

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, October 12, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Approved:**    **Unapproved**

**Present:**     Selectboard: Chris Letourneau; Matt Crawford; Tara Wright; Ric Nye, Krissy Jenkins, Acting Town Administrator

**Absent:**       Paul Jansen

**Public Present:**     Joe Damiata, & Jeff Theis – VLCT/PACIF Representatives; Abby Ledoux, Milton Independent

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

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the September 28, 2015, regular meeting was reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 9/28/15 regular meeting, as presented, made by Matt, second by Tara. No further discussion. Ric abstained, all others in favor.

**Review of Warrants:**

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #39 for period end 9/30/15; Check Warrant Report PR #40 for period end 10/08/15; Check Warrant Report AP #82 for transfers to Citizens Bank, VMERS & VT Dept. of Taxes; and Check Warrant AP #83 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 #84 for the general fund, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Selectboard Concerns:**

a). Matt brought up the Fire Department minutes. When we look at these minutes from the Fire Department there are a couple of things that we should address. Didn't we, at the August Meeting, tell the Officers that we would be open to a meeting with the whole Fire Department? Chris spoke with Mike McCarthy and asked him to put that back on the agenda to get this accomplished, not sure if Mike has scheduled this or not.

The other thing is there seems to be a misunderstanding regarding this Social Media Policy. This is not a Selectboard issue, but brought to the Selectboard at a meeting. The Officers are the one that said they wanted this policy.

When you read the letters here from the meeting, it was disheartening to read, particularly where they are not going to calls because of how they feel. There were issues brought up in several of the letters that don't even pertain to the Fire Department, this was an Association matter. The Fire Department and the Selectboard are getting blamed for things they have no control over.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard that they would like to have the meeting with the whole department with an Agenda to follow, so it doesn't turn out like the last joint meeting. Mike will get that scheduled as soon as possible.

b). Ric stated that the Highway Department has in their budget to purchase a new truck in 2016. Todd and Wesley feel it will be a better deal to pre-order the truck now to put us ahead of the game. When you order a truck it tends to take 6-8 months to actually get the truck once you order it. They would like to place an order now. The budget needs to pass before we can purchase the truck, and the loan needs to go through. They stated that we would not be held accountable, they would just keep the truck if we can't order it, without any fees. This is a \$2,500 - \$3,000 savings if we do it this way.

After a brief discussion, it is the general consensus of the Selectboard for the Highway Department to move forward for getting quotes on the truck to bring back to the Selectboard for approval.

### **Public Appearance:**

Joe Damiata, Underwriting Manager, and Jeff Theis, Sr. Loss Control Specialist, VLCT/PACIF Insurance. Joe and Jeff are hear regarding the 2016 insurance coverage. We just filed our rates on Friday, so we won't actually get approval on them for two months, until that is approved. Joe did run some numbers and it looks like the rate should be around flat premium for next year.

Joe did look at the proposal that we got from Hickok & Boardman, he didn't prices or anything but he did see coverage and limits. There are definitely some differences that you may be aware of. They did try to match a lot of the limits. The biggest thing that Joe saw was the deductibles on the Flood/Earthquake coverage, the deductible is \$25,000 where with PACIF you have \$1,000 deductible now. We caution you to be careful doing something like that, as the deductible is quite big.

There are many programs and services that we provide included with the insurance, for instance drug testing for your Highway Department is in included, as well as VLCT has many grants available for Towns for equipment, etc.

The Selectboard then had a general discussion regarding VLCT/PACIF. Chris stated that we are by no means unhappy with the service or price of VLCT, we are just doing our due diligence and shopping around to what is out there. They then had a discussion regarding the Workman's Comp Insurance. They are now going to require all vendors for the Town to carry workers comp insurance or VLCT will collect a premium to insure the vendor. VLCT will work with the Town on this as it is a change in policy. The Selectboard thanked them for taking the time to come in and speak with them.

### **Unfinished Business Report:**

a). Update – Bid requests for survey of Legal Trail #4. We have received three bids, enclosed. To be discussed in Executive Session as this a contractual issue.

### **New Business:**

a). Communications Shed at Cell Tower site off Bovat Road. Sprint-Nextel has removed their equipment from the shed, so our repeater equipment is the only equipment in there. The Town has to take over the electric use, heating/cooling costs for this at this time. Estimated \$60 a month. See copy of email from Gary Finch from Nextel.

After a brief discussion, the Selectboard would like Mike to research to see if we can move the equipment to another shed or explore any other options. In the meantime, the Town will pay the electric bill and charge it to the Fire Department. This also needs to go into the budget file for next year.

b). Resignation of Planning Coordinator, Mike Ferrone. Accept with regret, with his the best, direct the Town Administrator to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Selectboard.

Motion made to accept the resignation of Mike Ferrone, with the Town Administrator to write a letter of thank you on behalf of the Selectboard, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

### **Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:**

a). DRAFT – Insurance Requirements Policy for Outside Vendors. Table this discussion until we decide on insurance carrier. Once we know what the exact policy is for our insurance carrier, this will be easier to do.

b). Paving is Complete. Red Barn Hill, Ballard Road, Polly Hubbard Road and the Beach area road. Informational only.

c). Welcome to Georgia signs are up on both sides of Town. Informational only.

### **Treasurer's Correspondence:**

a). 2011-2015 VLCT/PACIF Comparison Sheet.

b). General Ledger Checking Account balance worksheets through 9/30/15.

### **General Correspondence:**

a). Georgia Fire Department Regular Business Meeting Minutes of 9/30/15 meeting and DRAFT minutes of October 1, 2015 meeting. This includes copies of all the letters submitted at the meeting as they were read into the record.

b). Vermont State Police September 2015 activity report.

c). Central Vermont Agency on Aging, funding request. Will be placed in budget file.

d). Franklin County Sheriffs' Office, September 2015 Activity Report, October 2015 invoice.

e). Notice of Harrison Solar Farm Application for Certificate of Public Good.

### **State of Vermont Correspondence:**

None

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

None

**Items for Signature:**

None

**Legal Correspondence:**

None

**Confidential / Executive Session Items:**

a). Attorney/Client Communications. Fire Department.

b). Contracts.

c). Blue Cross – Blue Shield GOLD Plan.

d). Personnel. Planning Coordinator's resignation.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 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 Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 9:15 p.m. by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Action out of Executive Session for the Town Administrator to send a letter to Paya's stating that we have given up on the contract and thank you for their consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins

Monday, October 26, 2015, next regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.