



# GEORGIA VERMONT

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## Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

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### CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

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### SELECTBOARD PRESENT

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Chair Kristina Senna, Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist

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### SELECTBOARD ABSENT

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Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Kellie Bosenberg

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### STAFF PRESENT

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Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon

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### PUBLIC PRESENT

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Heather Dunsmore

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### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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### 2. CHAIR UPDATE

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Chair Senna recognized and gave thanks to the Public Works Department. This week is *Public Works Appreciation Week*, with October 28th deemed *Public Works Day*.

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### 3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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- S. Katon requested the addition of the Georgia Fire Department's request to Appoint a new Firefighter/EMT. (8H)
  - S. Katon requested the addition of a Planning Grant for Feasibility Study. (8I)

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Motion to approve the additions to the Agenda.

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Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.

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Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- 39 **4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS**  
40 A. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025: Selectboard Vacancy  
41 (5:30pm)  
42 Motion to approve the minutes with no changes.  
43 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.  
44 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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46 B. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes October 13, 2025: Impact Fees (6:00pm)  
47 Motion to approve the minutes with one change.  
48 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.  
49 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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51 C. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025: Development  
52 Regulations (6:30pm)  
53 Motion to approve the minutes with minor changes.  
54 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.  
55 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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57 D. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025 (7:00pm)  
58 Motion to approve the minutes with minor changes.  
59 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.  
60 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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62 E. Approval of Warrant #2539  
63 Motion to approve Warrant #2539 in the amount of \$10,533,186.90.  
64 • L. Hobart and T. Cadieux answered questions on the Warrant.  
65 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
66 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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- 68 **5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)**  
69 All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the  
70 Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.  
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- 72 **6. CORRESPONDENCE**  
73 A. Northwest Fiberworx - Annual Report and Notice of Public Hearing  
74 • Email correspondence from Northwest Fiberworx with information on the annual report  
75 and notice of public hearing.  
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- 77 **7. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**  
78 A. Town Assessor Errors and Omissions (E & O) Form - Action to Approve  
79 Motion to approve the Town Assessor Errors and Omissions (E & O) Form for \$11,835,000.  
80 • S. Katon answered questions on the E & O form and the incorrect utility amounts in the  
81 2025 Grand List by the prior assessor.  
82 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
83 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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85 B. Present Health Plans for FY26 - Action to Approve

- 86 • Chair Senna introduced the health insurance plans and S. Katon gave information on the  
87 different plans, the costs and an analysis of the benefit options.
- 88 • MVP and BCBS of Vermont are the two options most closely aligned to the health  
89 plans currently in place at the Town of Georgia.
- 90 • Selectboard Members discussed the options and costs associated with each plan.

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92 Motion to approve MVP as insurance coverage for the Town of Georgia in 2026.

93 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
94 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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96 C. Snow Raiders Request to Waive Facilities Use Fees - Action to Approve  
97 Motion to Waive Facilities Use Fees at the Town of Georgia Fire Station Community Room for  
98 the Franklin County Snow Raiders.  
99 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
100 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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102 D. New Seat License for ICT Protege Security Software - Action to Approve  
103 • S. Katon explained this seat license would be for the Public Works Director to operate  
104 the gates and keycards at the Town beach. After Selectboard discussion, this will be  
105 added into the 2026 budget.

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107 Motion to approve the New Seat License for ICT Protege Security Software to be added to the  
108 2026 budget.

109 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
110 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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112 E. Boat Dock Seasonal Services Bid Decision - Action to Approve  
113 • Tabled for next regular Selectboard meeting, T. Cadieux has not had a chance to follow  
114 up with the vendors.

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116 F. Better Roads Program Grant, Road Erosion Inventory (REI) - Action to Approve and Sign  
117 • S. Katon and T. Cadieux explained the grant and how the Road Erosion Inventory (REI)  
118 must be completed every 10 years. Georgia last completed this in 2017.

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120 Motion to approve the Better Roads Grant, Road Erosion Inventory (REI) application and for  
121 the Selectboard to budget this in the Town's 2026 budget.

122 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.  
123 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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125 G. Approval to Apply for VTrans FY 2026 Grants for Bridge #28--VTrans SFY 2026  
126 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Municipal Highway and Stormwater  
127 Mitigation Program (MHSMP) is open and accepting applications with deadline of November  
128 7th.  
129 • T. Cadieux explained the grants and how they will benefit the 2026 work on Bridge  
130 #28, Mill River Bridge, upon the recommendation of the project engineer. The grants  
131 will offset the funds of the work needed on the bridge and save Georgia taxpayers.

132 Motion to Apply for the VTrans FY 2026 Grants for Bridge #28 and apply for both VTrans  
133 SFY 2026 Transportation Alternatives Plan (TAP) and Municipal Highway and Stormwater

134 Mitigation Program (MHSMP) at less than maximum amount needed, as recommended by the  
135 project engineer.  
136 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.  
137 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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139 H. Request to approve Landon Baker as Firefighter/EMT to the Georgia Fire Department

- Upon hire Landon Baker will report to Pat King, and not Chief Baker.

140 Motion to approve Landon Baker for the Georgia Fire Department.

141 Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

142 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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145 I. Municipal Planning Grant

- S. Katon explained the Municipal Planning Grant, which may be used for a feasibility study for a water and sewer system in the Village Core area, or for a feasibility study for sidewalks in the Village Core area.

146 Motion to Approve the Town of Georgia to apply for the Municipal Planning Grant.

147 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.

148 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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153 **8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES**  
154 **REPORTS**

155 A. Public Works--Todd Cadieux will provide an update in person at the meeting.

- Town Beach Improvements- T. Cadieux explained the work at the Town beach and the scope of the plumbing work, which is more involved than was originally assessed. This project is estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars. These funds will be requested in the 2026 budget. Chair Senna requested T. Cadieux complete the estimates and the estimated amount be added to the 2026 budget.
- Town Beach Seasonal Closure- Trash service has been cancelled at the beach, the mower has been pulled back, the stairs will go up; but the dock will be left in for fall boat use.
- Truck and Hot Box Fire- PACIF insurance has given the total loss value on the truck at \$41,216.50. T. Cadieux is requesting the Town buy the truck back at the cost of \$6,000 to repair and return to use. This is based on low inventory to purchase a similar vehicle in time for winter plowing. The PWD has truck parts in stock to fix this truck and will hire a mechanic who has worked with the PWD in the past. S. Katon will investigate insurance on the salvage title.

156 Motion to authorize T. Cadieux to buy the 2013 truck back from the insurance company for  
157 \$6,000 and receive the remainder from the insurance company to repair the vehicle.

158 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

159 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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- Insurance will cover \$5,300 to replace the hot box. T. Cadieux would like permission to buy another hot box. T. Cadieux answered questions about the hot box and its use in road repairs.

171 Motion to approve T. Cadieux to purchase another hot box for up to \$5,300.  
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181 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
182 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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- 184 • School Sign- T. Cadieux will wait to hear back from e911 before installing the school's  
185 new road sign. L. Hobart will wait to send a bill to the school for plowing and sign  
186 installation.
- 187 • In honor of Public Works Appreciation week, T. Cadieux will take the Roads Crew out  
188 to breakfast on Wednesday.

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190 B. Town Administrator:

191 (i) September Activity Report from the Franklin County Sheriff Department

- 192 • Chair Senna gave a summary of the Sheriff Activity Report.

193 (ii) Impact Fee Ordinance for Revision with the Planning Commission

- 194 • S. Katon will present the Impact Fee Ordinance and other policies and ordinances for  
195 revision with the Planning Commission at their meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

196 (iii) Discussion for Net Metering Contract with Town of Colchester

- 197 • S. Katon explained the Town of Colchester approached Georgia and other area towns to  
198 share credits from a solar facility. Colchester has capped out the amount of kilowatt  
199 credits the State of Vermont will allow them. Discussion was had on whether the Town  
200 of Georgia would like to opt into this credit program. After consideration of the small  
201 savings and other unknown factors, such as how many other towns would opt in, the  
202 Selectboard declined this offer.

203 (iv) Town Administrator Report

- 204 • Chair Senna thanked S. Katon for including it in the packet.
- 205 • S. Katon wanted to welcome both Kyle and Stewart back to work at the Town garage.
- 206 • C. Rosenquist gave his appreciation of the Sheriff's report.
- 207 • Chair Senna requested S. Katon to inquire into the Sheriff's availability for increased  
208 hours in 2026.

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210 C. Treasurer

- 211 • There were minimal issues with the conclusion of tax bills after October 15th.
- 212 • At the time of the meeting, there is approximately \$200,000 in delinquent taxes.
- 213 • There was only 1 bounced check, which was resolved with a wire transfer.
- 214 • The first budget meeting will be scheduled when K. Bosenberg returns. The Finance  
215 Committee will be present at all the meetings, and Georgia public is invited to attend.

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217 **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

218 A. Georgia Public Library Memorandum of Understanding-There has been renewed interest in an  
219 MOU document, S. Katon has sent email to Library Director Bridget Stone to restart the  
220 discussions.

221 B. Local Option Tax- No updates.

222 C. Change in Fiscal Year – No updates.

223 D. Video Surveillance Policy - Currently Working on New Draft, with Guidance from the  
224 Selectboard.

225 E. Town of Georgia Lot (Parcel ID 112260000) - Under Review by Town Attorney.

226 F. Bridge #28 (Mill River Bridge)- See PWD report.

227 G. Perrigo Closing- No updates.

- 228 H. GPL Building Revitalization Committee – No updates.  
229 I. Friends of Lake Champlain Update - Josh Serpe, Project Manager for the Mill River Road SE  
230 Project – Tabled for next meeting.  
231 J. Discussion and Approval to Use the Employee Injury Process & Guidelines - Action to  
232 Approve use of the procedures and forms. – Tabled for next meeting.  
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234 **10. OTHER**

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236 **11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- 237 A. November 10, 2025  
238 - A schedule will be set for budget meetings and shared at the November 10th meeting.  
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240 **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313) – No Executive Session.**

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242 **13. ADJOURN**

- 243 Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm  
244 Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.  
245 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist  
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247 **TABLED ITEMS:** Boat Dock Seasonal Services Bid Decision, Friends of Lake Champlain Update,  
248 Employee Injury Process & Guidelines  
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250 **Agendas are posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia**  
251 **(Town Clerk’s Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to**  
252 **the local media.**

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

254 **Signed: Stacy Katon, Town Administrator**

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