



SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Selectboard Present: Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Carl Rosenquist and Nicholas Martin

Selectboard Absent: Jamie Comstock

Staff Present: Cheryl Letourneau, April Edwards, Dawn Penney and Doug Bergstrom (Zoom)

Public Present: Heather Dunsmore, Brian Dunsmore, Terry Cleveland, and Fred Grimm

Present on Zoom: Kevin Camisa, Jen Kale, Kristina Senna

6:02 pm, D. Thomas calls the meeting to order.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

S. Jenkins requests to be the liaison for the library per Bridget Stone's request. S. Jenkins wants this added to the agenda. D. Thomas will make this item **F** under Board Business.

C. Letourneau would like to add the banking resolution that needs to be signed to the agenda. D. Thomas adds this as item **G** to Board Business.

C. Rosenquist would like to update the board on Legal Train #4. Mr. Bryce is willing to construct parking spaces at his expense. C. Rosenquist says will need to accept the offer some time in the future, but for right now this is just information. C. Rosenquist suggests meeting with Suzanna Brown in the future.

C. Letourneau asks if the board would like an update on the website. It is decided that this will be done during the administrator section.

N. Martin makes a motion to add these items as presented to the agenda, C. Rosenquist seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 7/10/2023

C. Rosenquist makes a motion we accept the minutes from July 10, D. Thomas seconds.

32 N. Martin questions line 15 of the previous minutes and the \$30,000 for town plan. D. Thomas
 33 says the town must dish out \$30,000 for the plan before we can get legal status to get grants. C.
 34 Rosenquist wants it to make into an action item.

35 All approve the motion of the minutes, motion carried.

36 B. Approval of Warrants #13, #14 & #15

37 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve Warrant 13, N. Martin seconds.

38 N. Martin asks A. Edwards to speak on this warrant. A. Edwards says there is nothing
 39 significant about Warrant #13. B. Dunsmore asks what the GCEC stage is. S. Jenkins replies
 40 the new town garage has a new stage that was made for the Concerts Series.

41 All in favor, motion carried.

42 N. Martin makes a motion to approve Warrant #14, C. Rosenquist seconds.

43 B. Dunsmore asks about Connor Contracting for garage work on a new garage. What was the
 44 work for. C. Letourneau says it was the final bill. B. Dunsmore asks about East Engineering,
 45 C. Letourneau guesses the industrial park culvert. B. Dunsmore asks about Hinman, C.
 46 Letourneau informs him this is our assessor. B. Dunsmore asks if dispatch is yearly. C.
 47 Letourneau confirms it is. B. Dunsmore asks about AFLAC, C. Letourneau says the employees
 48 have an option to pay for extra insurance, the town pays for it and then the employee pays it
 49 back. B. Dunsmore asks about Zacharys for \$350, S. Jenkins says it was for library from a
 50 grant.

51 All in favor, motion carried.

52 N. Martin makes a motion to accept Warrant #15, S. Jenkins seconds.

53 C. Rosenquist asks why we have a family plan for fire department for microsoft liscenses. A.
 54 Edwards suggests the board call Matt (our IT). S. Jenkins asks who the decision maker was for
 55 this. A. Edwards says it was Amber Baker. S. Jenkins says she did not recognize Mrs. Bee as
 56 Amber because she has only used her professional email, she did not know this one. A.
 57 Edwards says that Matt is concerned with a business plan versus a family plan and the liability
 58 that is incurred. C. Letourneau questions if that can be converted. N. Martin says you can
 59 migrate to something else. N. Martin says he will take the action item to get resolution. C.
 60 Rosenquist asks how it was paid. A. Edwards says it was on a debit card.

61 All opposed, motion failed.

62 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)

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

65 T. Cleveland asks if she can talk when the item comes up. D. Thomas says you will be
 66 uninterrupted if you speak now. T. Cleveland would like to have an accounting done for ARPA so
 67 that townpeople will know what was spent.

68 S. Jenkins says this is about project proposals and lists. She wants to have an ARPA meeting.

69 C. Rosenquist says there was a plan to take \$20,000 for trail 4 but we no longer need any of that
 70 money. We also allocated \$200,000 for the rec director and nothing has been done with that. There
 71 was also \$300,000 for a culvert and we received a grant for part of this, so we have not used all
 72 those funds.

73 N. Martin says we cannot have a thoughtful conversation about ARPA without knowing the funds
74 and their totals.

75 **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

76 **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

77 A. Stormwater Ledgewood Lane and Forest Glenn - Approve agreement - Action

78 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve the agreement with Ledgewood Lane and Forest
79 Glen and authorize the chair to sign, N. Martin seconds.

80 N. Martin reports they had a meeting for a couple of hours. We understand what we need to
81 get done. Board and community will accept ownership of their sides but neither has approved
82 improvements until an engineer comes saying what needs to be done. Both parties agree and will
83 move forward.

84 B. Dunsmore thought we committed. We need to see this through, and he is glad that they got
85 things in order.

86 N. Martin says townspeople will lean on us for engineering.

87 S. Jenkins reports that ANR has grants built in.

88 All in favor - motion carried.

89 S. Jenkins says we acknowledge we did not get affected by the flooding. We need to take care
90 of our stormwater runoff and flood zones.

91 B. Philo Security - Library - Action

92 C. Letourneau says we need to decide what we are doing at the library. We have a grant but
93 receiving this grant is dependent on Philo having all their work completed within six
94 months. Philo is currently hanging on a limb with no instructions. C. Rosenquist asks how
95 much money the grant is for. C. Letourneau responds \$5,500.

96 N. Martin says the third camera was a concern. N. Martin and J. Comstock reached out to
97 Philo. N. Martin says we need to develop a policy and address who has access. N. Martin says
98 he did a draft today using forms from other communities. He took the steps involved and says
99 they have been vetted. He will allow the board a week to review before putting it in place. We
100 do have to move this thing along. We should all feel good about it. Two other towns have
101 adopted it. They have agreed if it is pointed at the door, it will not go in. He says the panic
102 button will go in. They also want to know what is going on with the key card system, he
103 knows it is in place here and he is comfortable with us teaching them and walking them
104 through it. He wants everyone to feel good about the process.

105 H. Dunsmore questions wanting a panic button but not wanting to see who is coming in. She
106 does not understand this. N. Martin does not understand. S. Jenkins reports our community is
107 not alone in concern with cameras and other communities are signing up to not have cameras.
108 She feels a library is a safe space and we do not want people who feel threatened to be unsafe.
109 She says we may not understand how others feel threatened, but some people may feel like they
110 are losing a place to feel comfortable if they are being monitored. We need to think about
111 those people.

112 B. Dunsmore says he understands that because of the camera we now has the ability to see and
113 we have not given anyone access to it.

- 114 A. Edwards says having been a single parent in a situation where children need to be safe and
 115 accounted for. She states that children in a custody dispute will go with the other parent
 116 without any issue. With us being so close to the border, if something was to happen you would
 117 want a straight shot of the person who took your child.
- 118 C. Rosenquist says we have also ensured a safe space for drug dealing and this is not something
 119 you may not want to provide. D. Thomas says he thinks we are doing the best we can.
- 120 D. Penney wants the board to know that they are on the minutes as acknowledging a child can
 121 be taken from the library and they would have no video to respond to police with.
- 122 S. Jenkins says she fully takes responsibility for this. N. Martin says that was apparent before
 123 A. Edwards made her statement and because of that and the bus stop there we would want
 124 cameras.
- 125 C. Dogs at the beach
- 126 C. Letourneau spoke with VLCT asking if we are liable if a service dog bites someone. She
 127 was told, no more than before. She says we have the same liability as the concerts, but we have
 128 an ordinance so if we have a complaint at the beach we must deal with it according to that.
- 129 N. Martin makes motion to discuss, C. Rosenquist seconds.
- 130 C. Rosenquist asks if we have a dog ordinance. C. Letourneau confirms. C. Rosenquist says
 131 we have several issues in town, and we need to treat them and this seriously. D. Thomas says
 132 we do we have algae blooms right now and if a dog jumps in, they can get sick. C. Letourneau
 133 says some people are afraid of dogs. A. Edwards asks if there are signs at the beach and says
 134 they should be put on the website. N. Martin says it should be as many places as possible and
 135 asks if we open ourselves up.
- 136 T. Cleveland says the animal control officer's information should be on the sign at the beach.
- 137 S. Jenkins wants no dogs in the park, but to give people information on where they can go. C.
 138 Letourneau says other states have times when dogs can be at the beach, such as in early
 139 mornings and or late evenings.
- 140 B. Dunsmore questions the possibility of a dog park.
- 141 D. Bergstrom says on the new website it informs that you can have your dog go to the parking
 142 area to bring them to the boat and then back to the parking area while on leash. There is to be
 143 no free roaming, that is how it always worked previously.
- 144 All in favor of close discussion, motion carried.
- 145 D. Trail Ordinance
- 146 C. Letourneau started the Trail started as a policy then they were asked to be made an
 147 ordinance. Ken Minck brought a new one to the board. C. Letourneau wants to know if you
 148 have changes, or anything you want to adopt.
- 149 C. Rosenquist makes a motion we table this for another meeting, trail #4 mentions motorized
 150 vehicles and we also need to clarify this because trail #4 has a driveway that intersects this, N.
 151 Martin seconds.
- 152 D. Thomas asks if anyone has looked over the new ordinance. S. Jenkins says she is having a
 153 hard time tracking what is new. C. Rosenquist says it is tabled, so you have time to review it.
- 154 T. Cleveland questions motorized vehicles on trails.

155 C. Rosenquist amends his motion to move this to the next agenda, not to table, N. Martin
156 seconds.

157 All in favor, motion carried.

158 S. Jenkins says her and Suzanna Brown plan on walking each trail. She says we know you
159 cannot hunt from a road, but sometimes they are roads and sometimes they are not. That is
160 why this is taking so long.

161 C. Rosenquist says maybe we can call it a public way.

162 B. Dunsmore says he knows it is hard to overturn an ordinance and he said that he read it was
163 an ordinance and it is in effect.

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

165 A. DEI Committee - How does the board want to set this meeting up and deadline for signing up-
166 Action

167 D. Thomas says he has put a little bit of effort into this and knows it is a sensitive topic. What
168 we are asking this committee to do here is different to the Ethics Committee. Each group has a
169 different personality and then needs to be formed differently. They should bring forward a
170 conversation to the community so that they can deal with it, allowing the conversation to
171 happen. He would like the committee to have different views, asking about the people who
172 want to have this statement. He wants each member of the committee to be able to voice as an
173 individual and then have this posted publicly. He does not want a single recommendation, each
174 person can say what they want, everyone given time speak their peace. Then the board will
175 appoint whom they want to the committee. This is going to need to be a subcommittee of the
176 selectboard and hold to the open meeting law standard. He wants to invite community
177 members in to become involved, do you agree with this statement, yes or no. You sit down and
178 have a civil conversation about it, then the board can appoint based on their feelings. The
179 committee will then meet and review the statements. The library has volunteered to help. Then
180 the selectboard will receive a report and post it online.

181 C. Rosenquist says that it has already been out asking for a committee and now you are saying
182 you want to preselect the committee. We have one missing board member while having this
183 discussion. This is divisive. We should hand it to the library and see what they do with this
184 topic. It is not the place of the selectboard to take a political stand on what the community. We
185 are now being divisive by picking members. C. Rosenquist is opposed.

186 S. Jenkins says that Phil Scott has asked us to do this. She thinks we should not decide who is
187 in this group. She feels the state has asked, we need to do it. People have emailed C.
188 Letourneau and she does not want it to set up barriers by having them answer questions to be
189 on the board.

190 D. Thomas says it is easy to go off the rails and he wants to have the discussion. He says it is
191 important to know who is facilitating the conversation as it is important. He is not cherry
192 picking, just choosing people whose opinions are diverse enough that all opinions are there, and
193 no one is left out. We know these people well enough, and they should be able to have a
194 conversation.

195 T. Cleveland asks if it is going to be put back on the website because things have changed. If
196 people were against it, they probably didn't volunteer before and now we are looking for other
197 opinions.

- 198 S. Jenkins says her statement was for education and questions maybe that got lost. She thinks it
199 is divisive but we need to do this. We clearly need education. She wanted to have
200 informational sessions.
- 201 D. Thomas says it is DEI and people are going to be put off by this topic. We will need to
202 move past the anger. The previous board did not act on this.
- 203 C. Rosenquist calls for a point of order. The previous board did act on this. They decided not
204 to adopt the statement that was presented to them. They decided not to sign.
- 205 D, Thomas did not rule on this point of order.
- 206 D. Thomas says we have taken flack for not adopting and we are just exploring.
- 207 H. Dunsmore says the ethics board has diverse views and they are doing very well. She thinks
208 hand picking will give a bad taste and you should draw names out of a hat and see what
209 happens.
- 210 T. Cleveland says it should be made to open meeting standard.
- 211 C. Letourneau says they have 11 applicants currently.
- 212 N. Martin says that in an open meeting everyone should have a voice. D. Thomas likes this. H.
213 Dunsmore suggests letting the committee get together first before they adhere to open meeting
214 law. It will give them time to get a feel for each other and agree with a strategy.
- 215 C. Letourneau says you can invite Mr. Harnish and his team again to speak.
- 216 C. Rosenquist repeats with a final comment to hand this off to the library. He says it is
217 educational and we are not in the educational business he would rather it be at the library as a
218 learning experience and then they can bring it to the board.
- 219 D. Thomas says we are community members, and we must lead.
- 220 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to move this discussion and defer it to the next meeting or have
221 a special meeting so that we can discuss it, the committee, and its expectations. No one
222 seconds, motion failed.
- 223 D. Thomas asks for a motion for a two-week deadline. S. Jenkins makes a motion to have the
224 deadline to apply be August 14 and that at the next meeting they will approve and formally
225 announce who is on the committee. N. Martin amends the deadline to August 10 so that it can
226 make it to the agenda to appoint, N. Martin seconds.
- 227 N. Martin, D. Thomas and S. Jenkins agree, C. Rosenquist votes no, motion carried.
- 228 B. Town Plan - Action to approve \$35,000.00 for New Town Plan
- 229 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve \$35,000 to hire an outside firm to update the town
230 plan, N. Martin seconds.
- 231 N. Martin says from the last meeting it was reported that \$6,000 was enough to get us by or
232 \$35,000 for a complete rewrite. N. Martin reports A. Baker saying it was unless the money
233 was budgeted for, it needs to come out of ARPA. N. Martin does not understand the pressing
234 matter, we have other things to spend money on. He is just voicing.
- 235 D. Bergstrom says \$6,000 was from a couple of months ago for NWRPC to do data collection
236 over the summer. He is not sure if that is still available. D. Bergstrom says either way we are a
237 year away and we will have to spend that money. If the town applied for a grant in December,
238 the grant may not be awarded until May, which happened this year and that would be too late.

239 According to the South Hero Plan, they scheduled 18 months to get through the process. Not
240 having a town plan is holding us up. N. Martin says he was shocked the grant was not applied
241 for. D. Bergstrom says it was approved in October and the \$6,000 was just to keep going.
242 NWRP charges around the same as other companies.

243 S. Jenkins wants to know if this is affecting anything with the old campground. D. Bergstrom
244 says the town plan is the driver for everything. It is the driver for the regulations and permits.

245 N. Martin asks what language needs to change. D. Bergstrom says the town center line is
246 holding up everything. N. Martin says we are constantly spending unbudgeted money and it
247 must stop. We need to budget it for next year.

248 D. Bergstrom says even if you do budget for next year, we will not get it done in time. You
249 will be putting it off for an additional year.

250 C. Rosenquist says ARPA funds are available. He suggested that we have an ARPA meeting to
251 decide how to spend the money. This is an appropriate way to spend, it is a onetime item. If we
252 want to move forward, this is an appropriate way to do it.

253 A. Edwards asks what the ramifications of not having a town plan are. N. Martin says he is
254 well aware of what the ramifications are. D. Bergstrom says the town plan is the driver for
255 everything, it is how we reach out to the community. We have changed greatly since COVID.
256 The town plan plans everything for the next 8 years. The document that we are currently using
257 is a 5 year and the state let us tag on 3 years, therefore it is time for us to do it. N. Martin
258 agrees but does not like how we are going about it.

259 F. Grimm asks D. Bergstrom what we can and cannot do. D. Thomas asks what are the bad
260 things that will happen without it. D. Bergstrom says we will lose grant funding. A. Edwards
261 says you must go through the time and effort this takes. You should address the \$35,000 and
262 move forward, even though you don't like it. A. Edwards strongly suggests that this gets done.

263 F. Grimm asks if it is holding up all grants. C. Rosenquist says we cannot apply for
264 infrastructure and that is what we are trying to do.

265 N. Martin says we do we know if it is \$35,000, we are assuming. D. Bergstrom says he spoke
266 with people and \$35,000 is the normal amount that NWRP issues and most work within that,
267 you can do more or you can do less.

268 S. Jenkins amends that to have D. Bergstrom get quotes of different packages of what people
269 are offering and by doing this we will adhere to our purchasing policy. D. Thomas asks if D.
270 Bergstrom is okay to do this. D. Bergstrom says yes he can do it. He says it is not a package
271 thing, it is time driven, how much they can do for how much time. He can request what can do
272 for \$20,000 and \$30,000 knowing that community involvement is the biggest cost. The data
273 we are currently getting is not reflective of our community. He will also look at an outside
274 firm, it may be more focused for Georgia.

275 F. Grimm asks if there is a minimum that can be updated to get us to be able to continue to
276 update. Can we build on what we have.

277 B. Dunsmore asks D. Bergstrom said he thought the \$35,000 is just getting the ball rolling, is
278 that right. D. Bergstrom says it is the way they did the grant money this year, you have to have
279 the money before approval. Things are also varied on where we are in the cycle of the town
280 plan.

- 281 D. Thomas and C. Rosenquist vote to approve the \$35,000 and N. Martin and S. Jenkins vote
282 no. Motion failed.
- 283 S. Jenkins makes a motion to ask D. Bergstrom to solicit bids or proposals from various firms
284 for a town plan, N. Martin seconds. All in favor, motion carried.
- 285 C. AOT Grants - Action
- 286 C. Letourneau needs signatures.
- 287 T. Cadieux has received 3 grants from the AOT: first, \$200,000 to be used for the culvert
288 project on Industrial Park Rd with us needing to match 10%, second for \$75,650 for paving a
289 small portion of Polly Hubbard Rd and Georgia Mountain Rd with us needing to match 20%,
290 and third for \$18,000 to be used for a project for next year because this grant is given a year in
291 advance and has a \$4,500 match.
- 292 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve the chair to sign the grants, N. Martin seconds.
293 All in favor, motion carried.
- 294 D. ARPA - Discussion
- 295 N. Martin makes a motion to open discussion on ARPA, C. Rosenquist seconds.
- 296 C. Rosenquist wants to have a date certain for a proposal to see if we are going in the right
297 direction or not. We have information from every department, knowing we cannot do
298 everything, things will need to be prioritized. We should have a special meeting within the
299 next two or three weeks.
- 300 N. Martin says we went to meet with department heads to see what they need and get a wish list
301 to decide what the next step is. We should see what the community wants by including them to
302 know what the department heads want.
- 303 T. Cleveland loves Bridget's list, it is itemized and includes why she needs things.
- 304 N. Martin says he wants a plan for spending. H. Dunsmore asks if we can keep a percentage of
305 the ARPA funds. N. Martin says that is the hope.
- 306 S. Jenkins and D. Thomas will help to put a plan together for the community to be involved.
307 Voting to close discussions. All in favor, motion passes.
- 308 C. Rosenquist makes the motion to task the committee to organize the discussions, N. Martin
309 seconds. All in favor, motion carried.
- 310 E. Audit for 2022 - Action
- 311 C. Letourneau states that the company that will be doing the audit for the treasurer transfer has
312 offered to do the annual audit as well. There has to be an audit for 2022 and it has to be
313 included in the town report. This should cost \$20,000. If it is the pleasure of the board, they
314 need to sign the contract with Sullivan Powers and Company. July 31 is the handoff date for
315 the treasurer change.
- 316 N. Martin makes the motion to take \$20,000 to be spent on an annual municipal audit, C.
317 Rosenquist seconds. N. Martin amends \$20,000 from ARAP for the 2022 financials, D.
318 Thomas seconds the amendment. All in favor, the motion with amendment carried.
- 319 B. Dunsmore asks about the \$3,000 and what that is for. N. Martin says a change in treasurer
320 audit that concludes July 31 for the handoff to the new treasurer. B. Dunsmore says he thinks

321 you should have a comprehensive audit because there is also a change from an elected treasurer
322 to an appointed one.

323 T. Cleveland questions why that wasn't budgeted. N. Martin agrees.

324 A. Edwards explains that the \$3,000 is just a check of the numbers, but the 2023 is the \$20,000
325 audit is not in the budget. She wants them to know that. It must be done every year.

326 B. Dunsmore asks how far the transitional audit how far back, just the partial year for \$3,000 to
327 the handoff and \$20,000 for the yearly. N. Martin confirms.

328 C. Letourneau says that A. Baker needs to be able to sign off on what she was responsible for.

329 All in favor of accepting both audits, motion carried.

330 **F. SHANNON TO LIBRARY - ADD ON**

331 C. Rosenquist moves to appoint S. Jenkins to be liaison to the library, N. Martin seconds.

332 H. Dunsmore says it looks like you are picking a favorite department. S. Jenkins says she will
333 be a representative and it is nothing official.

334 C. Rosenquist withdraws the motion.

335 **G. CHERYL - BANKING RESOLUTION – ADD ON**

336 C. Letourneau asks if we want 4 credit cards, one for each department.

337 N. Martin asks if this was the advice of A. Edwards. He understands you can see the purchases
338 of the Credit Card and you cannot for the Debit Card.

339 N. Martin makes a motion to accept the banking statements as of July 31 including debit cards
340 out and credit cards in A. Baker out A. Edwards in with C. Letourneau and department heads
341 included, C. Rosenquist seconds.

342 C. Letourneau asks for clarification if they want K. Baker and T. Cadieux on the cards.

343 F. Grimm asks if there is a limit on credit cards. N. Martin says they can set a limit. S. Jenkins
344 thinks it is \$5,000 per day per card. C. Letourneau clarifies that it is \$500. H. Dunsmore did
345 not realize that many people had access to that much money. C. Letourneau clarifies this is for
346 items included in the budget and then they still have to go on a Warrant.

347 K. Baker and T. Cadieux still have their accounts, and nothing must change.

348 N. Martin wants to make sure all the autopay has been addressed.

349 All in favor of the first motion, motion carried.

350 N. Martin makes a motion to accept the revised documents with changes, D. Thomas seconds.

351 All in favor, motion carried.

352 **9. SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES AND REPORTS**

353 **A. Town Administrator**

354 D. Bergstrom says we have a new website, and it should be live tomorrow. They are currently
355 working on the transfer. He notes that we did not have a lot of information on there before.
356 There is a plan for a soft opening where any changes can be made, just to let him know. This is
357 going to be updated regularly. We have a hard deadline of August 1 because we do not want to
358 have any ties to the old site then, so that we do not incur an extra and unnecessary cost from
359 them.

360 N. Martin thanks D. Bergstrom for all the work he has done, and he is excited.

361 B. Buildings

362 S. Jenkins met with T. Cadieux and June Waite. T. Cadieux thought June wanted to move
363 there but she said otherwise. S. Jenkins is still open to suggestions. She reports hanging out
364 with garage guys to see what they want. She thinks it is an open space that we could use for a
365 bone builder or teen space. She has played with the idea of a survey but is stuck on how to get
366 more action included in the survey.

367 T. Cleveland suggests using our website or Facebook to get more suggestions.

368 C. Rosenquist asks about selling the building.

369 S. Jenkins says she still needs more info.

370 C. Rosenquist says we were sold on getting a new garage based on the old one not being
371 usable. How can we do anything without updating the building. S. Jenkins says the highway
372 department needs to use one side of the building because there is not enough room in the new
373 garage.

374 C. Letourneau asks where the other stuff was stored before. S. Jenkins did not know.

375 S. Jenkins says we do not have utilitarian space, we have the library and the JIMMY center.
376 We could keep it as an open space with lockers. H. Dunsmore suggests using it as a storage
377 shed.

378 F. Grimm says they were told the old garage has had drainage issues, heating trouble and if
379 these could be fixed why did we spend \$3 million dollars on a new garage.

380 C. Budget and Finance

381 N. Martin says he addressed doing the town rewrite. We still need to meet with T. Cadieux and
382 we are getting ready for budget season.

383 C. Letourneau says we will need to set up budget meetings.

384 D. Personnel

385 C. Rosenquist says that in Executive Session they will be reviewing contracts with the board.

386 E. Committees at the direction of the chair

387 D. Thomas says that this is now DEI and it has been addressed.

388 N. Martin says the personnel committee has been dealing with other matters and the personal
389 policy is still important, they must squeeze this in.

390 C. Rosenquist updates trail #4 and the fence moving. He says the posts have been moved, the
391 contractor has been there again. He reports there is no charge to the town.

392 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

393 Swim Passes

394 C. Rosenquist asks what other things could be added for pool activities. He knows we left off
395 the swim team and it is too late for them to address it for this summer, but we can do winter.

396 C. Letourneau asks if there is still a large amount of money. February and March are busy
397 sign-up times for lessons, and it would be nice to have money rolling into there so that people
398 can sign up early next year.

399 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to swim team and senior workout sessions, N. Martin seconds.
400 All in favor, motion carried.

401 C. Letourneau brings up setting the new tax rate. There needs to be a meeting with two
402 treasurers. This needs to be brought to the next meeting.

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404 **10. OTHER**

405 **11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

406 A. 08/14/2023

407 B. Set Tax Rate

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

409 A. Schedule Executive meeting with SB and Kevin Kamisa - Mr Kamisa is requesting an
410 executive meeting with the board to discuss a project proposal.

411 B. Personnel

412 C. Concerned Citizen message to the Board - Regarding a phone call to administrator 7/20

413 D. Union Contract - Briefing from Personnel Committee

414 C. Rosenquist made a motion to go into Executive Session concerning:

415 Topic A with the selectboard, C. Letourneau and D. Bergstrom,

416 Topic B with the selectboard and C. Letourneau,

417 Topic C with the selectboard and C. Letourneau,

418 seconded by N. Martin. All in favor, motion carried.

419 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve D. Penney as Minute Taker for the Selectboard at a
420 rate of \$20.00 per hour, D. Thomas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

421 **13. ADJOURN**

422 C. Rosenquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., seconded by N. Martin. All in
423 favor, motion passes.

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425 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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

429 **Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator**

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