



# SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

## MINUTES

### Zoom Details:

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, Nick Martin

**Staff:** Cheryl Letourneau, Dawn Penney and Doug Bergstrom

**Public:** Bette Dunsmore, Joan Nye, Brian Dunsmore, Heather Dunsmore, Kyle Grenier, Tony Heinlein, Bob Gockel, Frank Gore, Sarah Savich, Deborah Woodward, Keith Baker, Suz Brown, Sara Walker, Bridget Stone, Heather Grimm, Fred Grimm

**Zoom:** Jana Thuesen, Amber Baker, Jen Kale, Eric Couture, Terry Cleveland, Cat Schoonejongen, Sue Webster

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. CHAIR UPDATE

### 3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

### 4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

#### A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/22/23

S. Jenkins would like lines 115 and 116 reworded.

C. Rosenquist wants exit time of the executive session.

H. Grimm would like more information included with the motions from the executive session.

C. Rosenquist makes the motion to approve the minutes with the changes, J. Comstock seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

#### B. Approval of Warrants #8

H. Dunsmore wanted to know what the Costco order was for \$241.00. K. Baker informed her it was the yearly gathering and awards for the Fire Department. H. Grimm asked if this was

31 paid for by the association and K. Baker said it was not. Everyone brought a dish and the town  
32 paid for the meat and drinks.

33 Brian Dunsmore questioned what the VLCT payment was for, it is the insurance payment.

34 N. Martin made the motion to approve the warrant, J. Comstock seconds. All in favor, motion  
35 approved.

36 **5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)**

37 All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the  
38 Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.

39 Bette Dunsmore wanted to express her disappointment with no recreation director hired. School is  
40 out and there is nothing for the kids to do. N. Martin says they are doing interviews next week.

41 F. Grimm commented about the under 16 cadets in the fire hall and he questioned if we were  
42 breaking labor laws. K. Baker responds that the lawyer reviewed the SOGs.

43 **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

44 A. GIDC Letter

45 D. Thomas read the letter from Tim Smith. C. Rosenquist suggests giving the issue to Public  
46 Works to review and see if any action is needed and to include ground radar readings. J.  
47 Comstock wants to reach out to Todd Cadieux and Tim Smith for possibilities.

48 **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

49 **9. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**

50 A. Ethics Committee- draft policy

51 K. Grenier presented to the board on behalf of the Ethics Committee. He requested permission  
52 to reach out to VLCT for clarification on four items: a definition of volunteer, how to do  
53 changes and updates with policies, an appropriate way to work with other elected town officials  
54 and which Ethics and Conflict policy proceeds the other. D. Thomas will work with K. Grenier  
55 to get him permission with VLCT.

56 B. Legal Trail # 4 - Action

57 C. Rosenquist made a motion to have Devon Thomas sign to approve the amendment for Bryce  
58 to move the fence onto the town portion, N. Martin seconds.

59 C. Rosenquist reports that he and Tony Heinlein walked the fence and Bryce asked for 10-15  
60 feet in a single slope area and in exchange they will waive the \$20,000 portion the town is  
61 responsible for.

62 T. Heinlein would like to see a fence plan and a permit from Bryce before he moves the fence  
63 stating the property line needs to be defined by a survey. S. Jenkins is nervous about Bryce  
64 asking for this. D. Bergstrom says it is outside of the zoning regulations therefore the  
65 agreement between the selectboard and Bryce should be sufficient. Betty Dunsmore says the  
66 fence could help to keep someone from falling down the bank. S. Brown questions if we  
67 should sell them the land.

68 C. Rosenquist amends his motion to have D. Thomas sign with the cavate to include a Mylar  
69 for recording, N. Martin seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

70 C. Stump Dump Removal - Action

71 S. Jenkins makes a motion to proceed with the process of removing the stump dump ordinance,  
72 N. Martin seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

73 D. GCEC - Georgia Community Events Committee

74 S. Savich presents to the selectboard that the GCEC has a new chair, Kate Driver and all  
75 correspondence should be forwarded to her. She questions how to pay for Gatherings on the  
76 Green as they are only two weeks out. She also asks if any selectboard members will be  
77 attending and wants to know what their support will look like. S. Jenkins will schedule a  
78 meeting and request an update on social media looking for volunteers.

79 E. Livestock Ordinance - Action

80 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to bring this topic to the floor, N. Martin seconds.

81 Motion to discuss livestock ordinance and issues. move forward to revise the ACO  
82 Ordinance.

83 J. Nye has spoken to many agencies regarding livestock in the road. She is very concerned  
84 about the dangers it poses to the people of Georgia as there have been 69 cows out and in the  
85 road. C. Letourneau reports that Kollene Caspers is currently looking into these issues.

86 J. Comstock makes a motion to move forward to revise the Animal Ordinance, N. Martin  
87 seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

88 F. Town Plan

89 S. Brown reports that regional planning does not have time to do a town plan. NWRP said it  
90 would take \$6,000 for data this year. D. Bergstrom says we need \$30,000.00 to complete the  
91 town plan. If we use a private company we could get the plan done this year.

92 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to ask the finance committee to try and find \$35,000 for the  
93 Town Plan, S. Jenkins seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

94 Keith asked if we could use the ARPA funds.

95 G. Trail Ordinance

96 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to move this ordinance to the next meeting, J. Comstock  
97 seconds.

98 Brian Dunsmore would like the board to look at how much of a problem this has created. If you  
99 enact it as of now it is conflicting with another ordinance that we already have dated April 25,  
100 1983, related to all firearms.

101 All in favor, motion passed.

102 H. New Fire Truck

103 K. Baker presented saying funding was coming out of the reserve for the equipment needs for  
104 the new truck which includes 6 nozzles and hose. K. Baker says some of this will come out of  
105 the impact fees with \$10,000-\$11,000 needed for these items. They need to pay the difference  
106 of \$25,000 that should be coming out of the reserve fund. The resale value of the new truck  
107 should bring in \$80,000.00.

108 **10. SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES AND REPORTS**

109 A. Town Administrator

110 Milton Police Department has reported that they are down two men. We are hoping to get  
111 coverage but that will depend on officers signing up for overtime.

112 There has been damage to the garage door and T. Cadieux hopes to have it fixed.

113 Jeffrey Brace sign has been installed and looks great.

114 C. Letourneau says that there has been conflicting information with respect to having dogs at  
115 the beach. She will continue to look into it and get back to the board.

116 B. Buildings

117 Potential uses for the Old Town Garage

118 C. Budget and Finance

119 J. Comstock wants department heads to come forward with their wish lists for ARPA money.

120 D. Personnel

121 E. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

122 F. Committees at the direction of the chair

123 **11. OTHER**

124 **12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

125 A. 06/26/2023

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

127 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to go into Executive Session to include C. Letourneau and requests  
128 Library trustees and director for one part, and then K. Baker for the Firefighter portion, N. Martin  
129 seconded. All in favor, motion passed at 9:20 p.m.

130 A. Library Director/trustees

131 D. Thomas makes a motion to investigate to decrease the number of cameras at the door and  
132 there will be no access to the viewing of the cameras until there is a policy in place, training on  
133 the card swipe system, and to check into the timeline for the installation of a panic buttons, N.  
134 Martin seconds. D. Thomas, N. Martin, S. Jenkins and J. Comstock in favor, C. Rosenquist  
135 abstains, motion passed.

136 B. Treasurer position candidate – Action

137 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to offer our first candidate the treasurer job at a rate of pay  
138 discussed in executive session per hour for up to 30 hours per week, if the first candidate  
139 declines, offer the position to second candidate, N. Martin seconds. All in favor, motion  
140 passed.

141 C. Fire Chief - Firefighter/EMS hire – Action

142 C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve the fire chief to offer the position of firefighter/EMS  
143 to the candidate discussed in executive session at a rate of \$23 per hour, N. Martin seconds.  
144 All in favor, motion passed.

145 **14. ADJOURN**

146 C. Rosenquist makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., J. Comstock seconds. All in  
147 favor, motion passed.

148 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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

152 **Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator**

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Approved