



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, January 27, 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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**, C. Rosenquist called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Carl Rosenquist, Kristina Senna, Brian Dunsmore (Via Zoom)

SELECTBOARD ABSENT

Paul Jansen

STAFF PRESENT

Todd Cadieux, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CHAIR UPDATE**

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

- L. Hobart requested to add Warrant #2503 to the Agenda.
- K. Senna requested to add Postcards for the 3/1/2025 Informational Meeting to the Agenda.
- L. Hobart requested Mill River Bridge and the Bond Bank discussion to be added to the Agenda.
- S. Katon requested NRPC Letter of Support signatures, approval of 1/23/2025 minutes and approval of conference room copier to the Agenda.

Motion made to add all of the above to the Agenda.

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

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

5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 12/23/24 & 01/13/25

Motion to approve the 12/23/2024 minutes with changes.

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

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

Motion to approve the 1/13/2025 minutes with changes.

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

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

B. Approval of Warrants # 2502

Motion to approve Warrant # 2502 in the amount of \$112,336.37.

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

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

Motion to Approve Warrant # 2503 in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to approve the 1/23/2025 minutes with no changes.

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

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

- K. Senna proposed a postcard be sent out to Georgia residents for the 3/1/2025 informational meeting on the Town budget and articles. The meeting will be held from 9-10am at the Georgia Fire Station Community room.

Motion to approve postcard made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.

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

A. Bridge #28

B. Personnel Policy-Revisions In Process by Town Administrator

C. Sherwood Forest 3 Acre Rule

- S. Katon presented the Northwest Regional Planning Commission 3 Acre Rule Grant for signature. Signatures are needed by February 5th. K. Senna confirmed the motion to approve the grant occurred in December, 2024. C. Rosenquist signed the document.

D. Town Electronic Sign

E. Ethics Policy-Revisions to include new Act 171 guidelines--In Process by Town Administrator

F. Roadside Acres LLC

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

Public Works/ Grounds/Recreation

- T. Cadieux gave a report on the incidents at the Town garage. Waste disposal and insurance were discussed. Town garage staff have been busy moving desks for the Town offices and library.
- A. Bridge #10 (HIGHBRIDGE) - General Notice on Bid ad, Plan, Contract Documents
 - K. Senna questioned if the bridge would be shut down, estimated time was three weeks. Concerns about fire and rescue in case of emergency.
 - T. Cadieux will work with Georgia Fire Chief Baker on an emergency plan of action.
 - The Town will need to communicate with Milton, Fairfax Rescue and local residents regarding the bridge/road closure.
 - B. Dunsmore recommended hanging signs a month before road closure.
 - S. Katon will follow up with Tyler regarding communication plan.
 - Bridge work will begin approximately June 17th.
- B. Vermont Rockets Request to Waive Fees--Action to Approve--Use of Softball Field and Pavilion at Georgia Beach for dates to include June 20 - 22 and August 1-3, 2025. 25th Annual Tournament.
 - The Rockets requested the \$200/day fee for renting the Town Beach and Pavilion be waived for the event (\$1200). They are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
 - If permitted, the Town of Georgia will absorb the costs of clean-up. The Town will also be losing revenue by not renting to another individual/organization. Increased trash disposal and increased electricity usage.
 - If there is an increased amount of people at the beach, a portable restroom facility is necessary. Discussion on portable restroom for the season.
 - S. Katon will ask additional questions about Little League, snack bar and portable restroom rentals. Tabled for next meeting after additional information gathered.
- C. NCSS Adult Camp Rainbow Request to Waive Fees--Action to Approve--Use of the beach for the Adult Camp Rainbow the week of July 7-11, 2025
 - S. Katon will reach out to NCSS for additional information before the next Selectboard meeting.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

Town Administrator Report:

- Agreement for the conference room copier. All Town employees, board and committee members should have access to the bigger main copier in the Town Clerk's office. L. Hobart explained researchers use the main copier to make copies and print items by the vault.
- S. Katon will have a conversation with Town Clerk regarding access to the main printer.
- The smaller conference room copier was included in the budget. Selectboard Chair C. Rosenquist signed the contract for the printer.
- Discussion regarding keys and access. The Town Administrator should have access to all the buildings in the Town in case of emergency.

Town Treasurer Report:

- Bond Issue: L. Hobart had a conversation with the Vermont Bond Bank and Tyler last week regarding the Winter Bond disbursed in March.
- Summer Bond is disbursed in August, not November.
- The Bond will go into a US Bank money market account and earn interest until it is used.
- Discussion on the timing and the Archaeological study by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- C. Rosenquist recommends March disbursement, as the funds will gain interest in the money market until such time as it is needed.

K. Senna made the motion to pull the Bond funds in the Winter/March to put into a US Bank money market account to earn interest until the time it is needed.

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

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

A. Personnel--2025 Holiday Schedule- Action to Approve

- K. Senna questioned Indigenous Peoples Day, October 13th. This date will be observed on November 28th for the Town Offices, and the Highway Department will observe on October 13th, per their union contract.
- New Years Eve is a half day for both Town and Garage workers.
- Conversation over Thursday, June 19th, "Juneteenth" and if it should be observed as a holiday on the Town schedule. This is currently observed as a State and Federal holiday.

Motion to approve 2025 Holiday Schedule, with clarification on Indigenous Peoples Day observance days by Town employees and the Highway Department; and declining observance of Juneteenth as a Town of Georgia holiday.

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

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

9. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. February 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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

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.

A. Personnel-ACO Position

B. Personnel – Assessor

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

Motion made at 7:13pm by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Motion to invite S. Keaton to the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.
Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:48pm
Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by B. Dunsmore.
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

No action taken following exit of Executive Session.

11. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm
Motion made by B. Dunsmore, Seconded by K. Senna.
Voting Yea: B. Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Posted to the Town website.

Signed: Stacey Katon, Town Administrator

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