

Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Approved: **Unapproved**

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Dina & Scott Begnoche; Abby Ledoux, Milton Independent

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

No additions or deletions were added to the agenda.

Public Appearance:

Dina and Scott Begnoche. The Begnoche's are here to discuss putting up guardrails on their property as it is a dangerous curve. They live on the corner of Georgia Shore Road and Cline Road. Up until now it has been a nuisance with all the accidents there, but this last one was bad and they actually ran over a tree, her son's goal and then hit the house. I have asked in the past for a guardrail (about 8 years ago). Dina spoke to Mr. Webster and the reason she got was someone would die, so we can't put up guardrails, we will just put up signs. Well signs are great but if someone is impaired, as clearly as this person was, signs aren't going to stop them.

Ric joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Ric states that if guardrails are not called for in this area, then putting them there, would create a liability for the Town. Manual on Uniform Traffic Device Standards don't recommend putting guardrails there. Guardrails are not intended to prevent the cars not complying with the speed, there are designed and intended to prevent a hazard at the legal speed.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the guardrails. The Selectboard would like the Town Administrator to research the guardrails standards and see if this is something the Town can do and bring back to the next Selectboard meeting. Mike will speak with the Engineer of VTrans District 8 and see what they say as well.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the August 24, 2015, regular meeting was reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 8/24/15 regular meeting, with the change discussed, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. Tara abstained, all others in favor.

Minutes of the September 4, 2015, special meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve the 9/4/15 regular meeting, as presented, made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. Tara and Paul abstained, all others in favor.

Review of Warrants:

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR #34 for period end 8/27/15; Check Warrant Report PR #35 for period end 9/03/15; Check Warrant Report PR #36 for period end 9/10/15; Check Warrant Report AP #71 for a

transfer to VT Fish & Wildlife; Check Warrant Report AP #72 for transfers to Citizens Bank, VMERS DB and VT Dept. of Taxes; Check Warrant AP #73 for a transfer to Citizens Bank; Check Warrant Report AP #74 for transfers to Citizens Bank; and Check Warrant Report AP #75 for payments for the Fall Fest, made by Matt, second by Paul. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP #76, for the general fund, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

- a). Paul states that open enrollment is November 1st and feels that the Selectboard should meet with the navigator from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mike states that he is attending a meeting on Wednesday and will speak with them to set up a meeting with the Selectboard for the 2nd meeting in October.
- b). Paul asks if we are going to get a quote from Hickok & Boardman for our insurance. Mike has been working with them to get them the information they need. Mike states that they will be here at the next Selectboard meeting to go over proposals.
- c). Matt received an email from a resident regarding Reynolds Rd. When he called to complain about the condition of the road, he didn't like the way he was treated. Mike followed up with the resident.

Unfinished Business Report:

- a). Update – progress on “Welcome to Georgia” signage. Mike has been working with land owners to place the signs. Mike has property owners North and South who have agreed to have signs placed on their properties. An agreement has been prepared for the owners to sign. The Highway Department is cleaning up the signs and we are hoping that the signs are put up in the next two weeks.
- b). Update – bidders for repairs to beach basketball/tennis area. Mike is having a hard time getting other quotes for the repairs at the beach. Mike will put this in the budget file for next year as it is not going to get done this year.
- c). Update – bid requests for survey Legal Trail #4. A RFP has been sent out to bidders to survey Legal Trail #4. Waiting for the bids to come in.
- d). Update – parking lot engineering off VT Rt. 104A. This will be discussed in Executive Session.

New Business:

- a). Carpenter Hill Road – Stream Assessment and Restoration plan. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding this plan. Mike will be looking for a Better Backroads Grant for next year. This is the assessment that was done that Kent Henderson had done. The Selectboard has some concerns about the Town going on private property. We don't mind fixing anything on the Common that needs fixing but there are some legitimate concerns about going on private property; that is not the taxpayer's responsibility to fix private property. This is long term, nothing has been done formally.

Action Items:

- a). Affirm action taken on Special Event Permit issued to Boyden Valley Winery.

Motion made to affirm the action taken via email to approve the Special Event Permit issued to Boyden Valley Winery for an event at Homestead Campground, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

b). Review information and vote on Green Mountain Power request for right-of-way across fire station property.

Motion made to approve request for a Right-of-Way for Green Mountain Power, with the Town Administrator signing on behalf of the Selectboard, made by Ric, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:

a). Gift from Mike and Karen Bouthillette. Administrator will send a thank you note on behalf of the Selectboard.

Treasurer's Correspondence:

a). Tax Rates, CLA, COD chart.

b). General Ledger Checking Account Worksheet – August 2015.

c). Town Employee accrued time report as of August 31, 2015.

General Correspondence:

a). Georgia Fire Department – Regular business meeting minutes of August 6, 2015 and September 3, 2015 meetings.

b). Vermont League of Cities and Towns – Insurance RFP information.

c). Public Service Board Application of Richard and Michelle Paya for Certificate of Public Good – Solar Project.

d). Franklin County Sheriffs' Office – August 2015 activity report.

e). MVP Insurance – Plan Charts.

f). VT State Police – August 2015 activity reports.

g). Blue-Green Algae report.

h). Georgia Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2015.

i). Georgia Recreation Committee – Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2015.

j). Swanton Wind – Information packet.

k). Vermont Gas – Upgrade Information on Sandy Birch Pressure Regulation Station.

State of Vermont Correspondence:

a). AOT Notice – Change in towns covered by District 8 VTrans.

b). Act 64 – Water Quality Bill information.

Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:

None

Items for Signature:

None

Legal Correspondence:

None

Confidential / Executive Session Items:

a). Contracts/Attorney Client information.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 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 Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 8:20 p.m. by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made out of Executive Session to accept the revised Proposal for Engineering Services for the Town of Georgia Access/Parking area as submitted by Ruggiano Engineering and dated September 14, 2105. Revision added that Ruggiano Engineering will not exceed \$5,000 in costs without prior notification of, and approval by, the Selectboard. Monies for this project will come from the Conservation Commission General Fund, made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. made by Matt, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins

Monday, September 28, 2015, next regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.