

Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Approved: Unapproved

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Abby Ledoux, Milton Independent; Ken Minck, Suzanna Brown and Bob Hsier.

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

Mike McCarthy added the following to the agenda:

1. Tandem truck loan approval.
2. Delinquent Tax Collector Memo regarding tax sales.
3. Approve of Class 2 Road Grant.

Public Appearance:

Conservation Commission. Suzanna Brown and Ken Minck. Bob Hsier from VT Land Trust. The Selectboard congratulated the Conservation Commission on getting the Grant that they submitted. Suzanna went over what the next steps are for purchasing the Mosely property. There is a long list of things that need to be accomplished but we will start with a short list first. First we have an appointment with Chip from the St. Albans City to discuss their understanding of whether they have a right of way to the lake or not, which is July 1st. The Title review is to be completed by the VT Land Trust. It seems like everybody would be happy with a letter saying that the property value did not increase and not have to pay for a full appraisal again. This letter will make it happen faster, if it is ok with the Selectboard. We are not going to change the amount we are paying for it if the appraisal comes in higher.

We are also putting together an interim management plan. Ken Minck would like to put together a committee of Conservation Members and the public at large. We would include any of the neighbors that would be interested as well. The neighbors had some concerns and we want to make sure that we can address as many of these concerns as possible. What they would like to see happen on the property or not happen on the property. Ken expects to call the first meeting in the next 4-6 weeks.

Our initial parking lot we envisioned that it being right on the end between the driveway that is on the class 4 road and the culvert that has some issues. The Conservation Commission will consult with the Road Commissioner to see what the best way to get this taken care of.

Does the parking lot need to go through Planning/Zoning? The Right of Way is three rods. We might be able to get a parking lot at the end of the road, we will have to investigate this further. There was a general discussion regarding the parking lot and the Class 4 Road.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard that they would like to see a plan. What is going to be in the management plan? Once the subcommittee is formed and some of the objections of the neighbors can be

heard and dealt with, then they will feel more comfortable moving forward with the purchase. We need to overcome a lot of the objections from the neighbors. Congratulations again for getting the grant. The Selectboard thanked everyone for coming in and meeting with them.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 13, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 6/13/16 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 #24 for period end 6/16/16; Check Warrant Report PR #25 for period end 6/23/16; Check Warrant Report AP #42 for a payroll transfer to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant Report AP #43 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 #44, for the general fund, made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

None

Unfinished Business Report:

None

New Business/Additions to Agenda:

1. Tandem Truck Loan. Amber went out to bid for the Tandem Truck purchase loan per the budget. We were anticipating a loan of \$138,378, when we actually budgeted \$230,000 so we are actually borrowing less.

The lowest bidder was Union Bank at 1.35%. The payments would start in 2017.

Motion made to approve of the Union Bank Loan, which was the lowest bidder at 1.35%, with the Treasurer signing on behalf of the Selectboard, made by Paul, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made to approve Check Warrant AP#45, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

2. Delinquent Tax Collector Memo regarding Tax Sales. There are four properties that are up for tax sale. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding these tax sales. After a brief discussion where many questions were asked, it is the general consensus of the Selectboard to ask Kevin Webster, to come in to discuss these with them. The Town Administrator will schedule Kevin for the next meeting.

3. Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Grant Award Agreement #PO1727. The Town received a Paving Grant from the State for an 80/20 match. We need to accept this grant and approve the Selectboard Chair or Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Selectboard.

Motion made to accept the Class 2 Roadway Grant #PO1727, and for the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Selectboard, made by Paul, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

4. Pike Contract for paving. The original contract Pike submitted, did not include all of the roads listed. Therefore this is a revised contract that needs to be accepted and signed.

Motion made to approve of the Pike Industries Contract, with the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Selectboard, understanding that there will be an amended contract to incorporate the new grand funds coming, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Action Items:

1. Kerry Burke informed Mike McCarthy that the chains on the swings at the Beach are breaking. Review pricing and vote on replacement swing equipment at Town Recreation area. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the replacement swings.

Motion made to purchase 8 swings from Miracle, out of the Recreation Budget, made by Tara, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

2. Receipt of Draft 2016 Town Plan and discussion and vote authorizing Town Administrator to request Northwest Regional Planning to review and approve 2016 Town Plan. Informational at this time.

3. Review and vote to authorize Chairman or Town Administrator to sign contract for 2016 paving. See under unfinished business for this action.

4. Notice of Memorial Benefit to Fire Department from insurance policy regarding the LODD. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding this \$5,000.00 benefit.

Motion made for the Town Treasurer to put these funds into an account earmarked Fire Department Memorial Fund, to be used at the discretion of the Fire Department, with Selectboard approval, made by Ric, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

5. Review and vote to sign Letter of Support for Recreational Facilities Grant.

Motion made to approve of Mike applying for the Recreational Facilities Grant, which is a 50/25/25 matching grant, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

6. Review and vote authorization for Town Clerk to approve Boyden Valley application for Special Event Wine Tasting at Homestead Campground on July 2, 2016.

Motion made to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the Boyden Valley Wine Tasting at Homestead Campground, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

7. Review and vote to authorize Treasurer to sign loan for truck. See #1 under New Business for action.

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

1. Legal Trails review. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the legal trails. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to wait until Legal Trail #4 is surveyed and then take action on both of these trails at the same time.
2. Dispatch cost review. After review the dispatching more, we would need to purchase \$25,000 - \$30,000 in new equipment. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to not change our current dispatching.

Treasurer's Correspondence:

1. Banking establishments' invitation to bid \$64,800 loan for new truck. (Possible action item if bids received in time). See #1 under New Business for action.

General Correspondence:

1. 2016 Road Salt prices. Informational only, no change in cost from last year.
2. Georgia Conservation Commission meeting minutes from May 16, 2016.
3. Georgia Library Trustees – Agenda for June 27, 2017 meeting.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

1. VMERS Retirement Rates notice for 2017.

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

None

Items for Signature:

Paving contract. Copy for Chair to sign or authorize Town Administrator to sign.

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

1. Legal.
2. Personnel.
3. Town Employee Evaluations.
4. 9:00 p.m. returning firefighters.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:10 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.

9:00 p.m., Keith Baker, Fire Chief; Andrew Dunsmore, Brittany Bull, Jordan Valyou, and Leonard Delage, joined the Selectboard in Executive Session.

9:30 p.m., Keith Baker, Fire Chief, Andrew Dunsmore, Brittany Bull, Jordan Valyou, and Leonard Delage, left the meeting.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 9:40 p.m. by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to authorize the Town Administrator to hire contractor Cutting Edge Construction to begin demolition and renovation work at the Georgia Library, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to approve employee evaluations as discussed and authorize Town Administrator to meet with each employee to distribute and discuss with them, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

Monday, July 11, 2016, regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.