

Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Approved: February 22, 2016

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Merrill Bent, representative for DG Retail LLC.

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

2nd Class Liquor License Hearing:

Warning: Application of DG Retail LLC to obtain a Second Class Liquor License operating as Dollar General Store #14214 located at 864 Ethan Allen Highway in the Town of Georgia, Vermont.

Chris stated that there is no one here to testify. Merrill Bent, representative for DG Retail LLC, states that the application has all the information that is required. Merrill's presence is here to answer any questions that the Selectboard may have about either the application or just general questions.

The License would be for beer and wine. Dollar General currently has a tobacco license already. Dollar General is apply for this license across the State of Vermont.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the 2nd Class Liquor License.

Motion made to approve of the 2nd Class Liquor License for DG Retail LLC, dba Dollar General, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

The Selectboard thanked Merrill for coming in to answer any questions.

Mike McCarthy added the following to the Agenda:

- a). Franklin County Sheriff's Office – January 2016 activity report.
- b). Public Notice regarding Georgia Elementary and Middle School Indirect Discharge Permit #ID-9-0094 from Department of Environmental Conservation.
- c). Agency of Transportation Town Road and Bridge Standard Certification for 2016 and Certification of Compliance for the Town and Road Bridge Standard Network Inventory and Annual Financial Plan for the Town for 2016, that the Board needs to sign tonight.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 25, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 1/25/16 regular meeting, as presented, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Minutes of January 4, 2016, January 11, 2016, January 14, 2016 and January 25, 2016, budget meetings were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve 1/4/16, 1/11/16, 1/14/16, and 1/25/16 budget meetings, as presented, made by Paul, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

Review of Warrants:

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #4 for period end 01/28/16; Check Warrant Report PR #5 for period end 2/4/16; Check Warrant AP #6 for transfers to Citizens Bank, VT Dept. of Taxes, and VMERS DB; and Check Warrant Report AP #7 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 #8, for the general fund, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

1. Matt states that he has been seeing a lot of trash on the side of the road. Can we get the Sheriff to fine someone for littering? The trash on the side of the roads is horrible. Mike will talk to the Sheriff to see if there is anything the Town can do.

Unfinished Business Report:

a). Cloud Server vs. hard server. Mike spoke with a company called Twinstare and talked with them about the liability of using the cloud server versus a hard server and the costs associated with that. Under many circumstances, a small town like ours using a cloud service could end up costing us more than buying a hard server because of the need for the actual technology behind the cloud server. It is very convenient, but there could be a cost involved. The price of hard servers are going down.

Mike has them coming up to do an assessment and give us a quote on what they recommend. After a general discussion, Mike will get a couple of more estimates and bring back to the Selectboard for further review.

New Business:

a). Colchester Dispatch. Mike states that he hasn't heard anything more on this, but he will keep it on the unfinished business list.

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

a). Copy of letter send to Mr. James Allen thanking him for his service to the Town as a Library Trustee.

b). Copy of proposed bid announcement for 2016 mowing services for review. Mike would like to get this going, we have received a couple of inquiries. Mike will verify that all the properties are listed. Town Properties are mowed once a week and the cemeteries are mowed bi-weekly. A general discussion regarding the properties took place.

Mike will do some further research and bring back the bid to the Selectboard for further action.

Treasurer's Correspondence:

- a). General Ledger Checking Account Balance Worksheet – to January 31, 2016.

General Correspondence:

- a). Georgia Planning Commission Agenda for February 9, 2016 meeting.
- b). Northwest Solid Waste District – meeting minutes from December 2, 2015 meeting.
- c). Vermont State Police – January 2016 activity report.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

- a). Agency of Natural Resources – Environmental Conservation – Lake Champlain Phosphorous TMDL information and requirements for Municipalities. ** Note the highlighted areas where there will be charges to the Towns for “applications” to work on our own roads, charges for impervious surfaces owned by the Towns etc....

This is something the Selectboard needs to pay attention to in the future.

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

- a). VLCT Spring Selectboard Institute notice – March 12, 2016, in Montpelier, VT.

Items for Signature:

- a). Highway Road and Bridges, Certification of Compliance and Financial Plan. It is the general consensus for the Selectboard to sign and approve.

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

- a). Personnel, Legal.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 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 Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 7:55 p.m. by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to appoint the Town Administrator to represent the Selectboard regarding a personnel issue involving the Fire Department, and to take any appropriate action, in compliance with the Town Personnel Rules, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins

Monday, February 15, 2016, next special meeting (budget review) @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 22, 2016, next regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.