Trustees will make a Capital Improvement list for the Selectboard on what needs to be done. The Selectboard feels that it is time to put some money and effort into this building.

2. Matt Crawford commented that it was good to see the Fire Department up to date with minutes on the website.

**Unfinished Business Report:**

1. Tax Rate Issue. No action taken at this time.

**New Business:**

1. Survey of Legal Trail #4 is complete. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the survey. The Selectboard still has some questions that they need answered before they take any action. Mike will follow up with the engineers with the questions that the Selectboard has. The Selectboard also tasked Mike with contacting VLCT to get their opinion on giving up the trail and what is the process if we decide to abandon it. Mike will get this information and bring back to the Selectboard.

**Action Items:**

1. Review and formally receive the 2016 Town Plan. Approve hearings schedule. Two public Selectboard hearings are required prior to final adoption. Copy of proposed schedule is in your packet. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to move forward with scheduling the hearings.

Motion made to formally receive the 2016 Town Plan, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Mike to schedule the first public hearing on December 12, 2016.

2. Town Budget 2017. Any work or public comments necessary. Mike went over a list of things that he would like added to the budget. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Mike to give his changes to Amber for her to incorporate into the notes for the 2017 budget. The budget will be discussed further at a later date.

**Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:**

None

**Treasurer's Correspondence:**

None

**General Correspondence:**

1. Georgia Fire Department – Regular business meeting minutes from 9/1/16 and 10/6/16.
2. Georgia Conservation Commission – Meeting minutes from 10/17/16.
3. Vermont State Police – Monthly activity summary – October 2016.
4. Northwest Solid Waste District – Supervisors meeting agenda for 11/9/16.

**State of Vermont Correspondence:**

1. Environmental Conservation – Sanitary Survey GIDC water system.

**Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:**

None

**Items for Signature:**

None

**Legal Correspondence:**

None

The Selectboard received a recommendation from the Fire Chief for his 2016 Officer Appointments.

Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Fire Chief and appoint the following officers for 2016: 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief – Jamie Cota; 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief - Patrick King; 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief – Steve Lapierre (Honorary); Captain – Robert Williams; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant – Michael Baker; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – Andrew Vincent, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Jeff Hathaway brought up shooting firearms in Georgia. He has seen a few complaints about people shooting late at night on Facebook. Jeff thinks that perhaps the Selectboard should address this issue with a shooting ordinance. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding a shooting ordinance

**Confidential / Executive Session Items:**

1. Contracts/Legal.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m., is requested at this time to discuss contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration or mediation, grievances, other than tax, pending or probable litigation, or confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town of Georgia involving the Town, specifically finding that premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 8:55 p.m. by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

No action taken out of Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

Monday, November 28, 2016, Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.