



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

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1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Chair Kellie Bosenberg, Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Judith Nasca (via Zoom), Carl Rosenquist, Tammy Hardy

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Cheryl Letourneau (via Zoom)

PUBLIC PRESENT

Heather Dunsmore, Andre LaBier, Jeff Piche, Michelle Piche, Dianne Lynch

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- L. Hobart requested the addition of Warrant #2628 in the amount of \$7, 248.51 (4D)
- D. Bergstrom requested the addition of Rowley Fuel contract (7E)

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2026
Motion to approve the minutes with changes to Selectboard in attendance and grammar error.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy
- B. Approval of Payroll Warrant
Motion to approve the payroll warrant.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by T. Hardy
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy
- C. Approval of Warrant #2627

Motion to approve Warrant #2627 in the amount of \$44,501.01

- L. Hobart and T. Cadieux answered questions on the warrant.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

D. Motion to approve Warrant #2628 in the amount of \$7,248.51

- L. Hobart explained the warrant included old tax refunds due to property owners who were issued checks that were never cashed. L. Hobart will be reissuing them to the Town of Georgia as a credit on their 2026 tax bills.

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)

All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.

- Andre LaBier was present to announce his candidacy for Sheriff of Franklin County and explain his qualifications and platform.
- Diane Lynch, Michelle & Jeff Piche and others were present to represent nine families residing around Silver Lake in Fairfax. Vice Chair Dunsmore let the group know they were on the Agenda and recommended the Selectboard allow the issue move up to 7A on the evening's agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Town Forest Fire Warden System Change

- Fire Chief will now have jurisdiction as Fire Warden and has designated Andrew Dunsmore as Deputy Fire Warden.

B. Vermont Council on Rural Development 7th Annual Vermont Community Leadership Summit

- Chair Bosenberg has nominated D. Bergstrom to attend the one-day summit in Castleton, VT.

7. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

A. Silver Lake Woods

- D. Bergstrom explained he has received several complaints about parking and trespassing at Silver Lake Woods. He met with the Conservation Commission who acknowledge signs are posted and being removed and new signs need to be erected expressing the trail ends.
- Diane Lynch, together with Michelle and Jeff Piche explained there are nine homeowners on White Pine Road near Silver Lake who learned St. Albans had the intention to sell the lake, and a neighbor who has plans to purchase the lake to start a bottled water company.
- They have reservations with the company which will drain the lake and bottle the water. The group questioned whether the Town of Georgia knows about this and have any thoughts.
- The group is requesting two things: Does the Town of Georgia want to participate in the conversation and (1) ask the Conservation Commission to work to understand the project in association with the implications to the environment; and (2) invite the public to have a conversation about this potential sale and the implications to the environment in the Town of Georgia.
- The Selectboard recommended reaching out the Conservation Commission and the Agency of Natural Resources.

- D. Bergstrom explained to the Selectboard the Conservation Commission created signs to be posted around the Silver Lake trails requesting individuals not leave the trails without issuing *No Trespassing* notices as the Conservation Commission are not legally obligated to post.
 - It is the property owners' responsibility to post *No Trespassing* signs on their property, and to come into the Town of Georgia to pay to post the property.
 - J. Nasca suggested signs that indicate "The Trail ends here, private property beyond this point." Also suggested a small fence or other indicator that the trail ends.
 - Chair Bosenberg said the Town approves multiple signs on posts to raise awareness of the trail ending at Silver Lake and to be installed by the Conservation Commission.
 - D. Bergstrom will contact the Conservation Commission for sign installation and reach out to the city of Saint Albans regarding the sale of Silver Lake.
 - A **Memorial Bench** was requested at Silver Lake Woods by community members. The cost will be approximately \$750+. The Selectboard gave the family permission to install the bench. D. Bergstrom will reach out to the Conservation Commission to follow up with suggesting a location for the bench.
- B. Steve Cushing, Weed Harvesting Coordinator with the St. Albans Area Watershed Association
- Chair Bosenberg is putting it out to the Town of Georgia for an organization or private individual to take on the weed harvesting at Lake Champlain.
- C. NCSS Grant for the Georgia Public Library - Action to Approve
Motion to approve the NCSS grant that runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca
- K. Caspers was present to explain the grant that has been procured in the past for programming in support of early intervention.
- Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy
- D. Dog License Penalty - See Animal Control Ordinance Section 3.1.2 and Section 14.1.2
- C. Letourneau was present to inform the Selectboard of the number of dog licenses that have not been renewed and requested how they would like to proceed with overdue dog licenses. The Town's ordinance announces late fees from \$100/day and up from there for compliance.
 - The Selectboard recommended the ACO reach out to dog owners with overdue licenses. A letter will be sent requesting dog owners to register their pets by August 15th or penalties will be charged.
 - There was a recommendation to inform dog owners early next year during dog license renewals that late fees will be applied after the April 1st, 2027 deadline.
- E. Rowley Fuels Pre-Buy Contract
- The pre-buy is \$1.819 plus fuel taxes per gallon of propane for 2,500 gallon. T. Cadieux is recommending we buy at this price for savings.
 - D. Bergstrom and T. Cadieux answered questions on the fuel prebuy contract. This is budgeted but needs Selectboard approval as it is a contract.
- Motion to approve the propane prebuy at \$1.819/gallon for 2,500 gallons.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Georgia Public Library Building Revitalization Committee Update
- D. Bergstrom met with a concrete company for an estimate but he is still waiting on the set of plans for the glass vestibule. The project is still within the Town's budget.

- T. Cadieux reported the electrician sent a quote for installing ADA compliance fixtures and the power for the electric push-buttons will be around \$2500.

B. Bridge #28 (Bridge on Mill River Road)

- T. Cadieux gave an update to the work being done on Mill River Road. The bridge has been removed and the water will be diverted via the culvert with work to rebuild starting next week. He reported they are on schedule.
- D. Bergstrom has not received any complaints from community members regarding road closure, however there have been complaints of speeding on Polly Hubbard Road. There are also high grasses on the corner of Polly Hubbard and Route 7 that are causing a problem to cars safely pulling out.

C. Bridge #8 (Bridge on Georgia Shore Road between The Pines and Mill River Road)

- Vice Chair Dunsmore met with road engineer Tyler Billingsly to talk about studies done on the bridge prior to any work being done. T. Billingsly estimates work on this bridge will not commence for another two years.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Town Administrator

- D. Bergstrom provided a TA report and answered Selectboard questions on the information provided.

B. Public Works/Highway

- T. Cadieux reported some culverts failed on Georgia Shore Road, which will have to be repaired after the bridge work is done.

C. Treasurer

- L. Hobart provided a Treasurer report and answered Selectboard questions on the information provided.
- The Treasurer and assistant Treasurer would like to attend the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers training as well as the Northeast Regional Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association training. Both take place in September.
- Chair Bosenberg stated both training courses are beneficial to the Town and available so long as the funds are within the Town's budget.

10. OTHER

- T. Cadieux requested discussion on fire personnel, but D. Bergstrom said the applicant for hire had withdrawn application.

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. July 27, 2026

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313 - requires majority vote)

A. Personnel

Chair Bosenberg would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel, which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Chair Bosenberg moves that we enter into executive session to discuss Personnel with D. Bergstrom and L. Hobart under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes at 8:18PM.

Motion to enter into Executive session with D. Bergstrom and L. Hobart

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by T. Hardy
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Motion to exit Executive Session at 9:30 PM

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Action taken out of Executive Session:

Motion to appoint Steve Sheldon to the position of Zoning Administrator/DRB Coordinator/E-911 Coordinator.

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Motion to appoint Kollene Caspers to the position of Zoning Administrator/Planning Coordinator/Selectboard Clerk.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:40PM

Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

TABLED ITEMS:

- Revisit the Personnel Policy to include all Federal holidays in our schedule, as well as other scheduling and other updates.

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Minutes and meeting videos are posted on the Town of Georgia website.

Signed: Doug Bergstrom, Town Administrator

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