

**Georgia Selectboard Regular Meeting
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room & via Zoom
Monday, July 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Approved: August 22, 2022

Board Members Present: Carolyn Branagan, Dawn Penney, Doug Bergstrom, Gary Wright, Carl Rosenquist

Board Members Absent: None

Staff & Other Board Members Present: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk & Town Administrator; Ashley Sterling, Selectboard Clerk; Todd Cadieux, Road Foreman; Amber Baker, Treasurer

Public Present: A.C. Ainsworth; Norm Gosselin; Basil Burt; Linda Kirker

Carolyn Branagan opened the meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Public Forum:

- Norm Gosselin stated he was here about the Diversity & Inclusion agenda item.
- Linda Kirker thanked the Selectboard for serving and seconds what Norm said.

Public Appearances:

- Katharine Otto, VT Department of Transportation – Route 7 Corridor: Katharine gave a brief overview of the Route 7 Corridor project and the results from the survey. Katharine asked the Selectboard if there were any questions or comments. Carolyn Branagan asked if the work that is currently being done in Milton is part of this project. Katharine responded that there were different levels of the project and the work that is currently being done in Milton is not related. Katharine informed the Selectboard that there was a total of 218 responses to the survey. General discussion continued with Katharine and the Selectboard. Carolyn asked when the Selectboard would hear from the State again. Katharine responded that they could do another presentation in a few months or give the information to Cheryl to present.
- Bob Harnish & Al Wakefield – Diversity & Inclusion: Bob & Al explained the Declaration of Inclusion and informed the Selectboard that 59 other Cities and Towns in Vermont have adopted this and are hoping Georgia would be next. Some Towns have adopted the one already created, some Towns have edited it a little to fit their Town, while other Town's have created their own. The Town of Franklin was there first to adopt the Declaration in 2020. Bob informed the Selectboard that they still follow what the Constitution states and that VLCT has fully endorsed the Declaration and are currently working on a guideline to implement it. Carolyn thanked the gentlemen for there presentation and informed them that this is something that needed to be discussed and they would decide at a later time.

Additions/Deletions/Changes:

Cheryl informed the board that she would like to add the dock at the beach (damages). It looks as if something ran into it. The highway department will work with Josh & Doug to repair the dock.

Doug Bergstrom added a few items to discuss about the beach including tennis courts having mold on them. Doug received a quote from Gene Depot for cleaning the courts, but it is over the purchasing policy quote, so addition quotes are needed.

Doug informed the Selectboard that the gates and doors to the beach have been found opened and wondering if there are others who have a set. Todd responded that the set Cheryl & himself have are a new set this year. Doug stated that when Bob left there was no guidance as to what Josh should be doing next.

Gary stated that all these issues are the reason he feels the Town needs a Public Works person.

Doug also stated that specific hours for opening and closing of the beach should be stated on a sign. The current sign says 9:00 a.m. to dusk, but dusk is different for everyone. When Josh goes to close the beach at night there are still cars in the parking lot. Todd stated that dusk was used in the past as to cover a wide time frame.

Carolyn stated she was looking for a motion to enter executive session under 1 VSA §313 Interim Town Administrator, Cheryl Letourneau to discuss personnel where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the state, municipality, other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage.

Carl Rosenquist made the motion. Gary Wright seconded. All were in favor.

Executive Session: No motions made

Review of Past Minutes:

- Carolyn to discuss edits needing to be made to the minutes with Ashley. Once edits are completed, these minutes will come back for approval.

Review of Warrants:

AP# 24 – Gary Wright made the motion to approve AP#24. Carl Rosenquist second. All were in favor.

Business:

Highway Garage Update – Todd informed the Selectboard the access road has been installed. Sheet metal fabrication is taking place now and concrete floor being done soon. Gary informed the Selectboard that he would like to use some of the ARPA money to pave the driveway.

Black Walnut MOU – Extended to accommodate Attorney request.

Fairbanks Road Memorial Request – No update.

Davis Cemetery Tree – Cheryl informed the Selectboard that the neighbor called as the branches are falling into his yard. Todd took a look at the tree and stated that the tree is dead and should be taken down. Discussion was had on bids and where the money to remove the tree would come from.

Consent Agenda:

- DRB Minutes & Agenda
- Library Trustee Minutes
- PC Minutes & Agenda

Selectboard Interest:

- Carolyn stated she will be researching to see if any of the ARPA money could be invested.
- Carolyn expressed her frustration with how meetings have been going. Meetings have been more of a discussion with no resolutions being made.
- Discussion was had on adding sub committees
- Carl has suggested VLCT come to a Selectboard meeting and discuss ARPA and explain public appearances.

Staff Meeting Highlights:

- Cheryl commented that these meetings have been great. Department heads have really enjoyed them.

Motion to end the regular Selectboard Meeting at 9:45 p.m. made by Doug Bergstrom. Second by Gary Wright. All were in favor.