



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

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Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

Dial by your Location: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

CALL TO ORDER -- 6:00PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Brian Dunsmore, Paul Jansen, Carl Rosenquist, Kristina Senna

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert Fletcher, SP&F Attorneys PC, Vermont Bond Bank
Sam Carlson, Encore Renewable Energy, Solar Panel Project

PUBLIC PRESENT

Ken Minck, Alysia Catalfamo, Tony Heinlein, Tom Hargy

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- S. Katon requests addressing Robert Fletcher of SP&F Attorneys and Sam Carlson of Encore Renewable Energy to the beginning of the Agenda.

Motion to change the order of the Agenda.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

- At 6:33pm a Motion was made to move up the discussion of Bridge #10 - Review Addendum 1 dated February 4 2025 to be included in Bid contract documents and Falls Trail.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by P. Jansen.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2025

Motion to approve January 27, 2025 meeting minutes with no changes.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Voting Abstaining: P. Jansen

B. Approval of Warrants #2504

Motion to approve Warrant #2504 in the amount of \$93,278.64

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

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.

A. AGE WELL Letter of Appreciation-Informational Letter From Age Well for the donation given.

- Thank you letter for the Town of Georgia's annual donation was presented.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bridge #28 Mill River Road--Update from Tyler Billingsley Project Engineer from East Engineering PLC.

- P. Jansen discussed timing and archeological study with Tyler. S. Katon confirmed study will be applied for in March.

B. Personnel Policy-Revisions In Process By Town Administrator

- Ordinances and Ethics Policy are currently under review. S. Katon will review and present the Personnel Policy at the next meeting.

C. Sherwood Forest 3 Acre Rule

D. Town Electronic Signage--Information Update by Town Administrator

- S. Katon met with Logan Grimm for a status update on his Eagle Scout project, an electronic sign for Georgia Elementary and Middle School. The sign is 3' x 7' and 4" deep and will be controlled by WIFI.

- The mockup sign will be ordered in the next week, S. Katon will ask him to meet with the Selectboard to share his project.

E. Ethics Policy-Revisions in process

- S. Katon will examine and compare VLCT's Ethics Policy for the next meeting.

F. Roadside Acres LLC--Informational update

- D. Bergstrom gave an update, after consulting with the property owner and the Town attorney, Rhodeside Acres will give the Town of Georgia an easement to the road. A new mylar and deed will need to be recorded in the Town records with all pertinent information.

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

A. Robert Fletcher of VBB-Winter Bond Pool-Sign Bond Resolution

- R. Fletcher appeared on behalf of SP&F Attorneys for the Vermont Bond Bank paperwork.

Motion to approve the Resolution of Certificate and authorize the Chair to sign the documents.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

- The Selectboard signed the Bond and Resolution of Certificate, and loan documents were signed.

B. Sam Carlson of Encore Renewable Energy-Present Information on Solar Panel Project for Mill River Road.

- Sam Carlson gave an update to the project. Initial permission was approved by Planning Commission in 2022. The project then went through State approval processes.
- The Certificate of Public Good was received from Public Utility Commission on January 3, 2025. This is for a 5-megawatt solar project on 20 acres of hayfields held in current use by landowners.
- Construction of the project will begin August 15, 2025, work will continue through the winter months and be completed June 1, 2026.
- As a *Certified B Corporation*, Encore is donating \$20,000 to the Town of Georgia.

C. GCC-Ken Minck-Falls Trail Discussion & Alysia Catalfamo-Purchase Funds Reimbursement Policies

- K. Minck and members of the Georgia Conservation Commission (GCC) were present to discuss Falls Trail signage with T. Cadieux, S. Katon and the Selectboard.
- Signs were removed by the Falls Trail entrance by Georgia Highway Department as directed by the Georgia Selectboard.
- GCC requested to hang a sign barring motorized vehicles for the protection of the trail.
- The Selectboard approved a sign stating: "No motorized vehicles without permit per Georgia Ordinance". Permits may be obtained through the Town of Georgia offices.
- T. Heinlein will meet with S. Katon to confirm the location of the Trail.

Alysia Catalfamo addressed the Selectboard on Purchase Funds Reimbursement Policies.

- GCC was unable to make wanted purchases at the end of the year due to unforeseen challenges. Discussion with Selectboard and Treasurer for future purchase requests.
- GCC is working to obtain a property for the Town of Georgia. S. Katon will send them information to reach the Town attorney.

D. Vermont Rockets Softball Tournament-Action to waive rental fees for use of the Softball field and pavilion at Georgia Beach for date to include June 20-22 and August 1-3 2025.

- S. Katon presented more information on fees collected for the tournament, waiving Town rental fees will help defer costs for participants. They are a 501c3 charitable organization.
- Resources from the Town include use of the restrooms, pavilion and other buildings, maintenance of the beach area, and trash removal.

Motion to waive rental fees for the Town Beach for Vermont Rockets Softball for one weekend of the two requested, with the Rockets providing the toilet rental for both weekends.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

E. Camp Rainbow-Action to approve use of Georgia Beach Pavilion and waive rental fees for dates of July 7-11 2025

Motion to approve use of Georgia Beach Pavillion and waive rental fees for July 7-11, 2025.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

F. Animal Control Ordinance-Action to Approve

- S. Katon will make the necessary revisions to the ordinance as directed by the Selectboard for presentation at the next Selectboard meeting.

G. Impact Fee Ordinance-Action to Approve

- S. Katon presented the ordinance for Selectboard approval.

Motion to approve the Impact Fee Ordinance as presented.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

H. Bridge #10 - Review Addendum 1 dated February 4 2025 - to be included in Bid contract documents &

Action to open Bids for Bridge #10 Project

- T. Cadieux gave a report from the Town Garage, including repairs to the Town garage, assisting the other town buildings with repairs and snow plowing.
- No bids were received for the Bridge #10 repair project. The Town can go out for bid again and change the construction timeframe for repair or try for next year. S. Katon will get in touch with Tyler to talk with the potential contractors.

Motion to approve Addendum 1 dated February 4, 2025 to be included in bid contract documents.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

- A. Town Administrator
- B. Treasurer

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. February 24, 2025 @ 6:00pm

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

- A. Personnel Policy--Zoning & ACO New Hire Information

C. Rosenquist would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters listed below, which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

1. Zoning Administrator Term Renewal
2. Animal Control Officer New Hire Information
3. Assessor position

I move that we enter into executive session to discuss such personnel matters with Selectboard members, Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes.

Motion made at 7:50pm by B. Dunsmore, Seconded by K. Senna
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna, P. Jansen

Motion to invite S. Keaton and D. Bergstrom to the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna, P. Jansen

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:17pm
Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna, P. Jansen

Action taken following exit of Executive Session:
Motion to renew the 3-year term of Zoning Administrator Doug Bergstrom.
Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by B. Dunsmore
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

225 **13. ADJOURN**
226 Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm
227 Motion made by B. Dunsmore, Seconded by P. Jansen.
228 Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna
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230 **TABLED ITEMS:**

231 Animal Control Ordinance
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233 **Posted to the Town website.**

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

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