

Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Approved: April 25, 2016

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Bridget Calacci, Dwight Brown and Ed Brehaut, Georgia Little League.

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

Mike McCarthy added the following to the agenda:

1. Contracts – Executive Session.

Public Appearance:

Georgia Little League: Bridget Calacci, Dwight Brown and Ed Brehaut. Basically what the Little League is here for to discuss better fencing for the baseball fields at the beach. Little League requires a fence for the major leagues. The good news the immediate need is the baseball field, we don't have a major league softball team because there are not enough girls this year. The fence that we had there has been destroyed by the wind and weather, etc. We are hoping to come to some solution with the Selectboard for a more permanent type fence.

We know that one of the issues down there is clay, which makes it difficult to install. The Little League has spoken to a few people. We would like to work on getting a fence for the baseball field this year and work on the softball one in the future.

Matt asks, "Who is paying for it"? Bridget states that Little League doesn't have the funds to purchase the fence, so they are looking to the Town to help them out. It could be another amenity to the beach.

Dwight has been working really hard and has some really nice things going on at the beach. We got the guy who takes care of super bowl fields, Lake Monster fields, and Kansas City fields coming in with his crew to help us re-do the majors field. His name is Lee Keller and he has some real expertise.

We are working on getting some work done on the dugouts and we got the new scoreboard working. We are really trying to make this a place for people in our Town to come down and have dinner and watch a ball game. Make it a place where more members of Town want to use; we are thinking about having a brisket night as well. These are a few of the ideas that we are doing and if the Town considers helping up with the fence, it won't just be about Little League baseball.

Last year the mower was damaged because of the rebar on the temporary fencing and that is one of the problems with temporary fencing. We have about three weeks before the season opens and we are here looking for some temporary fencing. We are really pressed for time.

Tara asks if the Little League has talked to the Recreation Committee to see if they have any money in their budget as it would have been easier to add money into the last budget. We probably can find some money available but the Recreation Committee will be a great place to start. Do you have any idea how

much a fence will cost? They have a guy coming on Saturday, who is working on the back stops, and put in a request from him. Shortly after that, the Little League believes they can have some quotes available.

The three questions for the Selectboard is will you support permanent fencing? Will the Selectboard pay for the permanent fencing and how will the Selectboard pay for it?

After a general discussion it is the general consensus of the Selectboard to support the permanent fencing and to work with the Little League to purchase temporary fencing. The Little League will get some quotes together and bring back to the Selectboard. The Town Administrator will be the contact for the Little League. The Little League will contact the Recreation Committee regarding financing and get some quotes together for the Selectboard.

Would it make sense to purchase the temporary fencing for the baseball field, and when you get the permanent fencing, the temporary fencing can be moved to the softball field. That is what the Little League was planning on doing. The Selectboard thanked the Little League for coming in and discussing this with them.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the March 24, 2016, special meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 3/24/16 special meeting, as presented, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Minutes of the March 28, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 3/28/16 regular meeting, as presented, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Review of Warrants:

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #13 for period end 03/31/16; Check Warrant PR #14 for period end 4/07/16; Check Warrant Report AP #24 for payroll transfers to Citizens Bank, VMERS DB and VT Department of Taxes; and Check Warrant Report AP #25 for a payroll transfer to Citizens Bank, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #26, for the general fund, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

1. Paul had a question regarding the accrued time report submitted by the Treasurer. There was a question regarding the accrued time of a Library employee. Also, what Holiday did the Highway Dept. accrue? Amber believes that it was President's Day.
2. A resident asked the Selectboard for some additional patrolling on Stone Bridge Road and according to the VSP report, they have had three traffic stops on that road. It seems the request is working.

Unfinished Business Report:

1. Library renovations update. Mike Ferrone came in and met with Mike McCarthy and he has his marching orders on what to do at the Library. The State Permit is complete and Mike will be submitting

that permit; once the permit is issued the work will begin on the bathroom. Mike Ferrone has the ADA stats to make sure it is done correctly.

New Business:

None

Action Items:

None

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

1. Reimbursement check from Ruggiano Engineering – permit fee for application to State for 104A parking area (Towns are exempt from this fee.) Informational.

Treasurer's Correspondence:

1. Budget – to date – for information purposes only. The Selectboard had a couple of general questions regarding the current budget. There is nothing that is jumping out as a problem to date.
2. Employee accrued time report. See discussion under Selectboard Concerns.
3. General ledger checking account balance worksheet – through March 31, 2016.
4. Stitzel, Page & Fletcher – February 2016 statement. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the legal costs.

General Correspondence:

1. Town of Georgia – Board of Abatement meeting notice for April 14, 2016 p.m. at Town Hall.
2. Vermont State Police – Monthly activity report for March 20, 2016.
3. Northwest Solid Waste meeting minutes from March 9, 2016 meeting.
4. Georgia Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting minutes from March 21, 2016.
5. Franklin County Sheriff's Office – March 2016 activity report.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

1. Agency of Transportation – Design Quality Review Certifications for culvert-work I-89. Informational.

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

None

Items for Signature:

None.

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

1. Legal.
2. Personnel.
3. Contractual.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 8:25 p.m. by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to accept the bid from Tread Lightly Landscaping LLC for the 2016 & 2017 mowing season, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

Monday, April 25, 2016, regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.