

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, January 25, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Approved:** February 8, 2016

**Present:** Selectboard: Chris Letourneau; Matt Crawford; Paul Jansen; Ric Nye; Tara Wright; Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator

**Absent:** None

**Public Present:** Abby Ledoux, Milton Independent

Chris Letourneau, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mike McCarthy added the following to the Agenda:

- a). General Ledger Checking Account Balance Worksheet.
- b). 2016 Capital Budget Program.
- c). Selectboard Highlights for the Town Report. Everything is all set except we need to change the Vice Chair to say Matt Crawford and not Paul Jansen.
- d). Resignation Letter from James Allen, Library Trustee, effective February 29, 2016.
- e). Report from the St. Albans Watershed. Mike retained full copy of the complete report.

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 11, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 1/11/16 regular meeting, as presented, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. Tara and Ric abstained, all others in favor.

**Review of Warrants:**

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #1 for period end 01/07/16; Check Warrant Report PR #2 for period end 1/14/16; Check Warrant Report PR #3 for period end 1/21/16; Check Warrant AP #2 for a transfer to Citizens Bank; Check Warrant Report AP #3 for a transfer to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant Report AP #4 for a transfer to Citizens Bank, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #5, for the general fund, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Selectboard Concerns:**

None

### **Unfinished Business Report:**

- a). Review proof copy of Library Meeting Room Use Agreement provided by Library Trustees. The Library Trustees, in the last monthly meeting that Mike had with the Librarian, ask to have the Selectboard to approve this Use Agreement. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to approve of the changes and to start using this agreement.
- b). Review draft of highlights for Town Report. This looks good, however, Matt Crawford should be the Vice Chair, not Paul Jansen. Mike will make the changes discussed.
- c). 2016 Budget. The 2016 budget was discussed in the budget meeting, prior to the regular meeting.
- d). Cost estimate – signage for Georgia Shore Road. Mike received the estimate for signage on Georgia Shore Rd./Cline Rd. intersection. The estimate is just under \$1,400. This has been put in the 2016 budget, to be completed in 2016.

### **New Business:**

- a). Approve and Sign Warning for 2016 Town Meeting.

Motion made to approve and sign the 2016 Warning for Town Meeting, as presented, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

- b). Approve Brook Field Service Agreement for service of Fire Station generator, authorize Town Administrator to sign. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding with program to select.

Motion made to approve of the Brook Field Service Agreement, Program 1, with the Chair of the Selectboard signing on behalf of the Selectboard, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

- c). Approve payment for dog killing residents chickens. During the Holiday season, the Animal Control Officer got a call that a person's friend visiting, with their dog, went to another neighbors and killed a bunch of chickens. David met with the chicken's owners and the dog owners. The dog's owner agreed to pay for the chickens; she brought in and paid for the value of the chickens. Now the Town has to pay the owner of the chickens. The Selectboard must authorize the payment.

Motion made to approve and authorize the reimbursement to the resident for his lost chickens, made by Paul, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

- d). Consider appointment of representative to the Northwest Regional Planning Commissions' Ad-Hoc Clean Water Advisory Committee.

Motion made to appoint Kent Henderson to be the Georgia Representative to the Northwest Regional Planning Ad-Hoc Clean Water Advisory Committee, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

e). James Allen, Library Trustee resignation letter.

Motion made to accept the resignation of James Allen, as a Georgia Library Trustee, sending him a thank you letter for his service, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:**

a). Power use at Bovat Road site. Mike will continue working on this. Once he is able to visit the site he will let the Selectboard know.

**Treasurer's Correspondence:**

a). 2016 Capital Budget Program review. This was discussed during the budget meeting.

**General Correspondence:**

a). Thank you letter from Franklin County Home Health for their 2015 allocation.

b). Georgia Conservation Commission – Minutes from January 18, 2016 meeting.

c). Georgia Fire Department – Regular Business Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2105 and January 7, 2016.

d). Georgia Public Library – Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2015 and January 11, 2016. Agenda for February 8, 2016 meeting.

e). Georgia Conservation Commission – Minutes of December 14, 2015 meeting.

f). Georgia Planning Commission – Agenda for January 26, 2016 hearing.

**State of Vermont Correspondence:**

a) Better Back Roads Grant application packets. We may be able to utilize this Grant for some culvert replacement. Mike will research further and bring back to the Selectboard.

b). Department of Environmental Conservation – Revised Coliform Rule sampling plan for Town Library and Town Beach/Picnic area. The testing requirements have changed and are now quite extensive. This is going to require Chevalier to do more testing. We have increased the line in the budget to account for this.

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

None

**Items for Signature:**

a). 2016 Town Meeting Warning.

**Legal Correspondence:**

None

**Confidential / Executive Session Items:**

a). Personnel, Legal.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 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 7:50 p.m. by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

The Selectboard reconvened the Budget Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the 2016 budget.

Motion made to close the Budget Meeting, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

The Selectboard reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made to approve of the 2016 budget in the amount of \$1,509,609, which is down \$82,397 from 2015, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding a work session for preparation for Town Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins

Monday, February 8, 2016, next regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.