



# GEORGIA VERMONT

## Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

### Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWVadz09>

**Meeting ID:** 616 584 3896 | **Passcode:** 5243524

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

C. Rosenquist called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Brian Dunsmore

Paul Jansen

Devon Thomas

Carl Rosenquist

Kristina Senna by Zoom

Administrator C. Letourneau, Treasurer Lori Hobart and Assessor B. Hinman

Public: Ken Minck, Tom Hargy, and Alyssia Cataflamino

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### CHAIR UPDATE

C. Rosenquist sadly informed the board of Jim Bryce's passing.

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

#### SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 10.14.2024

Minutes moved to 11/11 meeting.

B. Approval of Warrants #33

Motion to approve warrant #33, Jansen, Seconded by Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

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

A. Errors and Omissions - Action to Approve

Assessor B. Hinman present the Errors and Omissions for 2024s grand list to the board for approval.

**Error and Omissions October 28,2024**

Owner: Holbrook, Candice and Kimberly

Discussion: Kimberly provided the office a VA letter showing 70% disability for Veterans Benefit Requested Change: Provide \$40,000 veteran exemption

Owner: Racine, Linda

Discussion: This parcel was found to have ownership of Lake Champlain frontage where the land was previously was thought to be owned by the town.

Request Change: Change Value from \$292,000 to \$382,800 reflecting correct land value.

Owner: Penney Family Trust

Discussion: The owners bought an adjacent lot in the same ownership and the owners have requested that the lots be combined to allow for Homestead Education Tax Rate to be applied.

Request: Add value of Parcel ID 10553110 into 10553120 and inactivate Parcel ID 10553110

Owner Vari lease Finance Inc./ VFI KR SPE I LLC

Discussion: In an email dated 8/15/24 the client indicated that the VFI KR SPE I LLC and Varilease are one in the same. They sent the documentation to the Franklin County Assessor and it was not received by our office. They sent the corrected information at that time and it should have a value of \$0 on Parcel ID 200000220 and a value of

\$686,600 on Parcel ID 200000237

Requested Change: Inactivate 200000220 and change value for 200000237 from \$480,600 to 686,600.

Owner: Data Sales Inc

Discussion: The Assessor erred in not correcting the assessment to \$162,800. Requested Change: Reduce Assessment from \$626,710 to \$162,800

Net Decrease (not including Veterans) \$991029 Net Decrease taxes \$4,191.06

Motion to approve Bills errors and omissions report

Motion made by Jansen, Seconded by Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

**B. Dennis Boucher - Forest Glenn & Hidden Woods Stormwater - update**

Administrator C. Letourneau had a meeting with Forest Glen, Hidden Woods, Derek from Krebs and Lansing and Public Works Director T. Cadieux. The stormwater project is moving along. There was discussion on the retention ponds and the cost associated with each.

**C. Conservation Commission - discussion on purchasing property.**

Motion to have Conservation Commission purchase this parcel of property land by D. Thomas, seconded by P. Jansen

Discussion was had on the purchasing 5.74 acres of the Bidwell property for use with the Russell Green for the price of this year's taxes \$640.63 plus fees. It adjoins the Russell Green Nature area. There is a 30 ft right a way to this property. This would be purchased with the Conservations reserved fund.

Motion amended to give approval to Conservation Commission to move forward with their process by

Motion made by Thomas, Seconded by Jansen.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

- D. VELCO release form - action to approve and sign to use cross beams for conservation to build new bridges.

Motion for Georgia Selectboard Chair to sign the conveyance and general release agreement presented by VT Transco LLC.

Motion made by Jansen, Seconded by Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

- E. FCSD - September Report

Selectboard is very happy with FCSD.

- F. Copier Contracts - Action to select lease agreement

Motion to approve the recommendation from the Town Administrator to lease the copier from Canon.

Motion made by Dunsmore, Seconded by Jansen.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEE'S REPORTS**

Public works summary

T. Cadieux asked if he could cut down a tree at the Russell Green Nature site. Board gave the go ahead to do this.

Motion to sign the Municipal Roads Grant

Motion made by Dunsmore, Seconded by Jansen.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

## **11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- A. 11/12/024
- B. General Maintenance Agreement
- C. Hazard Communication Policy
- D. Ethics Policy
- E. Town Plan Draft - Review
- F. HR Consultant

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

I would entertain a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss Rainville Rd., where premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion made by Dunsmore, Seconded by Jansen.  
Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

I move that we enter into an executive session to discuss Rainville Rd. with the Town Administrator Letourneau under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. 7:50 p.m.

Motion made by Dunsmore, Seconded by Jansen.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

7:50 Motion to Exit Executive Session by Jansen, Seconded by Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Senna

### **13. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 by

Motion made by Dunsmore, Seconded by Jansen.

Voting Yea: Dunsmore, Jansen, Thomas, Rosenquist, Senna

### **TABLED ITEMS:**

**Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk's Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.**

**Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator**

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