



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, December 23, 2024, 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)

Present: C. Rosenquist, B. Dunsmore, D. Thomas, K. Senna, L. Hobart, and S. Katon

Absent: P. Jansen

Public Present: B. Hinsman, Assessor

1. CALL TO ORDER

C Rosenquist called the meeting to order at 6:06

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

C. Rosenquist went over Roberts rules and effects on note taking.

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

S. Katon received an email from Kimberly Bidwell Germaine concerning Richard Bidwell property donation. C. Rosenquist said to include this information in Board Business for discussion.

This should go under unfinished business until we hear back from the beneficiaries of the will.

Motion made by D. Thomas to add to Board Business, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

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

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 12/09/2024

Budget Meeting Minutes for 12/12/2024 and Town Plan and Budget for 12/16/2024

C. Rosenquist asked if there were any changes to the December 9, 2024, meeting as he was not present at that one.

K. Senna made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024, minutes with the following changes, seconded by B. Dunsmore. Line 91 with no increase to Fire Department Reserve Funds with \$78,500 committed to Fire Department reserve funds.

C. Rosenquist if there are no further changes, motion to accept. Hearing None. All in Favor
K. Senna made a motion to approve the December 12 minutes with the following changes. D. Thomas 2nd the motion. All In Favor.
K. Senna - made a motion to accept the December 16 minutes with the following changes, seconded by B. Dunsmore.
Line 1 of the Library Budget is \$180,000 and not \$180 dollars with Health cost rolled in. K. Senna had no other changes.
C. Rosenquist reminded us that there were two separate meetings, the budget and the town plan, which should be separated out.
C. Rosenquist said that hearing no other additions or deletions to December 16, 2024, minutes all in favor? All in Favor

B. Approval of Warrants #38

K. Senna made a motion to approve warrant#38 in the amount of \$68,543.51. B. Dunsmore seconded the motion. All in favor
C. Rosenquist asked if there was any other discussion about the warrants.
K. Senna asked about Hudak Lumber for \$964. L. Hobart said it was for conservation.
B. Dunsmore asked about Apple Inc for \$0.99 cents. L. Hobart said it was for additional monthly data storage.
C Rosenquist asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no further discussion Motion approve. Hearing none. All in Favor

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.
Lori Hobart wanted to make note of the fixed parking lot lights.
K. Senna wanted to recognize C. Rosenquist for getting the Rotarian Citizen of the Year Award.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bridge #10 and #28
nothing new
B. Personal Policy
S Katon to follow up with HR Consultant regarding Personnel Policies in January 2025
C. Sherwood Forest 3 Acre Rule
C. Rosenquist Signed a letter to go to NWRP supporting the grant money for outreach to further explain how the 3-acre rule will work. Will get with D Bergstrom to get up to date what he learned in the class he had taken for it.
D. Town Electronic Sign
S. Katon will reach out to follow-up after school resumes after recess regarding the Electronic School Sign.

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

74 A. Easements For Pipe and Babcock

75 S. Katon reached out to the Babcock's and will follow up further.

76 B. Town Boundary Line Adjustment-Discussion

77 Referencing a map - S. Katon said after a survey was done there are boundary line issues.

78 Further discussions with the lawyer with an expected March resolution. C. Rosenquist said to
79 move this to unfinished business.

80 C. Site Plan Amendment Review-Action Appoint Town Representative

81 A site review amendment is needed for the wetlands at the town garage, and they are looking
82 for a selectboard member to be at the hearing to represent the town. The board suggested that
83 P. Jensen be the representative. No motion needed.

84 D. Bidwell's letter regarding the property for Conservation Commission would like to purchase.
85 GCC can bring this back to the board once they have more information.

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87 **9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES**
88 **REPORTS**

89 A. Town Administrator

90 Georgia Campground/Bove's Property-Homeless Encampment Complaints.

91 The sheriff went to investigate and found no evidence of a homeless encampment. A
92 recommendation to have the sheriff keep an eye on this area.

93 B. Treasurer

94 L Hobart adjusted everyone's HSA, and they are ready for January 2025. Except for Library
95 HRA as it is different. L. Hobart to follow up.

96 C. Buildings

97 D. Budget and Finance

98 K. Senna - Draft for both Capital and Operating got it to 6.88% roughly. L. Hobart to finish the
99 math on the properties to present January 5th for tax calculations. Postcards will go out on the
100 24th as well as posted on Facebook regarding the January 6th meeting at the Fire station at
101 5pm.

102 E. Personnel

103 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

104 C. Rosenquist asked if there was money in the budget for the pool. Budget is the same \$10,000
105 as last year.

106 G. Committees at the direction of the chair

107 **10. OTHER**

108 **11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

109 A. December 30, 2024, Budget Meeting 5:00pm

110 C. Rosenquist - December 30 at 5pm at the Town Clerk office for budget review.

111 K. Senna - asked if there would be the capability to upload the town budget to the website after
112 December 30, 2024

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

114 I would entertain a motion to enter executive session to discuss Assessor Contract which premature
115 disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

116 I move that we enter executive session to discuss Town Administrator and Bill Hinman with (under
117 the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes at 6:49 p.m.

118 K. Senna made a motion to move to executive session, B. Dunsmore seconded the motion, and All
119 were in Favor.

120 A. Personnel – Assessor

121 7:29 Motion to exit executive session by K. Senna, seconded motion B. Dunsmore. All in favor

122 No Motions out of executive session.

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124 **13. ADJOURN**

125 K. Senna made a motion to adjourn at 7:30, seconded by B. Dunsmore. All in favor.

126 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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

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

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