Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026 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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM**

   SELECTBOARD PRESENT
   Chair Kellie Bosenberg, Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist, Tammy Hardy

   STAFF PRESENT
   Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Cheryl Letourneau (via Zoom)

   PUBLIC PRESENT
   Heather Dunsmore

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CHAIR UPDATE**

4. **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

5. **SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS**
   A. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026
   Motion to approve the minutes as written.
   Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist
   Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy
   B. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2026
   Motion to approve minutes as written.
   Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
   Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy
   C. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes July 23, 2026

Motion to approve minutes as written.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

D. Approval of Payroll Warrant
Motion to approve the payroll warrant.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

E. Approval of Warrant #2629
Motion to approve Warrant #2629 in the amount of $93,701.96.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist
- L. Hobart answered Selectboard questions on the warrant.
- T. Cadieux answered Selectboard questions on the Mill River bridge expenses.
- L. Hobart will prepare a "halfway" report by August 31st to account for expenses with the Mill River bridge project.

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

6. 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.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Sheriff's Monthly Activity Report (June 2026)

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

A. General Election Ballot Approval
Motion to approve the justice of the peace names on the general election in November ballot.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by T. Hardy
- C. Letourneau answered Selectboard questions on the general election ballot.

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

B. Communications Appeals, BCA and Stipulation Agreement
Motion to deny VTEL request for a BCA hearing.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca
- C. Letourneau answered Selectboard questions on the general election ballot.

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

C. Fall Fest Fireworks Contract
Motion to approve the fireworks contract for Fall Fest.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by T. Hardy
- C. Letourneau answered Selectboard questions on the fireworks contract.

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

D. Trustee Vacancy Announcement, Georgia Library Board of Trustees
Motion to approve the Notice of Vacancy for the Georgia Public Library Board of Trustees.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

E. Assessor Appointment
Motion to approve the appointment of Molly Mashtare as the Town of Georgia Town Assessor.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
- D. Bergstrom answered questions on the applicant and appointment.

- The Selectboard tabled the vote until after executive session so they can discuss the Assessor rate of pay.

F. 2026 Tax Rates
Motion to approve the 2026 Tax rate in the amount of $0.5156.
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca
- L. Hobart answered questions on the calculation of the tax rate, as well as local agreement and the three properties with zero billing for negotiated deals and combined properties.

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

G. FY26 Grants-In-Aid #GA1022
- D. Bergstrom and T. Cadieux explained this $24,000 grant is to make improvements on roads and is to be used by September 30, 2026. The state will not give an extension to use the funds.
- T. Cadieux opined the Town Highway/Roads staff does not have time to complete the work before the grant deadline. Scheduled Town paving and culvert work takes precedent, as well as finishing the Mill River bridge work.
- There was discussion on hiring out, staff hours and availability.
- Chair Bosenberg requested D. Bergstrom and T. Cadieux work it out together to see if the project is feasible.

H. Town Personnel Policy Revisions - Holiday, Vacation & Sick Leave
Motion to approve the changes to the Town of Georgia Personnel Policy to include all federal holidays and change in language to holidays falling on weekends.
Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by T. Hardy
- D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions on holiday, vacation, sick and bereavement leave.

Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

I. Municipal Public Indecency Ordinance Discussion
- Chair Bosenberg said she received one phone call and one email in reference to public indecency in the Town of Georgia. She encouraged all to attend the Selectboard meeting to share in the discussion.
- D. Bergstrom explained it was the recommendation of the Sheriff's office for the Town to adopt a municipal ordinance which would allow the Sheriff to act upon infractions.
- The Selectboard discussed a potential Town ordinance, and the ordinance recently passed by the Town of Saint Albans.
- The Selectboard tabled this for future discussion in case of future action.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Georgia Public Library Building Revitalization Committee Update
- D. Bergstrom is still waiting on the plans from the Architect. The driveway portion of the plans is what is of most interest, with the data that goes with the work necessary for improvements to the driveway and parking lot.
- Chair Bosenberg will reach out to the architects for follow-up.

B. Bridge #28 (Bridge on Mill River Road)
- T. Cadieux gave a report on the bridge work, which may take longer than initially anticipated.
- The Town will request clarification on the use of bond funds for overtime labor expenses from the Bond bank.

C. Bridge #8 (Bridge on Georgia Shore Road between The Pines and Mill River Road)
    - D. Bergstrom will get clarification from the Town attorney on language for Town meeting day to request the usage of extra funds from the Mill River Bridge project for Bridge #8 repairs.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Town Administrator
    - D. Bergstrom presented his TA report and answered Selectboard questions.
    - The subcontractor that rents the cell tower approached the Town for a long-term lease of the cell tower at an approved $1.6 million.
    - The Town was also able to secure a reimbursement of approximately $3,500 from the insurance company for the truck that was damaged last summer.

B. Public Works/Highway
    - T. Cadieux explained there has been a lot of work on the bridge, as well as mowing around road signs and filling potholes. They have been catching up on other work while they have been working on the bridge.

C. Treasurer
    - L. Hobart introduced the second quarter financial notes and answered Selectboard questions.

11. OTHER

12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. August 10, 2026

13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313 - requires majority vote)

A. Personnel - new hire

Chair Bosenberg would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel – new hire which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Chair Bosenberg moves that we enter into executive session to discuss Personnel – new hire with Doug Bergstrom under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(E) and (a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes at 7:38PM.
Motion to enter into Executive session with Doug Bergstrom made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Motion to exit out of Executive Session at 8:52PM
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Action out of Executive Session:
Motion to approve the appointment of Molly Mashtare as the Assessor for the Town of Georgia.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

14. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:55PM
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Bosenberg, Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

TABLED ITEMS:

Discussion on Municipal Public Indecency Ordinance.

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