

**Georgia Selectboard
Special Meeting
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Approved: **Approved**

Present: Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Steve Lamos, and Jason Burt.

Absent: Selectboard: Tara Wright

Public Present: David Vincent. Michael Frett (St. Albans Messenger)

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The first item on the agenda is the appointment of a new selectboard member to serve until Town Meeting Day 2020. Deb Woodward resigned on June 24, 2019. The town has posted a notice of vacancy and followed the state statutes regarding filling the position. There were four people who made official requests to be appointed. Kyle Anderson, David Vincent, Scott St. Onge and Scott Richards. There was discussion about Anderson and Vincent already being valuable members of town boards. Tara, in absentia, told Matt her vote would be Kyle Anderson. To appoint either Anderson or Vincent, however, would require backfilling on other boards in town, which may prove problematic as we intend to implement a ORB later this year

After some discussion, motion by Steve Lamos to appoint Scott St. Onge to fill the selectboard position that expires on Town Meeting Day 2020. Second by Jason. Motion carried, 3-0, with Matt voting to ensure a quorum. Matt will reach out to Scott and have him sworn in and ready for the July 22 regular meeting. The other candidates will be notified of the board's decision.

Second item on the agenda is personnel. Matt informed the board that Larry Lewack will join as Planning Coordinator in mid-August to terms previously negotiated. There is also Sam Gould, a candidate for selectboard clerk that Steve and Jason have met with. He is interested in the position through November. Motion by Steve, seconded by Jason, to hire Sam Gould as selectboard clerk with a pay rate of \$20/hour with no additional benefits. Motion carried, 3-0, with Matt voting to ensure a quorum. The board anticipates he will work three hours for the 2nd and 4th Monday regular Selectboard meetings with 4-5 hours subsequently to create the minutes. The following week may require up to five hours to assist the packet creation and distribution. Depending on meeting schedules, the job should take about 25 hours per month. Steve will instruct Sam to come to the town offices to complete his employment paperwork.

Sam will begin the week of July 15 with packet delivery and attend the July 22 regular meeting.

Additionally, Jason came bearing news about the progress of a truck purchase by the highway crew. He has spoken at length with Todd. The truck the board authorized purchase of recently will not be available in time. There are some options from other dealers. There was a discussion about reconfiguring the truck purchase plan. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Motion by Steve, seconded by Jason.

July 18, 2019

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An assessment is not necessary when the entire parcel is withdrawn or changed. This is because Fair Market Value equals the value of the enrolled land divided by the Common Level of Appraisal. If only a portion of a parcel is developed or withdrawn, that portion will be assessed separately to obtain its Fair Market Value.

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Sincerely,


Bill Hinman
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