

Georgia Selectboard Budget Meeting
Letourneau Meeting Room
Tuesday, December 19, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Approved: February 11, 2019

Present: Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Deb Woodward, Tara Wright, Ric Nye, Steve Lamos, and Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator

Absent: None

Public Present: None

Matt called the budget meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this evening's budget meeting was to attempt to meet with Abigail Friedman and Bob Hall from VLCT and continue our efforts to arrive at an acceptable method for creating the next 6-year capital budget program documents. Ms. Friedman and Mr. Hall will only be available by phone this evening, as weather has prevented them from joining us in person.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the proposed Capital Budget documents with Mr. Hall. He is championing a document that doesn't provide enough transparency for us. The documents that he created for St. Albans Town are fine for a Town Manager form of government, but our more rural style with a Town Administrator requires more transparency and intentions more clearly spelled out for financing and intent.

Mr. Hall failed to meet some projected deadlines over the summer months. The spreadsheets he did provide us in the last week do not have any explanations provided, nor actions requested.

Deb and Matt previously held a phone conference with both Ms. Friedman and Mr. Hall, and shared the board's overall concerns that this document does not meet our needs, and Mr. Hall is not listening to our concerns. Ms. Friedman was unaware of the missed deadlines and the unanswered emails.

Mr. Hall and Ms. Friedman agreed to review the Selectboard's concerns together, and arrive at some spreadsheets that more closely reflected the Town of Georgia's four previous, successful, 6-year cycles.

The Selectboard believes that an updated Active Assets Schedule and more serious discussion with the Road Commission, as well as the Fire Chief, are necessary before any serious consideration can be given to any of Mr. Hall's calculations.

The Board thanked Ms. Friedman and Mr. Hall for their time on the phone.

There was a general discussion regarding the 2019 Draft Budget.

Motion made to continue the budget meeting to January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., made by Ric, second by Deb. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.