



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Present: C. Rosenquist, D. Thomas, B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen and K. Senna, By Zoom

Staff: C. Letourneau, TA

Public Present: K. Minck, H. Grimm, F. Grimm, T. Hargy, L. Delorme, C. Branagan.

Public by Zoom: M. Vitagliano, Sandy Laferriere, A. Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:01 Carl Rosenquist Called meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Invoice from Lesley Combs for additional items needed for pavilion in the amount of \$2605.00.

Move Georgia School plowing bid to executive session.

Discuss a budget meeting date of October 7th.

Move TA executive session to October 14th.

Motion to accept changes and additions as needed.

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 09/11/2024

Motion to approve minutes from 9/11 with corrections by.

Corrections Line 39 - Westerly side to northernly

Line 46 - We addressed concerns with executive session verbiage moving forward.

Line 186 - Selectboard said to keep the 3% penalty to cover the administrative cost for reprinting the tax bills.

Line 221 - No Vote

Public present at meeting

Time for adjournment.

B. Approval of Warrants #30

Motion to accept Lesley Combs invoice as written and add it to the warrant by B. Dunsmore, seconded by P. Jansen. All in favor.

Motion to approve warrant #30 by B. Dunsmore seconded by P. Jansen. All in Favor.

Discussion on the warrant. Avenue bills, Paychex billed amount, boot expense, workers comp invoices and Fish and Wildlife scholarship.

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.

C. Branagan, as citizen of Georgia and not Representative - Honoring of Gilles Rainville Sr. Gilles Rainville requested the road next to his house be changed to Rainville Rd. This request has come before the board previously and would like to know if this board could consider making this happen.

Ken Minck - Local option tax. Ken received a bill with the 1% local option tax for St. Albans.

Lisa Delorme - Would like to see speed bumps installed on Georgia Shore Rd to help reduce the speeding on that road.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Personnel Policy

B. Sherwood Forest 3-Acre Rule - Public meeting on 9/30 at 7 p.m. St. Albans Town Office.

C. Town Electronic Sign

H. Grimm informed the board that Logan Grimm is working on an Electric Sign for the Georgia School as his Eagle Project, and it would be nice if the signs the town would like to put up matched.

D. Fire Dept Kiosk. - Meeting on 9/27/2024

E. American Tower - Ask legal if we should reach out again.

F. General Maintenance Agreement - Legal is working on this now.

G. Hazard Communication Policy

H. Bridge #10

I. Capital Budget

J. Copier Contracts

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

A. Class 4 Rd agreement with VELCO. Action to create an agreement with VELCO regarding the upgrade of Silver Lake Rd or amend the one we currently have.

Discussion was had on an agreement with VELCO for the upgrading of Silver Lake Rd. The current agreement that the town has does not work for VELCO because they are not developing the land. VELCO would like to make improvements to the road to get heavy equipment out to the job location. The agreement that VELCO is looking for is after the gate on Silver Lake Rd

on the town land to the VELCO lines. VELCO does not normally sign agreements when they are working in other towns, they normally would do an MOU to restore the area after their use.

A. Brown states VELCO is looking for preferred access easement for the property after the gate ends and, on the trail, beyond the class 4 road. A. Brown will send us examples of agreements with other towns.

K. Minck asked A. Brown to clarify the amount of stone that will be spread. His understanding was 12 Inches of stone for Silver Lake Rd. A. Brown said she is not sure all areas will need twelve inches of stone.

A. Brown will schedule a site visit date for members of the Selectboard to view the area and send this information to Tom Hargy. Tom will pass this information to the Town Administrator.

B. Bridge #10 Highbridge

T. Billingsley sent an estimate of what Bridge #10 will cost with full closure of the bridge. The estimate given is \$330,000.00 for structural repairs and new membrane installed.

C. Skunk Hill Rd and Pattee Hill Rd

Laura Handy is requesting a sign for Pattee Hill Rd to help with the blind spot when pulling out of her driveway. A sign application was submitted, for the board review.

Laura will pay for the sign and materials and the Highway Crew will install it per application requirements.

Motion to approve sign for Pattee Hill Rd, by

D. Speed Bumps on Georgia Shore

See discussion in Public Comments from Lisa Delorme.

E. Ethics Policy

D. Thomas stated there is a humongous caveat with us updating the Ethics Policy. The state has passed a law that mandates a statewide Ethics Policy. The Statewide Policy will go into effect on January 1, 2025. D. Thomas would like to still pass the policy he presented and revisit the policy again in January.

C. Letourneau mentioned looking at the municipal ethics policy that is on the Vermont Ethics Commissions website. This is what each municipality must follow as of January 1, 2025. We can add to them, but we cannot take anything away that is in the policy.

D. Thomas will review the policy he presented to the one the state is mandating and bring it back to the meeting on October 14th.

F. Animal Ordinance

Motion to approve the animal ordinance as submitted by D. Thomas, seconded P. Jansen.

Motion incomplete.

D. Thomas wanted to know why section 14, Damage to Domestic Animals by Domestic Pets was removed. C. Letourneau stated it was repealed in 2011. Discussion was had on minor changes and will be brought back to the meeting on October 14th for approval.

G. Library Repairs - Discuss

Library Repairs - C. Letourneau will bring back the reports she has at the October 14th meeting.

B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen and T. Cleveland met with an Electrician at the Library to go over the needs of electrical updates. They also need to find a plumber.

H. Hope Cemetary Price Increase and Vaults

C. Letourneau asked the board if they wanted to require urns to be placed in a vault before they are buried at Hope Cemetery. The board would like to leave things as is.

I. Bridge #28 - update

T. Billingsley has met with G. Babcock to discuss the easement for bridge #28. G. Babcock asked about financial reimbursement for the easement. T. Billingsley said that would be a discussion with the town.

J. Public Works Summary

T. Cadieux, Public Works Director, sent a summary list of things the Public Works department is currently dealing with. The Selectboard appreciated the summary.

Highlights from the summary:

The beach will now require Port o lets for any large event held at the beach.

Driveway permit on Polly Hubbard Rd needs to be addressed.

School Plowing Bid needs to be submitted.

Beach will be closing as on September 28th as this is B. Larose's last day.

Fire Department Tanks are still leaking. Waiting to hear back from Camp Precast.

Approval to get rid of the Zamboni and Ice Rink being stored at the Garage.

T. Cadieux will try to adjust his schedule to make the Selectboard meetings when requested.

K. HR Proposals

C. Letourneau presented the proposals she received. P. Jansen would like C. Letourneau to reach out to one of the interested parties and see what the cost would be for their services for the 2025 budget.

C. Letourneau has reached out to area towns to see about sharing an HR hire. There is one town that may be interested.

L. Georgia School Plowing Bid - Action to approve a bid price

Moved to executive session.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES' REPORTS

A. Town Administrator

B. Treasurer

C. Buildings

D. Budget and Finance

E. Personnel

F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

G. Committees at the direction of the chair

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. 10/14/2024
- B. Hazard Mitigation Policy
- C. Stormwater 3-Acre Rule
- D. Fire Dept. Kiosk
- E. Copier Contracts

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313)

Motion to enter executive session to discuss plowing bid which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board and/or individuals involved. by D. Thomas, seconded by B. Dunsmore. All in favor at 8:57 p.m.

Motion to enter executive session with our Town Administrator by D. Thomas, seconded by B. Dunsmore. All in Favor 8:57 p.m.

Motion to exit executive session by D. Thomas, seconded by P. Jansen All in favor. 9:28 p.m.

Motion out of executive session

To allow our Public Works Director to submit a bid for plowing the Georgia School parking lot. by D. Thomas, seconded by B. Dunsmore. All in favor

13. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn by at 9:30 p.m.

Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

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