

**Georgia Regular Selectboard Meeting
Via ZOOM Web Conferencing
Monday April 13, 2020 7:00 pm**

Approved: **Approved**

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

Absent: All present

Public Present: Todd Cadieux, Highway Foreman; Buddy Meilleur, LCATV Production Manager.

Matt Crawford opened the regular Selectboard meeting for April 13, 2020 for the Town of Georgia via ZOOM at 7:12 p.m. to discuss regular business and the effects of the current and any proposed town COVID-19 virus plans.

Additions, Changes or Deletions:

Amber brought forward the following additions

1. New Business #3: Mike Bouthillette's subdivision road names.
2. New Business # 4: Andrew Dunsmore's request to update the First Response infectious disease policy. The Selectboard moved this to public appearances.

Public Appearances:

Andrew Dunsmore provided the Selectboard with a COVID-19 update. There have been changes to how call responses work. All calls are now being screened by central dispatch and Georgia EMS will respond, as such, Andrew has asked the Selectboard to approve his changes to the infectious disease policy.

The Selectboard is in consensus with the policy changes.

Andrew further informed the selectboard that Northwestern Medical Center is working on its own virus studies, that the number of positive cases has increased in Franklin County but calls are down, hospitals are not turning people away and that the Georgia EMS currently has enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Review of Past Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 9, 2020 Selectboard Re-Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes by Steve, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Motion to approve the March 13, 2020 Emergency Selectboard Meeting Minutes with changes by Steve, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Motion to approve the March 26, 2020 Regular and Emergency Selectboard Meeting Minutes with changes by Steve, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Review of Warrants:

Motion to approve previously approved check warrants PR 16, AP24 and AP25 Steve, seconded by Jason, all in favor.

Some discussion followed on what the core return was for. Todd informed the Selectboard it was part of the steering system for one of the trucks. When you return the old part after purchasing a new or rebuilt part you receive funds back.

Selectboard Concerns:

Scott asked Amber about the status of the auditors RFP. She informed the selectboard that there have been no applications yet and that she will need to extend the date.

Administrators Report to Selectboard:

Unfinished Business:

1. Highway garage roof, ventilation and heating system: Roof was leaking during the last rainstorm so A.C Hawthorne has been contacted and will check on the roof on April 14, 2020.
2. Highway Oversight Committee Update: Meeting set for April 15, 2020 after a discussion with Mike Young.
3. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: No update at this time.
4. COVID-19 Updates:

We are having no issues at this time with the current remote access plan in place and we have received complements from town residents. The Governor has extended his Stay at home, stay safe order so both the April 27th and May 11th meetings will have to be conducted via ZOOM.

Todd informed the Selectboard that he would like to go back to the 45 hour work week as everything takes longer to do as they must clean and sanitize the equipment. This has also affected the coordination of all projects.

All is working well with requests for vault access and data.

5. Assessor Contract: The contract has been executed and the signature payment was hand delivered.

6. Trailer Purchase: Todd informed the board that he would like to purchase a 10K lb. equipment trailer for \$3,585.00 from Ackerman Equipment rather than a smaller landscaping trailer. This larger trailer would be able to haul culverts, excavators and the sweeper, along with other equipment the town may need to rent.

Discussion followed on; what will the larger trailer be used for, addition of a modified ramp for smaller equipment, the price difference (\$85 increase), what the GVWR for the 10K trailer is, warranty questions

and the ability of the larger trailer to fit in all areas it will be used.

Matt asked Amber, Jason and Todd to meet and discuss which trailer will be the best fit for the town and to make the final decision.

Amber informed the selectboard that the new town mower will arrive this coming Wednesday.

New Business / Action items:

1. 2020 Paving: Amber informed the selectboard that she has completed a bid proposal for them to review. She and Todd met and discussed what the 2020 projects should be and discussed the Class II paving grant the town is eligible for. The plan includes all paving projects not completed in 2019.

Scott will send Amber a list of all his change recommendations.

2. 2020 Georgia Town Beach General Permit. Each year the town must submit to the state a General Permit for drinking water. This will require Matt's signature during a scheduled selectboard meeting.

Matt informed the selectboard that he has the form and can sign it during the web conference.

Motion to approve Matt signing the document during a web conference and submitting the form to the state by Tara, seconded by Jason, all in favor.

Discussion followed on do we open the beach. Amber informed the selectboard that Bob Larose will do the work required to prepare for the opening of the beach but he will not put out the picnic tables and trash cans. The gate will be open for those wishing to use the boat launch but the dock will not be in place. The Selectboard is in consensus with Bob's actions and that the beach will remain closed until the governor rescinds the Stay at Home, Stay Safe order.

3. Mike Bouthillette's request to name his new subdivisions road: The board had some discussion on Mike's number one choice "Natures Nook Lane". The main issue was should it be an apostrophe "s" and would that even be allowed and which has the better grammar "Nature Nook Lane" or Natures Nook Lane". Amber to contact Mr. Bouthillette to request the change of word nature.

Motion to approve "Nature Nook Lane" or Natures Nook Lane" by Steve, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Treasurer's Correspondence: No discussions.

General Correspondence: No discussions.

State of Vermont Correspondence: None.

Brochures/Newsletters/Workshops: None.

Executive Requirements: None.

Other Business Found Necessary: None

Town Administrator Tasks review:

Look into PDF signature options

Extend Auditing RFP

Determine a trailer purchase with Jason and Todd in the best interest of the Town

Make changes to paving bids and distribute to vendors

Submit Beach permit to the State of Vermont

Contact Mike Bouthillette about new road name

Contact Kelly Viens about St. Albans Recreation invoice

Motion by Scott to enter executive session under 1 VSCA §313 with Amber Baker to discuss contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration, mediation, grievances, civil actions, or prosecutions by the state, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the state, municipality, other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage by Scott, seconded by Steve, all in favor.

Executive session entered at 8.02 p.m.

Executive session and Selectboard meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

No actions taken outside of executive session.