

Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Approved: June 27, 2016

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Kevin Harrison, Peter Mazurak, Fred Grimm

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

Mike McCarthy added the following to the agenda:

1. Paving Bids. Chris Letourneau opened the paving bids at 7:00 p.m.

Pike - \$55.27/ton

F.W. Whitcomb - \$56.76/ton

SD Ireland - \$55.64/ton

Motion made to accept the bid from Pike at \$55.27/ton, made by Ric, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

2. Retirement letter from Dick McGrath.

3. New hire application for the Fire Department.

Public Appearance:

Kevin Harrison and Peter Mazurak, Cross Consulting, are here to discuss the access to Kevin's house on Georgia Mountain Road. Peter states that, "We were invited here to discuss the use of a legal trail as a driveway to Kevin and Shannon Harrison's house". The access to the 20 acre lot that they are proposing to subdivide would be over a legal trail. We are also proposing a 60 ft. wide right of way over that legal trail to access the lot, because otherwise the lot won't have frontage on Georgia Mtn. Rd. We put a sketch plan into the Planning Commission and we have our approval. The legal trail sits basically on the property line between Harrison and Bradford (the other property owner).

What does Zoning say about using a legal trail? The Selectboard thinks there might be a zoning issue with this, unless you are asking the Selectboard to give up the legal trail. The Planning Commission stated that the applicant must make a request to the Selectboard for the approval of an upgrade and use of the legal trail #5.

In our regulations, a legal trail is restricted from motorized vehicles. The legal trail has been located and some of it is on Harrison's property and some of it is on Bradford's property. How can you give a 60 ft. right of way on someone else's property; wouldn't the Bradford's have to grant a right of way on their property? They would.

Ric states, "If no one else's property is affected by this trail, why wouldn't we just give up the legal trail"? Ric is not opposed to that.

After a general discussion, the Selectboard feels that they need to do some more research on this issue and tasked the Town Administrator to do this research regarding the legal trail. Mike will bring back the research to the next Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard thanked Kevin and Peter for coming in and they will get back to them once they know more about the legal trail.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 23, 2016, regular meeting and May 24, 2016 special meetings were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 5/23/16 regular meeting and 5/24/16 special meeting, as presented, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. Chris Letourneau recused himself, all others in favor.

Minutes of June 2, 2016, special meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 6/2/16 special meeting minutes, as presented, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Review of Warrants:

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #21 for period end 5/26/16; Check Warrant Report PR #22 for period end 6/2/16; Check Warrant Report PR #23 for period end 6/9/16; Check Warrant Report AP #38 for payroll transfers to VMERS DB, Citizens Bank, and VT Dept. of Taxes; Check Warrant Report AP #39 for a payroll transfer to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant Report AP #40 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 #41, for the general fund, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

1. Tara questioned if evaluations had been done. Mike stated he would work on them and bring back for discussion at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business Report:

1. Follow up on blood borne pathogens training for Town and Library personnel. The only thing that Mike could find was \$25 a person online through the Red Cross. For what we need here and at the Library, Mike is wondering if we could do it through a non-certified course. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Mike to move forward with the non-certified training for the Town employees and Library employees.
2. Signage – Georgia Shore Road and Cline Road. The signs were ordered and we just received them. The signs came in the wrong size. They had to be re-ordered. The Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to contact the homeowner and make them aware of the situation with the signs.
3. Follow-up on lighting assessment for Town Library. The estimate came in at \$6,770.00. However, there is a special rebate going on now which would reduce that by \$3,050.00, so the total is \$3,720.00 for

an upgrade on the lights at the Library. Installation costs are not included in these estimates either, which could be another \$7,000.00.

Chris asks Mike if he could find out how long the rebate is for; what is the expiration? Also ask about tube lights. Mike will bring back this information to the next meeting.

Paul asks, "Where are we with the lights out at the library". Mike McCarthy states, "There are a dozen or so lights out at the Library right, I have the replacements and are at the Library waiting for installation".

New Business:

1. Georgia Little League- fencing proposal – Middlebury Fence Co. Informational at this time. Mike to place in budget file.
2. Follow up on William Mraz appeal of Zoning Board decision on Harrison Quarry. Informational.

Action Items:

1. Review and approve bid to repair tennis courts at Town Recreation area.

Motion made to approve of the bid from Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing in the amount of \$8,163.00, to repair the tennis courts at the Beach, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

2. Approve request from St. Albans Senior Center for waiver of pavilion rental fee at recreation area for July 20, 2016.

Motion made to approve of the request to waive the fees for the beach rental for St. Albans Senior Center, made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

3. Accept resignation of Russell Hardy and the retirement of Dick McGrath. Matt received resignation letters from Scott Richards and Clem Rogers from First Response.

Motion made to accept the resignation of Russell Hardy, Dick McGrath, Scott Richards and Clem Rogers, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

4. New hire application for the Fire Department from Randy Eppley. Mr. Eppley was approved by the Fire Officers at their June 9, 2016 meeting.

Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department and hire Randy Eppley, made by Ric, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

5. Review Rowley Fuel pre-buy options for 2016. Informational at this time. The Library Trustees requested that the Treasurer sign up for the Budget Plan.

Motion made to approve of the budget plan for the Library, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

6. Resignation of Maureen Badger from her positions at Georgia Library.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to accept the resignation of Maureen Badger, with the Town Administrator sending a thank you letter on behalf of the Selectboard.

7. Resignation of Mike Ferrone. He has been hired for the federal job and starts work Monday. He will also be required to go to training out of state for six weeks. Mr. Ferrone was supposed to do the upgrades to the bathroom at the Library, but will no longer be able to do these because of his new position.

Mike would like to discuss this further in executive session.

Fred Grimm states that basically the entrance is impossible for anybody to get the wheel chair in without having assistance. Fred wants to go on record as notifying that he would like it done.

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

None

Treasurer's Correspondence:

1. Accrued time report as of 6/2/16.
2. General Ledger Checking Account Balance Worksheet as of 5/31/16.

General Correspondence:

1. Vermont State Police May 2016 Activity Report.

FYI! Paul did receive a complaint at Church about the speed on Georgia Shore Road and the Cedars. The next time Mike talks with the Sherriff or VSP, please pass that information along.

Fred Grimm commented that he thinks that the speed limit of 25 mph should be raised. He feels that this is too slow. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding how speed limits are determined. A traffic study is done first to examine the speed limits on roads.

2. Georgia Recreation Committee meeting minutes from May 23, 2016.
3. Georgia Conservation Commission meeting minutes from May 16, 2016.
4. Georgia Fire Department meeting minutes from June 2, 2016.
5. Georgia Public Library Trustees meeting minutes from June 6, 2016.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

None

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

None

Items for Signature:

None

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

1. Legal.
2. Personnel.
3. Contracts.
4. Real Estate.

Chris asked if anyone else has any questions or comments. Fred Grimm discussed his displeasure with the Selectboard and the Fire Department Hearing Decisions.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 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 Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 9:01 p.m. by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive session to authorize Attorney Rob Halpert to begin the review process for the possible revision of the current Fire Department Confidentiality Agreement, made by Matt, seconded by Paul. No further discussion. All in Favor

Motion made out of Executive Session to authorize Attorney Joe McClean to begin review and revision of the current personnel policies for the Town and the Fire Department, made by Matt, seconded by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

Monday, June 27, 2016, regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.