

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

Approved: May 9, 2016

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Sheriff Robert Norris and Deputy Phil Edgerley

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

Mike McCarthy added the following to the agenda:

1. Correction. On the agenda under General Correspondence the Fire Department Minutes are listed as March 6, 2016 when it should say March 3, 2016.

Public Appearance:

Sheriff Robert Norris and Deputy Phil Edgerley. Sheriff Norris went over some of the statistics for Georgia. Franklin County Sheriffs have been with the Town of Georgia since 2009 for 16 hours of coverage per week.

The Selectboard asked the Sheriff if he feels there is a big enough presence in Georgia and should there be more. If we wanted to increase our hours, would you be able to cover that. What is the right amount?

Sheriff Norris's opinion is that we should look at going at least 40 hours a week. By doing such you can a full time deputy in Georgia and we could flex those hours, days. Whatever the need would be. If you are going to increase he would recommend going 40 hours so then you have a full time dedicated position to the Town of Georgia. The estimated costs for 40 hours a week is approximately \$89,000 per year.

Deputy Edgerley patrols Georgia quite frequently and he also believes that Georgia would benefit from a 40 hour work week.

Sheriff Norris just got notice that Senator Leahy's Office that the Cops Hiring Program has just opened up. The Sheriff would be more than happy to work with Mr. McCarthy to apply for this program. How this works is that they will fund up to 75% per year, up to \$125,000.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding this grant. The applications have to be in by June 25th. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Mike McCarthy and Sheriff Norris work on this and bring back more information to the Selectboard at the next meeting. The Selectboard thanked Sheriff Norris and Deputy Edgerley for coming in and speaking to them.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the April 11, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 4/11/16 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 #15 for period end 04/14/16; Check Warrant Report PR #16 for period end 4/21/16; Check Warrant Report AP #27 for a payroll transfer to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant Report AP #28 for a payroll transfer to Citizens Bank, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #29, for the general fund, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

1. Matt asked if the Little League has been taken care of with their fence. Mike states that the fence has been ordered and it should be in next week and the Recreation Committee agreed to help fund the fence.

Unfinished Business Report:

1. Truck purchase.

New Business:

None

Action Items:

1. Review and approve/disapprove new contract with ACS. This is the land records software that Laurie gets. Tara would like to discuss this in Executive Session as she has a few personnel questions.

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

1. Citizens applications for volunteer positions from Charlene Procopio, and Tanya Wells-Lahaie. These have been forwarded to the appropriate committees.
2. Dog complaint. This information has been forwarded to the Animal Control Officer for further investigation and has been resolved as far as the Town is concerned.
3. Commendation for road crew in reference to work at the Town Beach. Kerry Burke would like to say thank you to the Highway Department for all of their help in getting the beach ready for the season.

Treasurer's Correspondence:

1. Vermont State Police – March 2016 invoice.
2. Green Mountain Reporters – Invoice.

General Correspondence:

1. VLCT – Information on Life and Disability insurance programs.
2. Georgia Conservation Commission – Minutes of March 9, 2016 and April 18, 2016 meeting.

3. Georgia Fire Department meeting minutes from March 3, 2016 and April 13, 2016.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

1. Department of Liquor Control – Commendation of Georgia Market.

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

None

Items for Signature:

1. ACS Contract if approved.

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

1. Legal.

2. Personnel.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 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 8:03 p.m. by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to appoint Krissy Jenkins as acting Town Administrator from April 25, 2016 to May 3, 2016. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to approve the ACS Contract and for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Selectboard, made by Tara, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to authorize the Town Administrator to offer \$15,500 for the purchase of a One ton truck and equipment, made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to send a thank you to VSP for their assistance to the Fire Department on Saturday night on Polly Hubbard Road, made by Ric, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

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