



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, January 12, 2026 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, Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Kellie Bosenberg, Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist

STAFF PRESENT

Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon

PUBLIC PRESENT

Heather Dunsmore, Eric Couture, Pat King

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

- Chair Senna thanked Town Treasurer Lori Hobart and the Budget team for their hard work on the 2026 budget. She also thanked the Road Crew and Fire Department for their dedication to the community through the snow and ice.

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- Chair Senna has two additions to the Agenda:
 - (1) Motion to authorize SP&F Attorneys to represent the Town of Georgia in Mr. Ken Minck's appeal of the 2025 Development Regulations. (8F)
 - (2) Executive Session for Personnel. (13)

Motion to add the above items to the Agenda

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, C. Rosenquist, J. Nasca

- L. Hobart requested the addition of Warrant #2602 in the amount of \$520.16. (5D)
- Motion to add the above item to the Agenda
 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca
 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, C. Rosenquist, J. Nasca

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for December 22, 2025
 Motion to approve minutes with no changes.
 Motion made by K. Bosenberg, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.
 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- B. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes for December 29, 2025
 Motion to approve minutes with no changes.
 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by K. Bosenberg
 Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- C. Approval of Warrant #2601
 Motion to approve Warrant #2601 in the amount of \$51,120.09
 Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist
- L. Hobart and T. Cadieux answered Selectboard questions on the warrant.
- Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- Motion to approve Warrant #2602 in the amount of \$520.16
 Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist
- L. Hobart explained the second warrant to the Selectboard.
- Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, 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. Mill River Road Stormwater Project Update-Josh Serpe Project Manager - Project is about 95% complete, the remaining work is tied to spring 2026 follow up. Josh Serpe would like to visit Selectboard upon project completion to give a presentation of project and talk about future projects.
- B. Announcement of Ken Minck Resignation from Georgia Conservation Commission - After 32 years of service as the last remaining original member of the Georgia Conservation Commission, Ken has resigned. We thank him for his decades of dedication and valued service to the Town of Georgia and the Conservation Commission.
- Vice Chair Dunsmore thanked Ken for his many years of service to the Town of Georgia and encourages others to get involved with the various boards and commissions that serve our community.
- C. Alternate Needed for Basin 5 Water Quality Council, please reach out to Dan Albrecht CWSP Manager dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org, if interested or with any questions.

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

- A. Action to Approve the Annual Contract for Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement for period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 with the City of Saint Albans, in the amount of \$73,140. City of St. Albans has implemented a standardized approach to billing for contracts for non-police dispatching services at a rate of \$15.00 per capita, using U.S. Census Bureau estimates of population for Town of Georgia as 4,876.

Motion to approve the Annual Contract for Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement for period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 with the City of Saint Albans, in the amount of \$73,140.

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- B. Selectboard Appointment of Kollene Caspers for 3-year Term of Town Health Officer, current term ends as of March 31, 2026.

Motion to appoint Kollene Caspers for 3-year Term of Town Health Officer.

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- C. Action To Approve-Auditor Letter of Agreement for FY25 Annual Audit

Motion to approve the Auditor Letter of Agreement for FY2025 Annual Audit.

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- D. Action To Approve FY26 Budget

- L. Hobart answered questions on the 2026 budget. She is still working on 2025 actual numbers but they will be ready in time for the Town Report.
- The Georgia Public Library Board of Trustees approved their GPL 2026 budget. The library is applying the same numbers as the line items in the 2025 Budget.
- The Town will have an 7.9% increase in expenses for FY2026 and proposed 15.33% total raise in taxes.

Motion to approve the 2026 budget as discussed and reviewed.

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- Selectboard Special Meeting on Friday 1/16/26 at 3pm to approve the Town Warning.

- E. Development Review Board FA-001-25 Hibbard Decision - Action to Approve - Final Plat Amendment hearings by applicant Steven Hibbard on October 7, 2025 and November 18, 2025 requested to remove or alter easements and restrictions placed on the property from a previous 1999 decision. In accordance with the current Conservation and Agricultural Easement and Restrictions Agreement in place, the December 2, 2025 DRB hearing decision is subject to Selectboard Approval. Original hearing documentation available if needed.

Motion to approve the DRB Hearing decision to release restrictions on the Agricultural and Conservation Easement on Mr. Hibbard's property.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

- Zoning Clerk K. Caspers answered questions on the history of the project and the recent DRB hearings for the requested changes.

- Vice Chair Dunsmore said the conservation and agricultural restrictions should be eliminated entirely as the original agreement was unduly restrictive.
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

F. Approve SP&F Attorneys to Represent the Town of Georgia in Ken Minck's Legal Appeal Motion to authorize SP&F attorneys to represent the Town of Georgia in Ken Minck's appeal of the 2025 Development Regulations.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Public Works

- T. Cadieux gave an update to Public Works and highway department.
- The Georgia Shore Bridge #8, located at Georgia Shore and Mill River roads, continues to experience concrete issues. The bridge is tired and falling apart, below the rebar in some spots. This bridge last had major work done in 1954, and a few years ago was closed for two weeks for minor repairs costing the Town \$40,000.
- T. Cadieux reached out to Tyler Billingsly, the engineer for the High Bridge and Mill River bridges work to discuss temporary and long-term repairs.
- Vice Chair Dunsmore asked if a temporary fix is available until the bridge can go under major repairs in 2027. The road crew patch and repair the bridge after every plow as a temporary fix.
- T. Cadieux recommended the Town hire a company to do a temporary fix until the bridge can undergo major repairs, as the highway department will be busy in spring/summer working on the Mill River bridge.
- If the funds are available after Bridge #28 work is completed, Bridge #8 can be repaired. If the Town moves forward, the bridge will be closed approximately two months, after the 4th of July holiday. S. Katon will reach out to the public to let the residents know the bridge will be closed.
- Heaters were installed in the Town garage; there are two in the main work area and once turned on had heated up the space in 5 minutes before shutting down. This will save on the boilers running for hours to catch up with heat. The only downside is snow coming off the roof may slide to the vent pipes, roof guards will be installed for approximately \$1,500-\$2,000.
- This year has been a high salt and sand usage for the Town, given the weather.
- T. Cadieux inquired on the Winter Road Maintenance Policy and parking regulations. He is seeing vehicles or construction trailers left in the roads causing difficulties for the road crew to plow the roads. Given the language of the policy, is he able to call and have a vehicle removed.
- The Selectboard instructed him to reach out to the property owner first, then the vehicle can be towed. It is ultimately the responsibility of the homeowner to have any vehicles or contracted vehicles removed. The Selectboard gave their permission for the Public Works Director to notify the property owner to move the vehicle before having it towed.

- S. Katon will have this information added to the website for public notice. Per policy, vehicle removed at owner's expense.

B. Treasurer

- L. Hobart discussed Town Meeting Day warning, taxes and the change in the US Post Office postmarks.

C. Town Administrator--Will Bring the TA Report to the Meeting

- TA report copies were given to the Selectboard.
- Regarding the Library MOU, an updated draft with Trustee and Selectboard notes was shared with Department Heads and Library Trustees. Department heads have submitted their feedback, and the Trustees will discuss at the next regular meeting on January 21st.
- S. Katon has met with the Planning Commission to update Town policies and ordinances. Drafts of selected items have been reviewed and will be shared with the Board at the next regular Selectboard meeting on January 26th.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Local Option Tax

- K. Bosenberg looked at retail sales for the Town of Georgia over the last four years. With a 6% tax rate and 1% options tax, Georgia's portion in 2024 would have yielded \$69,000. Because Georgia does not have its own zip code, it would not be easy to manage the local options tax. Chair Senna instructed this be removed from unfinished business.

B. Change in Fiscal Year

- Chair Senna also instructed this be removed from unfinished business as the Selectboard will host an informational meeting for the public.
- L. Hobart has reached out to the larger mortgage companies on how the change to a fiscal year will affect escrows, who said they can adjust the numbers accordingly. This will also not affect VA and Homestead. Again, this will only affect the Town portion of the taxes, not the school.
- The timeframe for the future informational meeting is in the works. S. Katon will work with Town Clerk C. Letourneau for a date.

C. Video Surveillance Policy

- Vice Chair Dunsmore continues to work on this policy.

D. Bridge #28 (Mill River Bridge)

- No updates.

E. GPL Building Revitalization Committee Updates

- No updates.

F. Problem Parcel

- This has been resolved by the Town attorney and can be removed from unfinished business.

G. Library MOU

- S. Katon gave an update in her TA report, GPL will give updates after the next Trustee meeting.

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Friday, January 16, 2026 at 3pm: Selectboard Special Meeting to sign the Town Warning.
- Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6pm: Selectboard Regular Meeting.

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313 - requires two-thirds vote)

Chair Senna would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:50pm

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

Chair Senna would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the above with Town Administrator S. Katon, Public Works Director T. Cadieux, and Fire Station staff P. King & E. Couture under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes.

Motion to invite S. Katon, T. Cadieux, P. King, and E. Couture into Executive Session

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

Motion to exit from Executive Session at 7:43pm

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

No action taken out of Executive Session.

13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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Signed: Stacy Katon, Town Administrator

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