

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, October 26, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Approved:** November 9, 2015

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

**Absent:** None

**Public Present:** Samantha Nelson – Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Chris Letourneau, Chair, opened the budget review meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the current budget.

Amber Baker left the meeting.

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

Mike McCarthy added the following to the Agenda:

a). Check Warrant AP #88.

**Public Appearance:**

Samantha Nelson, Representative, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Samantha handed out information regarding the current plans, deductions, etc. for 2016. Samantha then went over a few of the plans and the differences. The rates went up 5.9% from last year. You can offer your employees more than one plan to choose from. There was a general discussion regarding the plans.

The timeline to decide is really the first or second week of November because the bill for January 2016 goes out in December and they would like that to be as accurate as possible. The Selectboard thanked for Samantha for coming in and speaking to them. The Selectboard will have to crunch some numbers and decide what they want to do.

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 12, 2015, regular meeting was reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 10/12/15 regular meeting, as presented, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. Paul abstained, all others in favor.

**Review of Warrants:**

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #41 for period end 10/15/15; Check Warrant Report PR #42 for period end 10/22/15; Check Warrant Report AP #86 for a transfer to Citizens Bank; Check Warrant AP #85 for a transfer to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant AP #88 for Peoples Trust and Union Bank loan payments, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #87 for the general fund, withholding Evergreen Property Maintenance for an Executive Session discussion, and Clark's Truck Center payment until further negotiations can be done, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Selectboard Concerns:**

- a). Paul asks what is going on with the Guardrail request on Georgia Shore Rd. It is not on the unfinished business list or the inactive list. Mike states that he is waiting to hear back from the State Engineer. Mike will put it on the inactive list so it is not forgotten.
- b). The Selectboard tabled the decision on the Survey for the Legal Trail #4 until Paul was at the meeting. Do we want to make a decision right now? After a brief discussion, it is the general consensus of the Selectboard to have this discussion during the 2016 Budget discussion as there is no money in the 2015 budget to pay for this.

**Unfinished Business Report:**

- a). Update – follow-up information from VLCT PACIF Insurance Provisions to add to Municipal Construction Contracts.

**New Business:**

- a). Approve purchase of door locks, handicap accessible signs and grab bars for library bathroom renovations. Mike would like to get the renovations started over at the Library. Mike did a ball park estimate of the costs of materials, and he really thinks he can get the boy's bathroom done so we can see what it looks like. The State Building Permit, Electrical Permit and Plumbing Permit are not included in the cost estimate, which we will need to get. We think we can create a handicapped accessible for less than \$500? Mike doesn't think it will be 100% compliant but it will be a viable functional one. Chris states that if you get the State of Vermont involved in this, it will need to be 100% compliant or they won't pass it, and you can never use it again.

Mike thinks he can make it 100% compliant for another \$200. Chris gave Mike an ADA Complaint Book to make sure they are compliant. Are the Library Trustees on Board, they want this complete as soon as possible. There is enough money in the budget to get this moving forward.

The plan is to make only one of the bathrooms handicapped accessible. Then make both of the bathrooms uni-sex.

Motion made to give Mike McCarthy authority to make the necessary renovations, per State requirements, to get the bathrooms done at the Library, not to exceed \$1,000, made by Paul, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

**Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:**

- a). Copy of letter sent to Mike Ferrone.

**Treasurer's Correspondence:**

- a). List of delinquent taxes as of October 16, 2015.

## **General Correspondence:**

a). Georgia Conservation Commission – Meeting minutes from September 21, 2015, Agenda from Meeting for October 19, 2015.

Matt and Chris attended the Conservation's 10/19/15 meeting. Matt states that they got two requests from the Conservation: They want to know when the orange marking flags are going to be removed. Mike will contact the person that is conducting the dig to find out. Secondly, would they be told if they found anything? Mike states that Mr. Bryce would be the one who would be notified.

Another question was that Kent wants to be completely involved with Ruggiano on this. He stated that he wasn't getting an emails, etc. Kent tried to make contact with Ruggiano, and he was told that Mike McCarthy was the liaison for this and that Kent wasn't. Chris would like Mike to make sure that Kent is put in the loop on this project.

The problem with the minutes that Chris has was that they went to the meeting and had a pretty hard talk and he respects everything they are trying to do. On our way out the door we asked three times if there was anything else that needs to be discussed, and they heard no. As soon as they walked out of the room apparently, they had another issue with us and that was this Right of Way (ROW) and the ROW we are trying to give up. It would have been nice if the Conservation Commission brought this issue up with the Selectboard Representative when they were at their meeting, not right after they left. Even though they said there was nothing else, there was something else.

We talked specifically about that ROW. Our intention is to give up the ROW once we have notification from Bryce and then we need to get in front of the Planning Commission. We don't know when that is going to happen, but hoped it would be soon. Chris states, "That soon it is going to be my intention to not give up this ROW and give them back their four parking spots and build a fence around it and let them spear head their own parking lot."

When are we going to be on the Planning Commission agenda? Once we have all of the final product from Ruggiano, we can move forward. Bryce would be the co-applicant on the Planning Commission.

We had a meeting where we told the Conservation Commission that we were committed to building a parking area off of 104A. That was our goal, we were not going to deter from it. The Conservation Commission continues to be determined to throw up every road block that they can for that process. We have told them several time that our intention is to give up any Town claim on that property. We don't understand why they would want four parking spots that they don't have access to. They have no access to those four parking spaces. The gate will be locked nights and weekend.

The Selectboard thinks the Conservation Commission believe they have access to these parking spaces. There is no right of way to the parking spaces. The ROW is from the four parking spots to the path. There is no ROW from 104A to the parking spots. What the Conservation Commission is saying is that the existing deeded right way to the parcel, but there is not deeded right of way to the parcel, only from the parking spaces to the trail. So it appears that they would rather have four parking spaces they can't get to rather than a parking lot next to the road.

Another question the Selectboard has for the Conservation Commission is who signed the Letter of Intent for the Mosely parcel. The Conservation Commission hasn't been in to talk to the Selectboard as of yet. Is this a binding Letter of Intent or non-binding? As far as the full Selectboard is concerned, we have not been approached about the Mosely parcel as of yet. Matt asked Kent about this, and Kent said they were preparing to get all of their ducks in a row before they came to the Selectboard so that any potential questions from the

Selectboard they would have the answer to. Paul states that according to their minutes, the Vermont Land Trust is drawing up a Letter of Intent to be signed by the Mosely's. That is a little unnerving considering the Selectboard hasn't approved the purchase.

b). Act 250 Permit Amendment for Jenkins Self Storage – Lot 8 Morse Drive.

c). Diagnostic Report for the Brick School Museum. The price to repair is anywhere from \$88,000 - \$133,000. The foundation and structure are in pretty bad shape. There is grant money available in 2016 or 2017. We are going to try to fund this project with grant money.

d). Mailing to Selectboard members from Northwestern Medical Center.

e). Act 250 Land Use Permit Administrative Amendment for Lot 13 Arrowhead. Matt wants to make it clear that the amendment to this has nothing to do with the lot that is in question on 104A. This is an existing lot in Arrowhead Park.

f). Boiler Inspection report – Library Boiler.

g). Letter from Friends of Northern Lake Champlain. This should be placed in the budget file.

h). Georgia Library Trustees – Meeting minutes from September 14, 2015, October 19, 2015. Agendas for October 28, 2015 and November 9, 2015.

In reading these minutes it seems like there is still a disconnect on the Facility Use Policy with the Trustees. Mike states that he has asked them to tell him what they think will work, so that we can get this thing put to bed. Mike and Sue Webster have a meeting once a month now and that is working great. Mike stated to her that they are telling us what they don't like in those minutes, draft what they think will work and comply with what we need and send it in, give me something to work with. Mike has asked them to provide a draft of what they want to have for working policy for the Library. Mike states that it is in their court now. Mike had been communicating with Candace Truso but she has dropped out of the picture.

Paul states that the minutes says, "Dan has these questions and will forward these to the Selectboard for further clarification". Mike states that he hasn't seen anything and that he sent Sue and email asking her to get this information for him. Mike has asked them for a draft with the changes that they want. Paul simply doesn't understand what the problem is and would like to get to the bottom of this. Mike to follow up with the Trustees on this matter.

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

None

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

a). Flyer from Business Resource Services reference – VIPER coverage requirements.

#### **Items for Signature:**

None

**Legal Correspondence:**

None

**Confidential / Executive Session Items:**

a). Attorney/Client Communications, Contracts, Personnel.

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 Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 8:47 p.m. by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Action out of Executive Session that the Selectboard directed the Town Administrator to schedule a special meeting of the Selectboard for November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office for Executive Session to continue the insurance contract discussion.

No other action out of Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:5 p.m. made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins

Monday, November 9, 2015, next regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.