



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

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CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Chair Kristina Senna, Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist

SELECTBOARD ABSENT

Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Kellie Bosenberg

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon

PUBLIC PRESENT

Heather Dunsmore

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Senna recognized and gave thanks to the Public Works Department. This week is *Public Works Appreciation Week*, with October 28th deemed *Public Works Day*.

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- S. Katon requested the addition of the Georgia Fire Department's request to Appoint a new Firefighter/EMT. (8H)
- S. Katon requested the addition of a Planning Grant for Feasibility Study. (8I)

Motion to approve the additions to the Agenda.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025: Selectboard Vacancy (5:30pm)
Motion to approve the minutes with no changes.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- B. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes October 13, 2025: Impact Fees (6:00pm)
Motion to approve the minutes with one change.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- C. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025: Development Regulations (6:30pm)
Motion to approve the minutes with minor changes.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- D. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025 (7:00pm)
Motion to approve the minutes with minor changes.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- E. Approval of Warrant #2539
Motion to approve Warrant #2539 in the amount of \$10,533,186.90.
• L. Hobart and T. Cadieux answered questions on the Warrant.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Northwest Fiberworx - Annual Report and Notice of Public Hearing
- Email correspondence from Northwest Fiberworx with information on the annual report and notice of public hearing.

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

- A. Town Assessor Errors and Omissions (E & O) Form - Action to Approve
Motion to approve the Town Assessor Errors and Omissions (E & O) Form for \$11,835,000.
• S. Katon answered questions on the E & O form and the incorrect utility amounts in the 2025 Grand List by the prior assessor.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- B. Present Health Plans for FY26 - Action to Approve

- Chair Senna introduced the health insurance plans and S. Katon gave information on the different plans, the costs and an analysis of the benefit options.
- MVP and BCBS of Vermont are the two options most closely aligned to the health plans currently in place at the Town of Georgia.
- Selectboard Members discussed the options and costs associated with each plan.

Motion to approve MVP as insurance coverage for the Town of Georgia in 2026.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- C. Snow Raiders Request to Waive Facilities Use Fees - Action to Approve
Motion to Waive Facilities Use Fees at the Town of Georgia Fire Station Community Room for the Franklin County Snow Raiders.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- D. New Seat License for ICT Protege Security Software - Action to Approve

- S. Katon explained this seat license would be for the Public Works Director to operate the gates and keycards at the Town beach. After Selectboard discussion, this will be added into the 2026 budget.

Motion to approve the New Seat License for ICT Protege Security Software to be added to the 2026 budget.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- E. Boat Dock Seasonal Services Bid Decision - Action to Approve

- Tabled for next regular Selectboard meeting, T. Cadieux has not had a chance to follow up with the vendors.

- F. Better Roads Program Grant, Road Erosion Inventory (REI) - Action to Approve and Sign

- S. Katon and T. Cadieux explained the grant and how the Road Erosion Inventory (REI) must be completed every 10 years. Georgia last completed this in 2017.

Motion to approve the Better Roads Grant, Road Erosion Inventory (REI) application and for the Selectboard to budget this in the Town's 2026 budget.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- G. Approval to Apply for VTrans FY 2026 Grants for Bridge #28--VTrans SFY 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program (MHSMP) is open and accepting applications with deadline of November 7th.

- T. Cadieux explained the grants and how they will benefit the 2026 work on Bridge #28, Mill River Bridge, upon the recommendation of the project engineer. The grants will offset the funds of the work needed on the bridge and save Georgia taxpayers.

Motion to Apply for the VTrans FY 2026 Grants for Bridge #28 and apply for both VTrans SFY 2026 Transportation Alternatives Plan (TAP) and Municipal Highway and Stormwater

Mitigation Program (MHSMP) at less than maximum amount needed, as recommended by the project engineer.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

H. Request to approve Landon Baker as Firefighter/EMT to the Georgia Fire Department

- Upon hire Landon Baker will report to Pat King, and not Chief Baker.

Motion to approve Landon Baker for the Georgia Fire Department.

Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

I. Municipal Planning Grant

- S. Katon explained the Municipal Planning Grant, which may be used for a feasibility study for a water and sewer system in the Village Core area, or for a feasibility study for sidewalks in the Village Core area.

Motion to Approve the Town of Georgia to apply for the Municipal Planning Grant.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Public Works--Todd Cadieux will provide an update in person at the meeting.

- Town Beach Improvements- T. Cadieux explained the work at the Town beach and the scope of the plumbing work, which is more involved than was originally assessed. This project is estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars. These funds will be requested in the 2026 budget. Chair Senna requested T. Cadieux complete the estimates and the estimated amount be added to the 2026 budget.
- Town Beach Seasonal Closure- Trash service has been cancelled at the beach, the mower has been put away, the stairs will go up; but the dock will be left in for fall boat use.
- Truck and Hot Box Fire- PACIF insurance has given the total loss value on the truck at \$41,216.50. T. Cadieux is requesting the Town buy the truck back at the cost of \$6,000 to repair and return to use. This is based on low inventory to purchase a similar vehicle in time for winter plowing. The PWD has truck parts in stock to fix this truck and will hire a mechanic who has worked with the PWD in the past. S. Katon will investigate insurance on the salvage title.

Motion to authorize T. Cadieux to buy the 2013 truck back from the insurance company for \$6,000 and receive the remainder from the insurance company to repair the vehicle.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- Insurance will cover \$5,300 to replace the hot box. T. Cadieux would like permission to buy another hot box. T. Cadieux answered questions about the hot box and its use in road repairs.

Motion to approve T. Cadieux to purchase another hot box for up to \$5,300.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- School Sign- T. Cadieux will wait to hear back from e911 before installing the school's new road sign. L. Hobart will wait to send a bill to the school for plowing and sign installation.
- In honor of Public Works Appreciation week, T. Cadieux will take the Roads Crew out to breakfast on Wednesday.

B. Town Administrator:

(i) September Activity Report from the Franklin County Sheriff Department

- Chair Senna gave a summary of the Sheriff Activity Report.

(ii) Impact Fee Ordinance for Revision with the Planning Commission

- S. Katon will present the Impact Fee Ordinance and other policies and ordinances for revision with the Planning Commission at their meeting on October 28th.

(iii) Discussion for Net Metering Contract with Town of Colchester

- S. Katon explained the Town of Colchester approached Georgia and other area towns to share credits from a solar facility. Colchester has capped out the amount of kilowatt credits the State of Vermont will allow them. Discussion was had on whether the Town of Georgia would like to opt into this credit program. After consideration of the small savings and other unknown factors, such as how many other towns would opt in, the Selectboard declined this offer.

(iv) Town Administrator Report

- Chair Senna thanked S. Katon for including it in the packet.
- S. Katon wanted to welcome both Kyle and Stewart back to work at the Town garage.
- C. Rosenquist gave his appreciation of the Sheriff's report.
- Chair Senna requested S. Katon to inquire into the Sheriff's availability for increased hours in 2026.

C. Treasurer

- There were minimal issues with the conclusion of tax bills after October 15th.
- At the time of the meeting, there is approximately \$200,000 in delinquent taxes.
- There was only 1 bounced check, which was resolved with a wire transfer.
- The first budget meeting will be scheduled when K. Bosenberg returns. The Finance Committee will be present at all the meetings, and Georgia public is invited to attend.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Georgia Public Library Memorandum of Understanding-There has been renewed interest in an MOU document, S. Katon has sent email to Library Director Bridget Stone to restart the discussions.
- B. Local Option Tax- No updates.
- C. Change in Fiscal Year – No updates.
- D. Video Surveillance Policy - Currently Working on New Draft, with Guidance from the Selectboard.
- E. Town of Georgia Lot (Parcel ID 112260000) - Under Review by Town Attorney.
- F. Bridge #28 (Mill River Bridge)- See PWD report.
- G. Perrigo Closing- No updates.

- H. GPL Building Revitalization Committee – No updates.
- I. Friends of Lake Champlain Update - Josh Serpe, Project Manager for the Mill River Road SE Project – Tabled for next meeting.
- J. Discussion and Approval to Use the Employee Injury Process & Guidelines - Action to Approve use of the procedures and forms. – Tabled for next meeting.

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. November 10, 2025
 - A schedule will be set for budget meetings and shared at the November 10th meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313) – No Executive Session.

13. ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm
- Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.
- Voting Yea: Chair Senna, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

TABLED ITEMS: Boat Dock Seasonal Services Bid Decision, Friends of Lake Champlain Update, Employee Injury Process & Guidelines

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

Signed: Stacy Katon, Town Administrator

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