

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room
Monday, November 25, 2019
7:00 pm**

Approved: **Approved**

Present: Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Steve Lamos, Tara Wright, Jason Burt, Scott St. Onge. Town Administrator/Treasurer: Amber Baker. Selectboard Clerk: Samuel Gould.

Absent: All Present

Public Present: None

Matt Crawford opened the regular Selectboard meeting for November 25, 2019, for the Town of Georgia in the Chris Letourneau Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.

Matt asked the Town Administrator if there are any additions, deletions or changes to the meeting agenda. The following was changed;

The Gilmond land purchase is moved from unfinished business to executive session due to contract rule.

Public Appearances: None

Review of Past Minutes:

Motion to approve unapproved minutes from November 11, 2019 meeting with changes as described by board members by Steve, seconded by Scott, Matt and Jason approve, Tara abstains as she was not present at the November 11, 2019 meeting.

Review of Warrants: Minimum discussion.

Motion to approve PR46, PR47, AP77 & AP78 by Jason, Seconded by Steve, all in favor.

Motion to approve PR48 & AP80 by Jason, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

AP79 has some noted items to include Cross Engineering being over the not to exceed amount by \$183,933. This is due the state changes to the CAD engineering design that had to occur. The following expenses are due to the storm; Harrison Redi-Mix, Jeff Adams Excavating, McCulloughCrushing and Rocky Ridge Construction. There will be more as the invoices come in. We are keeping track of all these costs for possible FEMA reimbursement which can take 18 – 24 months. Amber was really impressed with Rocky Ridges invoice as it included material as well. \$10,800 of their invoice was stone. Harrison also opened the quarry for us over the weekend, Matt suggested we send them a thank you letter. There is also a \$500 Gilmond land purchase deposit on the AP, this will be discussed in executive session.

Motion to approve AP79 by Steve, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Selectboard Concerns:

None

Administrators Report to Selectboard:

Unfinished Business:

Update on Gilmond Property Purchase: Moved to executive session.

2019-2024 Capital Budget: Advertisement will appear in the St. Albans Messenger next week.

Highway heating and ventilation improvements: Roof work is complete; they did leave a mess and they were called back to clean it up. They also damaged some electrical conduit but they were not liable as the conduit was out of code. Issue was fixed by JFS at a cost of \$240. Mountain Air work has begun.

VTRANS 104A bridge replacement: Good briefing was given by the state but very few actual towns people attended. Local traffic only is supposed to use the alternate route and VTRANS is willing to kick in up to \$15k for road repairs and traffic control. This will be a six-week project. The GCC is opposed to having equipment staged at the Russell Green Nature Area parking lot. Matt has asked the GCC for clarification as to why.

Discussion followed on; we are providing the community as a whole a better service by allowing the parking lot to be use, deigning a good staging area could make the project go longer, Parking concerns for towns people during the construction, we have already given the state a yes answer already, the new road/bridge will be wider 10.5 feet to 13 feet and will include a bike lane.

The state will put out the bid in December with the project starting after school ends.

Some discussion on the exit 18 repairs, Jason stated that the box culverts need to be made, cured and set so this will not be completed soon. Board also discussed VT State RT 7 which the state shows as being in the worst condition from exit 18 until St. Albans. A date for repairs is still not listed on the states Vtransparent.com site. We have been told that we are number 1 on the 2021 scheduled.

New Business / Action items:

Request to consider also honoring Frances Mallet: A request to reconsider the Georgia Beach name change to also honor Peter Mallet's wife Frances. Historical Society also agrees and there is no issue with the change.

Motion to approve Changing the name from "The Peter Mallett Recreation Area" to "The Mallett Recreation Area" by Tara, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Animal Control Officer: David McWilliams house sale has been delayed and he is asking the board to reconsider his resignation. Carrie Lewis thinks it would be a good idea to keep David on as the ACO. The board is in consensus with this and the position opening will be removed from the website at this time.

Georgia School Bus Turn-a-round Request: Penny Cameron, Grand Ave Enterprises Supervisor, has submitted a request to use the private road Burtland Dr as a school bus turn-a-round for the midday preschoolers. This would entail the town highway department maintaining the end of the road. This would not normally come before the board but the road belongs to Jason Burt a current board member.

Board sees no issues with this request and all concur this request. Jason abstains from concurring.

Administrator's Correspondence and Tasks:

No major discussion.

Treasurer's Correspondence: Will be discussed at the second half of the meeting.

General Correspondence: No discussion

State of Vermont Correspondence:

Some discussion on the towns all hazards plan.

Brochures/Newsletters/Workshops: No discussion.

Executive Requirements:

Motion by Steve to enter executive session under 1 VSCA 313 with Amber to discuss the Gilmond land purchase contract, seconded by Tara, all approve.

Executive session entered at 7:24 p.m.

No action taken during executive session.

Other Business Found Necessary: None

Town Administrator Tasks review: None