

Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Approved: September 12, 2016

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Abby Ledoux, Milton Independent

Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to postpone the 7:00 Executive Session discussion until the end of the meeting.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the August 8, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 8/8/16 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 #32 for period end 8/11/16; Check Warrant Report PR #33 for period end 8/18/16; Check Warrant Report AP #55 for payroll transfers to Citizens Bank, and James & Alma Gallagher; and Check Warrant Report AP #56 for payroll transfers to Citizens Bank and James & Alma Gallagher, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #57, for the general fund, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Matt asks if we know how close we are on 104A parking lot engineering. There was \$5,000 budgeted and Amber states that we are nowhere near the \$5,000.

Selectboard Concerns:

1. The Board has some concerns with the Library Trustees Minutes dated 8/15/16. Matt was troubled by the minutes and sent an email to the Library Board indicating such and was told that it was out of context, which doesn't explain the concerns. According to the Library Board's emails what we see here in the minutes is not indicative to the true conversation. Chris believes that the same email states that the minutes are verbatim, so how do read them? If the minutes are verbatim how are we taking them out of context?

Dan Walters states in the minutes, "I checked the Town Website. They are woefully behind on posting minutes. They are out of compliance with the Public Meeting Law." Krissy sent Dan two emails and the whole Board an email asking them what Dan is referring to and has yet to hear back from anyone. As far as Krissy is concerned, the website is up to date and if it is not, she needs to know why. Krissy has not received back any response from any of the Library Board.

The Selectboard finds it very concerning when a fellow board jumps the Selectboard in their minutes, it is pretty disheartening. This indicates that the Selectboard has to call the Town Attorney to make sure they are compliant with the law.

Matt made his displeasure known and it appears that they would like to move forward and there was a tacit apology maybe. The Selectboard thought that we had a good working relationship with this Board, when it appears they think differently. Hopefully they now know we are paying attention to the minutes. If this continues, the Selectboard will ask the Trustees to come in and talk to them about this.

2. Ric states that we need to do something with the Veterans Monument, which has a drainage issue. The water is running off of the parking lot right down into the monument and it is covering some of the bricks. Colin Conger has offered to get quotes to repair the drainage issue of the monument. After a brief discussion, it is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Colin to move forward in getting quotes on the repair and bring back to the Selectboard for approval.

Unfinished Business Report:

1. Update – Public Gathering Ordinance. Process to adopt ordinance. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the ordinance. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Mike and Matt to work on this ordinance and bring back a draft to the full board.

2. Update – Process to convey legal trail on Georgia Mountain. Mike went over the process of conveying a legal trail. First you must identify the trail, notify the public, and then have two public hearings. Do we know if the property has been surveyed? The Board in general feels that it would be up to the land owners to have it surveyed, so there is no cost to the Town or taxpayers. Could we lump this in with Legal Trail #4? Yes you could lump the two issues together. Mike will follow up with the landowners to see if it has been surveyed and get back with the Board to move forward.

3. Update – Pattee Hill Road. The Highway Crew has been doing some work on Pattee Hill Rd. They have widened the road. Ric believes we have done what we could do without spending a lot of money. Mike McCarthy has not met with the VTrans Engineer as of yet.

4. Update – Library bathroom. The bathroom has been converted, the work is just about complete.

Mike also got a call from the Library that the other bathroom was leaking. These are both wall mounted units as well. Mike has contacted the plumber, he was there within an hour. He has ordered the parts and once he gets them he will make the repair.

New Business:

1. Algae reporting at beach. Someone is regularly sending pictures to Lake Champlain Committee (LCC). The LCC has been really good at sending the Town the information, however, they were stating that our beach was shut down, when one of them was nowhere near the beach at all. Mike called and asked them why they are closing the beach and they stated that the beach was the closest public place to that so we put it at the beach. In the future they will contact Mike for him to verify if the beach was closed.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to purchase some permanent signs and leave them up to caution people regarding the water.

Action Items:

1. Consider and vote – Boyden Valley Winery, Special Event Permit Request for Homestead Campground on September 3, 2016.

Motion made to approve the Special Event Permit for Homestead Campground, by Boyden Valley Winery, made by Ric, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

2. Consider Delegate Designation Form, and Awards for VLCT Annual Meeting. No action taken after a brief discussion.

Mike would like to nominate George Bilodeau for the Municipal Service Award and Carolyn Branagan for the Legislative Award. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for Mike to make these nominations.

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

1. Communication from Green Mountain Power regarding future change out of street lights and probable increase in cost. After a brief discussion, the Selectboard would like Mike to follow up with GMP to see what kind of cost increase they are talking about.

Treasurer's Correspondence:

1. 2016 Legal Expenses through 6-30-16.

General Correspondence:

1. Georgia Library Trustees – Meeting minutes from 8/15/16. See Selectboard concerns for discussion.
2. VLCT-PACIF claims cost detail for period 1/1/11 – 6/30/16.
3. Vermont State Police – July, 2016 Activity Reports.
4. Georgia Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes from 8/15/16.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

None

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

1. VLCT – PACIF training brochure.
2. VLCT – Town Fair October 5 & 6 at the EXPO.

Items for Signature:

None

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

1. Legal.
2. Real Estate.
3. 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 Tara, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

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

No action out of Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

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