

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting  
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room  
Monday, June 25, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

**Approved:** July 9, 2018

**Present:** Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Ric Nye, Tara Wright, Steve Lamos; Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator; Amber Baker, Treasurer

**Absent:** Deb Woodward

**Public Present:** Mike Frett – St. Albans Messenger; Thomas Oliver, Suzanna Brown and Rob Meader.

Matt called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Matt asked for any additions, deletions or comments to the agenda. Mike added the following to the agenda:

1. Public Appearance – Thomas Oliver – Candidate running for Franklin County Sheriff.
2. Check Warrants AP #40 and AP #41.
3. Rummage Sale Building update.
4. VIS Reports.
5. Treasurer – Tax Anticipation Note.

**Public Appearance:**

**Conservation Commission – Suzanna Brown and Rob Meader.** Suzanna questioned what the Selectboard meant at their last meeting when they stated “The Selectboard tasked the Chair with following up with the GCC Chair and explaining our position. Matt sent an email on April 23, 2018 explaining the Town’s position. This did not make it into their May meeting minutes.” Suzanna stated that this didn’t make it into the meeting minutes because it was not discussed at their meeting. Also, the Russell Greene Natural area was donated, not purchased as the minutes reflect. The Selectboard will correct the minutes to reflect the correct information.

The Selectboard and Conservation Commission had a general discussion regarding the parking lot on Silver Lake Road. Suzanna has met with Todd, Highway Foreman, and Todd thinks that he can do it for under the \$5,000 that was budgeted. They will continue to work on this moving forward.

There was a general discussion regarding all of the trash being dumped around Town. Mike has been working with the State to address this issue down at the Mill River Rd. Parking Area. This seems to be a consistent problem down there and a few other places in Town.

The Selectboard thanked Suzanna and Rob for coming in and meeting with them.

**Thomas Oliver – Running for Franklin County Sheriff.** Thomas is here to introduce himself. He is a full time Deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office currently. He has been there for 29 years,

resident of Sheldon, married with two children. He has been with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office since 1990. He is running as a Republican, with no challenger for the Primary in August.

Thomas went over how he feels the situation in Georgia is doing. Thomas feels that Georgia is a professional community. There is a lot of traffic issues, especially on Georgia Shore Rd. The opiate issue is everywhere, it just seems to hide fairly well. All in all there is a pretty good handle on the reported crimes in Georgia.

This year the Town of Georgia upped our contract with the Sheriff's Office to 40 hours a week. Do you think that this is a sufficient amount of hours? Thomas states that if things are going good, we are right where we need to be. You run the risk if you turn it back to other things picking back up, it is hard to tell really.

Mr. Oliver doesn't see making a whole lot of changes, if he is elected. He believes that all of his staff would carry over as well. Staffing is always an issue. They are working on ways to improve this. The Selectboard thanked Mr. Oliver for coming in and introducing himself.

### **Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the June 11, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Motion made to approve the 6/11/18 regular meeting minutes, with changes discussed, made by Ric, second by Steve. No further discussion. All in favor.

Minutes of the June 13, 2018, special meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Motion made to approve the 6/13/18 special minutes, as presented, made by Ric, second by Steve. No further discussion. All in favor.

### **Review of Warrants:**

Previously approved Check Warrant Report PR#25 and AP#39 were reviewed. It is the general consensus to accept the previously approved check warrants.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report PR#26 for payroll ending 6/14/18, and Check Warrant Report AP#41 for payroll transfers, made by Tara, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to approve Check Warrant Report AP#40, for the general fund, made by Steve, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

### **Selectboard Concerns:**

1. Chris Messineo reached out to Matt regarding the Little League holding a camp at the beach. He was looking for permission. He will contact Krissy to check with any scheduling conflicts. The Little League has their own insurance. It is the general consensus of the Selectboard to approve this request.

2. Matt and Cheryl have been working on organizing a Picnic on the Town Green. This would take place on August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. They would invite food trucks and have music for the community to picnic on the Town Green. No additional insurance would be needed. The food trucks and musicians would be responsible for supplying their own insurance. There would be a small cost to rent port-a-

pottys. This would be to just gather our community together. This is still a work in progress. Matt will bring any more updates to a future meeting.

### **Unfinished Business Report:**

None

### **New Business/Action Items:**

1. Review Facility Use Policy. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the Facility Use Policy. After reviewing, it is the general consensus of the Selectboard to leave the policy as is. If we need to revisit this at a later date, we can.

2. Review request from USDA to waive the fees to use the pavilion at beach on July 13, 2018 for a family picnic/staff training.

Motion made to approve the request from the USDA to waive the pavilion beach fees, made by Ric, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

3. Review and act upon application of Steve Rabideau for appointment to the Georgia Planning Commission.

Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and appoint Steve Rabideau to the Planning Commission, until Town Meeting Day, made by Ric, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

4. Rummage Building Roof Replacement update. The roof has been replaced on the Rummage Building. A huge thank you goes out to Stacey St. Peter, Chris Lesage, Mark Wissel, Charlie Joyal, and Willie Lancare for all of their work done on replacing the roof at no cost to the Town of Georgia. The Selectboard will send out individual thank you letters. It is very much appreciated.

5. VIS Update. This is all of the latest updates for all buildings. No discussion at this time.

### **Administrator's Correspondences and Tasks:**

1. Town Hall repairs update. The repairs are progressing. The insurance company has said they will take care of everything, minus the \$1,000 deductible. The plumbing is all set, the place is now ready to be put back together. Mike will continue working on this project to get it complete.

2. State work crew update. The Work Crew has done some work at Gordon's Mills and they have done a really good job. They removed the debris off the roof, got the yards raked up, etc. They will remove the chimney at a later date.

3. Rummage sale building repairs update. See discussion under New Business.

4. Damage to Oakland Station Road from tractor trailer collision. Last week a tractor trailer that went off the road on Oakland Station Road and damaged the shoulder and the actual road surface. Mike has the insurance information on them and will be submitting a bill to them for the damage to our roads.

5. Georgia South Village Transportation Master Plan – meeting follow up. Mike attended the meeting here the other day. It was a great meeting with good progress. A very broad scope of things being looked at. Some very creative ideas have been thrown out which Mike feels would work well for that area. There will be another community wide meeting advertised for July 25<sup>th</sup>. We are going to try to schedule this meeting at the School in the Little Gym.

**Treasurer's Correspondence:**

1. Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). The Treasurer went out to bid for a TAN note. She sent out bid requests to five people and only received two back. Peoples Bank came in at 1.15% and Union Bank came in at 1.69%. Amber recommends taking out the TAN note with Peoples Bank.

Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer and get a TAN loan from Peoples Bank, at 1.15%, not to exceed \$250,000 with a due date of 11/1/18, made by Tara, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

**General Correspondence:**

1. Georgia Conservation Commission – Agenda for June 18, 2018 meeting. Tara questioned what the Conservation Commission meant when they are asking about the Sugarwood plan for 2019, should the agreement be with John Moseley?

Also regarding the Lost Pond ROW? Tara hopes we are not spending a lot of money on that. Matt will reach out to the Chair to get these questions answered.

**State of Vermont Correspondence:**

None

**Brochures, Newsletters, Workshops, and Advertisements:**

None

**Signatures Needed:**

None

**Legal Correspondence:**

None

**Confidential / Executive Session Items:**

1. Real Estate/Contractual.

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 Ric, second by Steve. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 7:55 p.m. by Steve, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

No action taken out of Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. made by Ric, second by Steve. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.

Monday, July 9, 2018 regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.