



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, February 24, 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

Dial by your Location: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Paul Jansen, Carl Rosenquist, Kristina Senna (via Zoom)

SELECTBOARD ABSENT

Brian Dunsmore

STAFF PRESENT

Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon, Cheryl Letourneau (via Zoom)

GUESTS PRESENT

Catherine Dimitruk, NRPC

Cliff Jenkins, NRPC

Josh Serpe, FNLC

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kirk Waite

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- C. Rosenquist asked to move up the Agenda to address Catherine Dimitruk with NRPC and Josh Serpe with FNLC.

- S. Katon requested to add the re-adoption of the Impact Ordinance and asked for an Executive Session to discuss the Personnel Policy. She also requested to discuss the 2025 Town Meeting Warning and corrections.

Motion to change the Agenda order and add the above Agenda items made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna.

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

(1) S. Katon asked the Selectboard to readopt the Impact Fee Ordinance

- The ordinance warning was impacted due to a newspaper posting error. No changes were made to the ordinance.

Motion to re-adopt the Impact Fee Ordinance made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

(2) C. Letourneau introduced the problem with the 2025 Election Warrant

- Typos were discovered in the Town Warning, originating from articles being misnumbered and then reflected in the body of the warning.
- A resolution to correct this issue will be prepared by the Town attorney and presented at the Selectboard reorganization meeting.

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes with minor changes.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna.

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

B. Approval of Warrants #2505

Motion to approve Warrant #2505

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by P. Jansen

- L. Hobart answered questions about individual warrant charges.

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

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.

A. Voices Against Violence Laurie's House- Letter of Thanks:

- C. Rosenquist acknowledged the letter of thanks from Laurie's House for the Town of Georgia's generous donation that will help many in the community they serve. The contribution aids in the support of those needing to find safety and security. Voices Against Violence serves in the Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

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

A. Catherine Dimitruk of Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC)

- C. Dimitruk, Executive Director of NRPC, introduced the NRPC's regional plan, reflecting changes made by Act 181 and addressing land use permitting and regulations, Act 250, and balancing environmental conservation with housing growth.
- C. Rosenquist and K. Waite were recognized as board members of NRPC.
- The municipal target for the Town of Georgia from 2020-2030 is to increase the number of housing units (homes, duplexes, townhomes, Accessory Dwelling Units, apartments, etc.) to 125-190 units.
- Housing growth in Georgia from 2010-2020 was 0.9%. If Georgia reaches the 2020-2030 municipal growth target, growth will be 1.3%
- Greta Brunswick, Senior Planner with NRPC will meet with the Town of Georgia's Planning Commission in April to discuss this further.
- C. Dimitruk introduced Cliff Jenkins, new Project Manager for Water Quality with NWRP. He is working on projects for clean water, reducing phosphorus and connecting towns with funding sources for clean water projects.

B. Animal Control Ordinance-Action to Approve

Motion to approve the Animal Control Ordinance as presented.

Motion made by P. Jansen. Seconded by K. Senna.

Motion withdrawn by P. Jansen.

Motion to approve the Animal Control Ordinance as amended.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

C. Josh Serpe Project Manager for Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC)

- J. Serpe presented the status of Mill River Southeast (MRSE) Clean Water Project.
- P. Jansen was recognized as one of the Board members of the FNLC.
- This project aims to identify erosion and place infiltration chambers and plunge pools to slow stormwater runoff, reduce erosion and reduce phosphorus in our waterways.
- Although all work will be confined to the Town's right-of-way along Mill River Road, the homeowners abutting the Town right-of-way will be notified of the project by FNLC.
- FNLC is requesting a joint maintenance agreement between the Town of Georgia and CCRPC for maintenance, inspection and scheduled procedures. Costs of maintenance by Town of Georgia will be reimbursed by CCRCP.
- Requesting signatures from the Selectboard for Site Access Agreement and an Operations & Management agreement between Town of Georgia and Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC).

Motion to approve Selectboard Chair to execute the Site Agreement and Operations and Management agreement between the Town of Georgia and Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for the Clean Water Project on Mill River Road.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna.

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

D. AOT Mileage Report-Signatures of Selectboard Needed

- Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage reviewed prior years and with Todd Cadieux. No changes to the roads for year-end February 10, 2025.
- S. Katon explained the yearly AOT and answered questions about the form.

Motion to approve and sign the Annual Certificate of Highway Milage by all Selectboard members.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna.

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

E. Ethics Policy-Review and Action to Adopt

- S. Katon presented the Ethics Policy and asked the Selectboard to review and discuss any sections that may need further review.

Motion to approve the Town of Georgia Conflict of Issue and Ethics Policy as presented.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Motion withdrawn by P. Jansen.

Motion to approve the Town of Georgia Conflict of Issue and Ethics Policy as amended.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna.

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bridge #28 Mill River Road & Bridge #10 Highbridge

- Tyler is away on vacation until March 5th. S. Katon will reconnect upon his return.

B. Sherwood Forest 3 Acre Rule

C. Roadside Acres LLC

D. Oncore Renewable Energy, Corporate Donation Use

- The Selectboard will consider options for the Oncore Donation of \$20,000 at the next meeting.

E. Town Electronic Signage

F. 2025 Library Electrical Outlet Project

- S. Katon, together with Todd Cadieux, Terry Cleveland and Bridget Stone, met with Sean of Vermont Electrical on February 19th for a quote to install electrical outlets at the library.
- The work will include the installation of new outlets over existing heating units, which is work that is “grandfathered in” given the age of the building.
- Waiting for the official quote from the contractor. This was the second contractor quote for the project.

G. 2025 HVAC PM Contract

H. 2025 Town Garage Manual Transfer Switch Project

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Treasurer

- Annual Audit Engagement Letter and Agreement-Action to Approve and Sign

Motion to approve the Sullivan and Powers 2025 Audit Scope and for Chair C. Rosenquist to sign.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

B. Library Trustees/Staff Visit and program and building update

- The Georgia Public Library Trustees and Staff are invited to attend the March 24, 2025 Selectboard meeting to discuss electrical outlets and other building updates.

C. Personnel Policy Draft for Board Review, Comments, Corrects to First Draft.

D. Public Works

- T. Cadieux requesting confirmation of permission to sell the Zamboni that is currently not in use. The Selectboard confirmed the Zamboni could be sold.

9. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. March 12, 2025, 6:00pm

- This Wednesday night meeting is a change from the usual Monday, due to conflicts in Selectboard member schedules. This will serve as the Reorganizational Meeting.

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- garage cleaner, which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

C. Rosenquist moves that we enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters- garage cleaner with S. Katon under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. (State Time.)

Motion to move into Executive Session at 7:57pm

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by P. Jansen

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Motion to invite S. Katon to join the Executive Session

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Motion to exit from Executive Session at 8:24pm

Motion made by K. Senna, Seconded by P. Jansen

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Action taken after Executive Session:

Motion for Town Administrator to hire Jolly Bates for cleaning the Town Garage, 2 hours per week.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

11. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:26pm

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by K. Senna

Voting Yea: P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist, K. Senna

Posted to the Town website.

Signed: Stacy Katon, Town Administrator

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