



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, April 08, 2024 Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Agenda

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | **Passcode:** 5243524

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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 03.25.2024
 - B. Approval of Warrants
 - C. Approval of Payroll Warrant
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**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Job Descriptions
 - B. Personnel Policy
 - C. Ethics Policy
 - D. Purchasing Policy
 - E. EMS Contract
8. **BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**
 - A. TA Report

- B.** Junk Ordinance - Active
- C.** Stump Dump Ordinance - Active
- D.** Motor Vehicle Ordinance - Active
- E.** Town Trails Ordinance - Active
- F.** Audit Scope and Objectives - Action to accept.
- G.** Fire Department Position - Action - Driver/Operator
- H.** Sherwood Forest and Nottingham Dr. 3-Acre Rule
- I.** Regional Planning - Basin 5 Clean Water Service Provider - Action for signature
- J.** Library Invoices - discussion

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

- A.** Town Administrator -
 - Cristy Monty - Would like to line the BB Court at the beach with pickleball lines.
 - How to fund a reserve fund.
 - Update on the tanks from the FD
- B.** Treasurer
- C.** Buildings
- D.** Budget and Finance
- E.** Personnel
- F.** Public Works/Grounds/Recreation - Georgia Beach Possible upgrades
- G.** Committees at the direction of the chair

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A.** 04.22.2024

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

- A.** Police Contracts
- B.** Bill Hinman - Contractual
- C.** Personnel - bookkeeper
- D.** Union Payroll

13. ADJOURN

TABLED ITEMS:

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

Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

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Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom
Minutes
6:00 p.m.

Zoom Details:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Selectboard Present** – Carl Rosenquist Chair, Devon Thomas Vice-Chair, Paul Jansen, Kristina Senna
- **Selectboard Zoom** – Brian Dunsmore
- **Staff Present** – Cheryl Letourneau, Dawn Penney, April Edwards
- **Public Present** – Suzanna Brown, Heather Grimm, Fred Grimm, L. Benjamin Richards, James A. Harrison, Lee Carson
- **Public Zoom** – Terry Cleveland, Shannon Jenkins, Noah Lavallee, Ken Minck
- **At 6:00 p.m.** – C. Rosenquist called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CHAIR UPDATE

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- It is decided to add ‘Paving’ as item ‘H’ on the agenda under Board Business.

5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 03.11.2024

- K. Senna made a motion to approve the minutes, D. Thomas seconded. There were corrections noted. P. Jansen, D. Thomas, and K. Senna approved, B. Dunsmore had audio issues and his vote was not heard. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Warrant #9

- 32 • K. Senna made a motion to approve the Warrant, D. Thomas seconded. P. Jansen, D.
33 Thomas, and K. Senna approved, B. Dunsmore had audio issues and his vote was not heard.
34 Motion carried.

35 C. Approval of Payroll Warrants

- 36 • K. Senna made a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant, P. Jansen seconded. All in favor,
37 motion carried (B. Dunsmore fixed the audio issue).

38 **6. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)**

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

- 41 • L. Carson brought up concerns with the contract with Fairfax Rescue.
42 • H. Grimm reported the seating arrangement of the board felt unwelcoming.

43 **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 44 • A letter was read from Justin Holmes regarding the Wastewater Permit for the new town
45 garage.

46 **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

48 A. Possible Changes to Minutes 02.26.2024

- 49 • It was decided to move this to the 04.03.2024 Budget Meeting with the Library.

50 B. Jim Harrison - Class 4 Rd on Georgia Mountain

- 51 • J. Harrison brought up the potential of reclassifying a portion of Georgia Mountain Rd to
52 McNall Rd to a trail.

53 C. Bovat Rd - Class 4 Noah Lavallee

- 54 • N. Lavallee requested the board to pay a 'share' of the road costs toward Bovat Rd to go
55 toward the added traffic for the people to access the cell tower.

56 D. DRB appointment for alternates - Action

57 Jared Waite and Chris Caspers

- 58 • P. Jansen made a motion to appoint Jared Waite and Chris Caspers to the DRB as alternates
59 for a term of 1-year, D. Thomas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

60 E. Eclipse office hours

- 61 • P. Jansen made a motion to close the office at 12:00 p.m., D. Thomas seconded.
62 • The motion was amended to have C. Letourneau decide on the office hours as she sees fit.
63 • All in favor, motion carried.

64 F. DOT paperwork - Action must sign

- 65 • K. Senna made a motion to sign the DOT paperwork, D. Thomas seconded. All in favor,
66 motion carried.

67 G. ARPA Resolution

68 H. Paving – Addition to Agenda

- 69 • P. Jansen made a motion to have Todd Cadieux go out for paving bids on behalf of the town,
- 70 D. Thomas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

71 **10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES’**
72 **REPORTS**

73 A. Town Administrator

74 Wastewater system for Garage

- 75 • It was noted this issue was addressed in the letter from Justin Holmes during
- 76 correspondence.

77 B. Treasurer

- 78 • A. Edwards gave the board a packet of all the current numbers for the budget. It was noted
- 79 these numbers were unaudited.

80 C. Buildings

- 81 • P. Jansen reported a meeting with T. Cadieux and Tyler Billingsly and it was reported the
- 82 bridge may potentially cost between \$900,000 - \$1,100,000.
- 83 • P. Jansen reported his plan to meet with T. Cadieux at the beach the next day to discuss
- 84 possible improvements.

85 D. Budget and Finance

86 E. Personnel

- 87 • It was noted this will not be addressed until after a budget has been passed.

88 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

89 G. Committees at the direction of the chair

90 **11. OTHER**

91 **12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- 92 A. 04.08.2024
- 93 B. Budget meeting 03.27.2024 at 4:00 p.m.

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

- 95 • At **7:50 p.m.** - K. Senna made a motion to go into Executive Session where premature
- 96 disclosure may put the town or people involved at a substantial disadvantage, D. Thomas
- 97 seconded.
- 98 • K. Senna made a motion to have the board and the administrator go into executive session;
- 99 D. Thomas seconded. K. Senna amended the motion to also include Bill Hinman in the
- 100 Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.

101 A. Assessor contract - B. Hinman

102 B. Personnel

103 C. Paychex – Contractual

- 104 • At **9:00 p.m.** – K. Senna made a motion to exit Executive Session, P. Jansen seconded. All
- 105 in favor, motion carried.
- 106 • It is noted there were no motions out of Executive Session.
- 107 • It is noted that Bill Hinman did not attend the Executive Session.

108 **14. ADJOURN**

- 109 • At **9:01 p.m.** – K. Senna made a motion to adjourn, P. Jansen seconded. All in favor, motion
- 110 carried.

111 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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113 **Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk’s**

114 **Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.**

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

116 **Phone: 802-524-3524 | Fax: 802-524-3543 | Website: townofgeorgia.com**

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03/25/24
06:01 pm

Town of Georgia, Vermont General Ledger
General Journal Posting Register Report
General Journals 20240068 to 20240068

Section 4. Item #C.

GeorgiaTreasurer

Posting Account Reference Account/Description	Date	From Transaction Desc.	Reference	Debit	Credit
>1-1-00-00-01.00 General Fund Checking	03/21/24	GL01 Payroll 3/21/2024	GJ# 20240068		14479.49
1-1-00-00-01.00 General Fund Checking					4811.51
1-1-00-00-01.00 General Fund Checking					47.45
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1-2-00-05-10.25 Retirement Withholding					3017.31
1-2-00-05-10.35 Dental Withholding					53.64
1-2-00-05-10.36 Health Withholding					301.50
1-2-00-05-10.37 Vision Withholding					14.87
1-2-00-05-10.38 AFLAC Withholding					25.50
1-2-00-05-10.41 Union Dues					31.50
1-7-05-05-10.10 Administrative Salaries				3680.08	
1-7-05-05-10.21 Gen Gov Social Security				215.32	
1-7-05-05-10.22 Gen Gov Retirement				192.18	
1-7-05-10-10.05 Clerk's Office Salary				1346.15	
1-7-05-10-10.15 Asst Clerk's Salaries				1040.10	
1-7-05-10-10.10 Ballot Clerk's Salaries				116.20	
1-7-05-10-10.16 Clerks Office Social Secu				244.12	
1-7-05-10-10.17 Clerks Office Retirement				179.81	
1-7-05-15-10.00 Treas/ Tax Collect Salary				1280.00	
1-7-05-15-10.01 Treasurer Social Security				97.92	
1-7-05-15-10.02 Treasurer Retirement				108.80	
1-7-05-05-45.00 Admin Contracted Services				168.66	
1-7-05-36-10.00 Fire & Rescue Salaries				2856.79	
1-7-05-36-10.10 Fire & Rescue OT Labor				25.02	
1-7-05-36-10.15 Fire & Rescue Social Secu				210.70	
1-7-05-36-10.16 Fire & Rescue Retirement				34.70	
1-7-05-70-10.00 Library Salaries				1683.31	
1-7-05-70-11.00 Library Social Security				118.18	
1-7-05-70-12.00 Library Retirement				101.35	
1-7-05-70-99.00 Library Misc Expense				10.72	
1-7-10-05-10.05 Highway Labor				4195.54	
1-7-10-05-10.10 Highway OT Labor				2318.70	
1-7-10-05-10.11 Highway Social Security				432.36	
1-7-10-05-10.12 Highway Retirement				490.56	
1-7-05-28-10.00 Public Works Salaries				1450.00	
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Section 8. Item #B.

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PUBLIC NOTICE January 8, 2024

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Georgia under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §1972, by its affirmative action, does hereby adopt the **TOWN OF GEORGIA ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND THE OUTDOOR STORAGE OF JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES**, as follows,

The Town of Georgia Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles:

The Town of Georgia Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles was enacted to regulate the storage or dumping of solid waste, the location and outdoor storage of junk, junk vehicles, abandoned motor vehicles, and salvage yards in the Town of Georgia in order to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and well-being of the public and inhabitants of the Town, and to protect the environment.

Any interested person as defined in 24 V.S.A. shall have the right to petition pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973 for a vote on the amended ordinance at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. If no petition is filed within 44 days of the date the Selectboard amended, the ordinance shall become effective upon the passage of sixty (60) days from the date of the amendment.

The full text of the Town of Georgia Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles can be examined at the Town of Georgia Offices. Questions and comments can be directed to Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator, Town of Georgia Offices, 47 Town Common Road North, Georgia, Vermont. Phone 802-524-3524 and website www.townofgeorgia.com.

Signed: Cheryl Letourneau January 13, 2024
Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

Effective date of adoption of ordinance: February 20, 2024



Town of Georgia
Ordinance Regulating the
Disposal of Solid Waste
and the Outdoor Storage of
Junk and Junk Vehicles

Approved xx October, 2023

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The Selectboard of the Town of Georgia does hereby ordain:

1 Authority

- 1.1 This Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles (the "Ordinance") is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Georgia to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances by 24 V.S.A. §§ 1971, *et seq.*; to promote the public health, safety, and welfare, to regulate or prohibit the storage or dumping of solid waste, and to compel the cleaning of any premises in which the judgment of the legislative body is dangerous to the health and safety of the public by 24 V.S.A. § 2291(12), (13), (14); the power to prohibit the throwing, depositing, burning, and dumping of refuse by 24 V.S.A. § 2201(b); the power to manage and regulate solid waste disposal within its boundaries by 24 V.S.A. § 2202a; the power to enforce a solid waste ordinance by 24 V.S.A. §§ 2297, *et seq.*; the power to regulate abandoned motor vehicles under 23 V.S.A. § 2157; to regulate salvage yards under 24 V.S.A. § 2246; and the power to provide for penalties for violations of any ordinance adopted by 24 V.S.A. § 2291(15).
- 1.2 This Ordinance shall be a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. chapter 59.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 It is the purpose of this Ordinance to regulate the disposal of solid waste, the location and outdoor storage of junk, junk vehicles, abandoned motor vehicles, and salvage yards in the Town of Georgia in order to protect the public health, safety, welfare and well-being of the public and inhabitants of the Town and to protect the environment.

3 Definitions

- 3.1 For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:
 - 3.1.1 "Abandoned vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has remained on public or private property or on or along a highway without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours, and has a valid registration plate or public vehicle identification number which has not been removed, destroyed, or altered; or a motor vehicle that has remained on public or private property or on or along a highway without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for any period of time if the vehicles does not have a valid registration plate or the public vehicle identification number has been removed, destroyed, or altered. This does not include a vehicle or other equipment used or to be used in construction or operation or maintenance of highways or public utility facilities, which is left in a manner that does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic.
 - 3.1.2 "Abutting property owner" means any person or persons that owns, leases, or in any other way uses or controls the real property abutting any portion of the property of another, including but not limited to those which would be abutting to the real property but for the interposition of a highway or other public or private right-of-way.

- 3.1.3 "Disposal" shall mean the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any solid waste or hazardous waste into or on any land or water so that such solid waste or hazardous waste or any constituent thereof may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any ground or surface waters.
- 3.1.4 "Enforcement Officer" means any Law Enforcement Officer, Town Official, or other individuals appointed by the Selectboard to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
- 3.1.5 "Hazardous waste" shall mean any waste or combination of wastes of a solid, liquid, contained gaseous, or semi-solid form, including those which are toxic, corrosive, ignitable, reactive, strong sensitizers, or which generate pressure through decomposition, heat, or other means, which in the judgment of the Secretary may cause, or contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness, taking into account the toxicity of such waste, its persistence and degradability in nature, and its potential for assimilation, or concentration in tissue, and other factors that may otherwise cause or contribute to adverse acute or chronic effects on the health of persons or other living organisms, or any matter which may have an unusually destructive effect on water quality if discharged to ground or surface waters of the State. All special nuclear, source, or by-product material, as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and amendments thereto, codified in 42 U.S.C. § 2014, is specifically excluded from this definition.
- 3.1.6 "Highway" means any highway as defined in 19 V.S.A. § 1(12). This definition shall include municipal trails as defined in 19 V.S.A. § 301.
- 3.1.7 "Junk" means old or scrap copper, brass, iron, steel, and other old or scrap or nonferrous material including, but not limited to, rope, rags, batteries, glass, rubber debris, waste, trash, or any discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof.
- 3.1.8 "Junk motor vehicle" means a discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof, or a motor vehicle, other than an on-premise utility vehicle, which is allowed to remain unregistered or uninspected for a period of 90 days from the date of discovery.
- 3.1.9 "Main traveled way" means the portion of a highway designed for the movement of motor vehicles, shoulders, auxiliary lanes, and roadside picnic, parking, rest, and observation areas and other areas immediately adjacent and contiguous to the traveled portion of the highway designated as a roadside area for the use of highway users and generally but not necessarily located within the highway right-of-way.
- 3.1.10 "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, including trailers.
- 3.1.11 "Notice" means written notice mailed by certified mail, hand-delivered with signature proof of receipt or tacked to the entrance to the principal structure on the property or premises.
- 3.1.12 "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, corporation, association, unincorporated association, joint venture, trust, municipality, the State of Vermont, or any agency, department or subdivision of the state, federal agency, or any other legal or commercial entity.

- 3.1.13 "Salvage yard" means any place of outdoor storage or deposit for storing, keeping, processing, buying, or selling junk or as a scrap metal processing facility as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2241(12). "Salvage yard" also means any outdoor area used for operation of an automobile graveyard as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2241(15). It does not mean a garage where wrecked or disabled motor vehicles are stored for less than 90 days for inspection or repairs, or a private transfer station or sanitary landfill which is licensed in compliance with the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
- 3.1.14 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee.
- 3.1.15 "Solid waste" means any discarded garbage, refuse, septage, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply plant, or pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous materials resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural operation and from community activities but does not include animal manure and absorbent bedding used for soil enrichment; high carbon bulking agents used in composting; or solid or dissolved materials in industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under the Water Pollution Control Act, chapter 47 of title 10. For the purpose of this Ordinance, solid waste shall also include marketable recyclables.
- 3.1.16 "Solid waste order" means a directive issued by a legislative body that the respondent take actions necessary to achieve compliance with the ordinance, to abate hazards created as a result of noncompliance, or to restore the environment to the condition existing before the violation and may include a civil penalty.
- 3.1.17 "Town" means the Town of Georgia, Vermont.
- 3.1.18 "Waste" means a material that is discarded or is being accumulated, stored, or physically, chemically, or biologically treated prior to being discarded or has served its original intended use and is normally discarded.

4 Requirements

4.1 Hazardous Waste.

- 4.1.1 It shall be unlawful to dispose of any hazardous waste except for in a facility certified or approved by the State of Vermont to accept such hazardous waste.

4.2 Solid (non-hazardous) Waste.

- 4.2.1 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave solid waste, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing or leaving of solid waste on any public or private property or into any waters in the Town of Georgia, except as follows:
- 4.2.1.1 The composting of organic material if authorized by the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules provided no nuisance is caused;
- 4.2.1.2 The disposal of solid waste in a privately owned or maintained waste container with the express consent of the owner of the container;
- 4.2.1.3 The disposal of solid waste in a publicly-owned or maintained waste container in a public building, or on public grounds provided such solid waste was created or originated in a public building or on its grounds or generated during the use of said public building, or grounds on such grounds; or

- 4.2.1.4 The disposal of other materials as approved by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, the Town of Georgia Selectboard, and the Northwest Solid Waste Management District.
- 4.2.2 Waste is not to accumulate except in enclosed suitable storage containers. Any person, including but not limited to the occupants and/or owners of all properties, shall place or cause to be placed all solid waste and recyclable material in suitable enclosed containers and shall not permit any accumulation or deposit of such substances in or about the land, water, or any premises except in such suitable containers.
- 4.2.3 Accumulation or depositing of solid waste and recyclables on land, water or any properties shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.
- 4.3 Junk and Junk Vehicles.
- 4.3.1 It shall be unlawful to place, dispose, discard, or abandon junk or junk vehicles in a place where any such item is visible from the main traveled way of a highway or visible from an abutting property owner's land. Any such item so placed, discarded or abandoned is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and a violation of this Ordinance.
- 4.3.2 All places of outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least six (6) feet high. Any fence shall be of sound construction, of solid vertical board or stockade type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the main traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density to effectively screen the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance.
- 4.4 Salvage Yards.
- 4.4.1 Location. No person shall establish or initiate operation of a salvage yard after July 1, 2009 within one hundred (100) feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of a public highway or within two hundred (200) feet of a navigable water, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1422. Additionally, no person shall establish or initiate operation of a salvage yard within one hundred (100) feet from property lines, wetlands, and other waterways.
- 4.4.2 Screening Required. All salvage yards shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least eight (8) feet high. Any fence shall be of sound construction, of solid vertical board or stockade type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the main traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density to effectively screen the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance.
- 4.5 Permits and Certificates.
- 4.5.1 Permits are required. It shall be unlawful for a person or landowner within the Town to own or operate or allow the operation of a salvage yard on land within the Town unless it is being operated in compliance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61 and this Ordinance. Any salvage yard operating without the necessary permit and approvals as herein specified is declared to be a public nuisance and a violation of this Ordinance.

- 4.5.2 A person who wishes to operate a salvage yard within the municipality is required to obtain a certificate of approval for the location of the salvage yard from the Selectboard of the Town of Georgia and obtain a certificate of registration issued by the Secretary to operate, establish, or maintain a salvage yard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 2241 et seq.
- 4.5.3 Local Certificate of Approved Location. Application for a certificate of approved location shall be made in writing to the Selectboard. The application shall contain a description of the land to be included within the salvage yard, which description shall be by reference to so-called permanent boundary markers. The certificate of approved location is valid for five (5) years. The conditions and procedures to be followed after an application has been made are those specified in 24 V.S.A. §§ 2251-2257, as from time to time amended.
- 4.5.4 The application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Development Review Board that the proposed location is not within an established zoning district restricted against such uses or otherwise contrary to the Town's land development regulations.
- 4.5.5 State Salvage Yard Certification. The procedures for obtaining a salvage yard certification from the Secretary are those specified in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, as from time to time amended.

5 Enforcement and Penalties

5.1 Violation of Screening Requirements.

- 5.1.1 Upon receiving written notice from the Enforcement Officer to do so, the owner of any junk, junk motor vehicle, or abandoned motor vehicle discovered in violation of Section 4 of this Ordinance shall remove any such items or vehicles from the property or screen the item(s) or vehicle(s) from the view of the main traveled way of the highway. If the owner of the junk or junk motor vehicle(s) does not remove or screen the items from view within 30 days from the date of mailing of the written notice by the Enforcement Officer, the Enforcement Officer may notify the appropriate state agencies. Failure to remove or screen the items from view within 30 days from the date of mailing of the written notice by the Enforcement Officer shall be a violation of this Ordinance.
- 5.1.2 If the owner of the land on which a junk motor vehicle is discovered in violation of Section 4 of this Ordinance does not hold title or disclaims title to the vehicle, and the true owner of the vehicle is known or can be ascertained, the true owner shall move, screen, or dispose of the vehicle upon receiving written notice from the Enforcement Officer.

5.2 Abandoned Motor Vehicles.

- 5.2.1 A law enforcement officer is authorized to remove or cause removal of an abandoned motor vehicle from public property and may contract a towing service for removal of such motor vehicle, based upon personal observation by the officer that the vehicle is abandoned, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 2151.
- 5.2.2 A law enforcement officer is authorized to remove or cause removal of an abandoned motor vehicle from private property and may contact a towing service for removal from private property of such vehicle, based upon complaint from the owner or agent of the property on which the vehicle is located that the vehicle is abandoned.

- 5.2.3 An owner or agent of an owner of private property is authorized to remove or cause removal of an abandoned motor vehicle from that property and may contact a towing service for removal from that property of an abandoned vehicle. If an owner or agent of an owner removes or causes removal of an abandoned motor vehicle, the owner or agent shall immediately notify the Vermont State Police and the Town's Selectboard. Notification shall include identification of the registration plate number, the vehicle identification number, make, model, and color of the vehicle. The owner or agent of an owner of property upon which a motor vehicle is abandoned may remove the vehicle from the place where it is discovered to any other place on any property owned by him or her, or cause the vehicle to be removed by a towing service without any civil liability to the owner of the abandoned vehicle.
- 5.3 Other violations.
- 5.3.1 Any other violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Civil Division of Vermont Superior Court, at the election of the Town Selectboard. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.
- 5.3.2 Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$800 per violation may be imposed for violation of this Ordinance.
- 5.3.3 A municipal ticket will be issued by the Enforcement Officer if the violation has not been corrected in accordance with this Ordinance.

6 Enforcement

- 6.1 For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the designated Enforcement Officer shall issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing. The municipal attorney may also be the appearing officer at the hearing at the direction of the Town Selectboard.
- 6.2 An Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts, or as established by the Judicial Bureau, for each violation of this Ordinance:
- 6.3 Penalties
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|-------|--------------------|---|
| 6.2.1 | First offense | \$50 full penalty / \$25 waiver penalty |
| 6.2.2 | Second offense | \$100 full penalty / \$50 waiver penalty |
| 6.2.3 | Third offense | \$400 full penalty / \$200 waiver penalty |
| 6.2.4 | Subsequent offense | \$800 full penalty / \$400 waiver penalty |
- 6.2.5 Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Enforcement Officer or Town Selectboard may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief. In addition, a civil penalty of not more than \$800 per violation may be imposed for violation of this Ordinance.

- 6.2.6 Solid Waste Order and Enforcement. For any violations of this Ordinance not including salvage yards, or screening requirements, the Town Selectboard may also use the procedures set forth in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, Subchapter 12 to issue a solid waste order to enforce any of the provisions of this Ordinance. Such order may include civil penalties for each violation and, in the case of a continuing violation, a penalty for each succeeding day.
- 6.2.7 The Town Selectboard may seek enforcement of a final solid waste order in the Civil Division or the Environmental Division of Vermont Superior Court. If a penalty is imposed and the respondent fails to pay the penalty within the time prescribed, the Town Selectboard may bring a collection action in the superior court.
- 6.2.8 Imposition of a penalty by the Town through a solid waste order under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, Subchapter 12 precludes imposition by Town of any other administrative or civil penalty under any other provision of law for the same violation.

7 Other Laws.

- 7.1.1 This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

8 Severability.

- 8.1.1 If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance. If any statute referred to in this Ordinance shall be amended, this Ordinance shall be deemed to refer to such amended statute.

9 Effective Date.

- 9.1.1 This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Selectboard or at such time following the expiration of the 60 days from the date of its adoption as is determined by the Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Selectboard for the Town of Georgia

Devon Thomas, Chair

Shannon Jenkins, Board Member

Carl Rosenquist, Board Member

Nicholas Martin, Board Member

Jamie Comstock, Board Member

Attest: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk _____

Received for Recording:

Effective Date: _____

ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda item at a [insert regular or special] meeting of the Selectboard held on _____.
2. Read and approved at that meeting of the Selectboard on _____ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.
3. Posted in public places on _____.
4. Notice of adoption published in the _____ newspaper on _____ with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]



Town of Georgia

Section 8. Item #C.

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PUBLIC NOTICE January 8, 2024


The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Georgia under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §1972, by its affirmative action, does hereby **REPEAL** the **STUMP DUMP ORDINANCE**, as follows,

Stump Dump Ordinance:

The Stump Dump Ordinance was enacted to manage and regulate the Town of Georgia's stump dump with standards for preservation and perpetuation in a manner consistent with environmental standards and to preserve the longevity of available landfill. The stump dump was eliminated in 1987 and the Stump Dump Ordinance is no longer necessary.

Any interested person as defined in 24 VSA shall have the right to petition pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973 for a vote on the amended ordinance at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. If no petition is filed within 44 days of the date the Selectboard amended, the ordinance shall become effective upon the passage of sixty (60) days from the date of the amendment.

The full text of the Stump Dump Ordinance can be examined at the Town of Georgia Offices. Questions and comments can be directed to Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator, Town of Georgia Offices, 47 Town Common Road North, Georgia, Vermont. Phone 802-524-3524 and website www.townofgeorgia.com.

Signed:  January 13, 2024
Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

Effective date of ordinance repeal: February 20, 2024

STUMP DUMP ORDINANCE

PREAMBLE: It is the intent of this ordinance to manage and regulate the stump dump in order to preserve and perpetuate the stump dump area in a manner consistent with environmental health standards and to preserve the longevity of available landfill.

THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1: No material whatever may be deposited in the stump dump unless same originated within the Town of Georgia.

Section 2: Residents and property owners or businesses of the Town of Georgia may transport their own waste materials (wood, leaves, furniture, appliances) to the stump dump and deposit them therein.

Section 3: No burning, salvaging, discharging of firearms, soliciting of business, advertising or any other activity shall be permitted with the stump dump area except by specific approval of the Town.

Section 4: Any person, firm, corporation, or partnership violating this ordinance or willfully failing to deposit in the proper location or according to the direction of the attendant at the stump dump may have any permit suspended or revoked, and may be ordered from the stump dump by the attendant on duty, and failure to leave when so ordered shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. Any such violation may be additionally punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each violation.

Section 5: The violation of any section of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each violation.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.



Town of Georgia

Section 8. Item #D.

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PUBLIC NOTICE January 8, 2023

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Georgia under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §1972, by its affirmative action, does hereby amend the **MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE**, as follows,

Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance:

The Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance is a civil ordinance and establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Georgia, Vermont. Such regulations include traffic control devices, speed regulations, parking regulations, and procedures for loaded and overweight vehicles.

Any interested person as defined in 24 V.S.A. shall have the right to petition pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973 for a vote on the amended ordinance at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. If no petition is filed within 44 days of the date the Selectboard amended, the ordinance shall become effective upon the passage of sixty (60) days from the date of the amendment.

The full text of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance can be examined at the Town of Georgia Offices. Questions and comments can be directed to Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator, Town of Georgia Offices, 47 Town Common Road North, Georgia, Vermont. Phone 802-524-3524 and website www.townofgeorgia.com.

Signed: Cheryl Letourneau January 13, 2024
Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

Effective date of ordinance amendment: February 20, 2024

TOWN OF GEORGIA
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE

WE, THE SELECTBOARD OF THE TOWN OF GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAIN:

The Town of Georgia Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

The definitions of 23 V.S.A. §4 are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY AND SCOPE:

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. §§304(a) and 1110, 23 V.S.A. §§1007 and 1008 and 24 V.S.A. §§1971 and 2291(1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto. This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance and establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Georgia, Vermont.

ARTICLE III
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without the prior approval of the Town of Georgia Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE IV
SPEED REGULATIONS

The following speed limits are hereby established.

Class II Highways

SA 1	Arrowhead Lake Road	35	MPH
SA 2	Plains Road	35	MPH
SA 3	Georgia Middle Road	40	MPH
SA 4	Oakland Station Road	40	MPH
SA 6	Mill River Rd	40	MPH
SA 3 & 5	From Rock Island Dr. to St. Albans line	35	MPH
SA 5	From Rock Island Dr. south to 2201 Georgia Shore Rd	25	MPH
SA 5	From 2201 Georgia Shore Rd., south to the Milton line	35	MPH

Class III Highways

TH	5	Carpenter Hill Road	35	MPH
TH	6	Sandy Birch and Sodom Road	35	MPH
TH	7	Kissane Road	25	MPH
TH	8	Bronson Road	35	MPH
TH	10	Cline Road	35	MPH
TH	11	Falls Road	25	MPH
TH	13	Conger Road	35	MPH
TH	14	Polly Hubbard Road (TH 14 & TH 3)	40	MPH
TH	15	Robert Newton Road & Cary Road	25	MPH
TH	17	Reynolds Road	35	MPH
TH	18	Cadieux Road	35	MPH
TH	20	Bullock Road and Montcalm Rd. (TH 20)	35	MPH
TH	21	Pattee Hill Road	35	MPH
TH	23	Town Common Road S	25	MPH
TH	24	Bovat Road	35	MPH
TH	25	Silver Lake Road	35	MPH
TH	26	Blake road	35	MPH
TH	27	Bradley Hill Road (TH # 27 20 and 32)	35	MPH
TH	28	Decker Road	35	MPH
TH	29	Ballard Road (from rte 7 to rte 7 TH 29 & TH6)	35	MPH
TH	31	Skunk Hill Road (from Rte 7 to Rte 104a)	35	MPH
TH	33	Sand Hill Road	35	MPH
TH	34	Hibbard Road	35	MPH
TH	35	Old Stage Road	35	MPH
TH	36	Georgia Mountain Road	35	MPH
TH	37	Trayah Road	25	MPH
TH	39	Bates Road	25	MPH
TH	40	Sand Hill Extension	35	MPH
TH	41	Connector - Carpenter Hill Oakland Station Roads	35	MPH
TH	43	Stonebridge Road	35	MPH
TH	46	Heritage Drive/Musket Circle	25	MPH
TH	48	Cedarwood Terrace	25	MPH
TH	49	Manor Drive	25	MPH
TH	52	Jed Shepard Road	25	MPH
TH	53	Sunset Circle	25	MPH
TH	54	Fontaine Road	25	MPH
TH	55	Red Barn Hill Road.	25	MPH
TH	56	Rounds Road	25	MPH
TH	57	Meadowridge Lane	25	MPH
TH	58	Rhodeside Acres (TH 58 & TH 62)	25	MPH
TH	59	Nottingham Dr & Robin Lane (TH 59 & 67)	25	MPH
TH	60	Industrial Park	25	MPH
TH	61	Birch Hill Drive	25	MPH
TH	63	Meadowwood Dr	25	MPH
TH	64	Mahalo Drive	25	MPH
TH	65	Ridgeview Dr	25	MPH
TH	66	Ridgeview Dr Ext	25	MPH
TH	68	Fox Haven Ln.	25	MPH
TH	69	Austin Rd	25	MPH
TH	70	Maxfield Rd	25	MPH
TH	71	Waller Road	25	MPH
TH	72	Quarry Rd	25	MPH
TH	73	Gabaree Rd	25	MPH
TH	74	Blatchley Rd	25	MPH
TH	75	Woods Hollow Drive	25	MPH
TH	76	Ledgewood Drive	25	MPH

The above speed limits shall be posted and shall be in effect when so posted.

ARTICLE V
STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Section 1. The following intersections shall be designated as STOP intersections, and shall be so signed:

- SA 2 Plains Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection Plains Road - Georgia Middle Road intersection
- SA 3 Polly Hubbard Road - Georgia Shore Road intersection
- SA 4 Oakland Station Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection and Rte 104 intersection
- TH 5 Carpenter Hill Road - Oakland Road intersection
Carpenter Hill Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
- SA 6 Mill River Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
Mill River Road - Georgia Shore Road intersection
- TH 6 Sandy Birch Road - Ballard Road intersection
- TH 7 Kissane Road - Georgia Shore Road intersection
- TH 8 Bronson Road - Mill River Road intersection
- TH 10 Cline Road - Georgia Middle Road intersection
Cline Road - Georgia Shore Road intersection
- TH 11 Falls Road - Mill River Road intersection
- TH 13 Conger Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
Conger Road - Oakland Road intersection
- TH 14 Polly Hubbard Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
Polly Hubbard Road - Georgia Shore Road intersection
Polly Hubbard Road - Middle Road intersection
- TH 15 Robert Newton Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
Cary Road - Oakland Road intersection
- TH 17 Reynolds Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
Reynolds Road - Georgia Middle Road intersection
- TH 18 Cadieux Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
- TH 21 Bradley Hill Road - Bullock Road intersection
Pattee Hill Road - Plains Road intersection
- TH 23 Pattee Hill Road - Georgia Middle Road intersection
Town Common N - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
- TH 24 Town Common S- Carpenter Hill Road intersection
- TH 25 Bovat Road - Skunk Hill Road intersection
- TH 27 Silver Lake Road - Skunk Hill Road intersection
Bradley Hill Road - Stonebridge Road intersection
- TH 28 Bradley Hill Road - Bullock Road intersection
Decker Road - Plains Road intersection
- TH 29 Decker Road - Sodom Road intersection
Ballard Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection (both ends)
- TH 31 Sodom Road - Ballard Road intersection
Skunk Hill Road - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
- TH 32 Skunk Hill Road - U.S. Rte 104 A intersection
- TH 33 Bradley Hill Road - Georgia Shore Road intersection
- TH 34 Sand Hill Road - Sodom/Sandy Birch Road intersection
- TH 35 Hibbard Road - Sand Hill Road intersection
- TH 36 Old Stage Road - Ballard Road intersection
Georgia Mountain Road - Arrowhead Lake Road intersection
(2 way at bridge)
- TH 37 Arrowhead Lake Road - U.S. Route 104A intersection (by bridge)
- TH 39 Trayah Road - U.S. Route 104A (2 intersections)
- TH 40 Bates Road - Sodom Road intersection
Connector - Sand Hill/Stonebridge Road (2 intersections)

- TH 41 Connector - Carpenter Hill/Oakland Station Road (2 intersections)
- TH 46 Heritage Drive - U.S. Route # 7 intersection Musket Circle - Heritage Drive intersection Heritage Drive -Musket Circle/Meadow Ridge Lane intersection
- TH 48 Cedarwood Terrace - Manor Drive intersection
- TH 49 Manor Drive - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
Manor Drive - Ballard Road intersection
- TH 52 Jed Shepard Road - U.S. Route 104A intersection
- TH 53 Sunset Circle - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
- TH 54 Fontaine Drive - Ballard Road (2 intersections)
- TH 55 Red Barn Hill Road - Heritage Drive intersection
- TH 56 Rounds Farm - Sandy Birch Road (2 intersections)
- TH 57 Meadow Ridge Lane - red Barn Hill Road intersection
- TH 58 Rhodeside Acres - Stonebridge Road (2 intersections)
- TH 59 Nottingham Dr - Sandy Birch Road intersection
Nottingham Drive - Robin Lane intersection (2 intersections)
- TH 60 Industrial Park - Skunk Hill Road intersection
- TH 61 Birch Hill Drive - Sandy Birch Road intersection
- TH 63 Meadow Wood Dr - U.S. Route # 7 intersection
- TH 64 Mahalo Drive - Sandy Birch Road intersection
- TH 68 Fox Haven Ln. - Cline Road
- TH 69 Austin Road - Waller Road intersection (2 intersections)
- TH 70 Maxfield Road to Waller Road
- TH 71 Waller Road - Ballard Road intersection
Waller Road - Sandy Birch Road intersection
- TH 72 Quarry Road to Mill River Road intersection
- TH 73 Gabaree Road to Waller Road intersection
- TH 74 Blatchley Road - Waller Road intersection
- TH 75 Woods Hollow Drive - Old Stage Road intersection

Section 2. The following intersections are designated YIELD intersections and shall be so signed:

- TH 33 Sand Hill Road to Stonebridge Road (3 Intersections)
- TH 43 Traveling north on TH 43 to the intersection of Sand Hill Road (by the bridge)

ARTICLE VI
PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1.No vehicle shall be parked on any public highway in a location or manner that interferes with snow removal or highway maintenance, or creates hazards to the traveling public.

Section 2. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner, or selectman.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 2 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date of such removal, such vehicle may be disposed of in any manner authorized by law.

Section 4. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful, vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

**ARTICLE VII
LOADED & OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES**

Section 1: No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

Section 2: Any vehicles subject to overweight permit requirements traveling on town highways shall be required to obtain and carry in the vehicle such permits from the Town, annually.

Section 3: A violation of this Article shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil Penalty of \$100.00 may be imposed for the initial violation of this section. The penalty second offense within 6 months shall be \$150.00 and for each subsequent offense within a six month period shall be \$200.00 The waiver penalty shall be set at \$50.00 for the initial offense \$75.00 for the second offense and \$100.00 for each offense thereafter within a six month period. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense

**ARTICLE VIII
POSTING TOWN HIGHWAYS**

Section 1. The Selectboard may, by resolution adopted at a meeting of the board, temporarily restrict the use of any town highway to protect the highway from damage. Such restrictions may, in the discretion of the board, limit the weight of vehicles allowed to use the highway or close the highway to motor vehicles.

Section 2. Copies of any resolution adopted by the Selectboard shall be posted in two public locations in the Town within three business days of adoption and shall remain posted until the Selectboard rescinds the resolution.

Section 3. The Selectboard shall post signs informing motor vehicle operators of any restriction imposed on any highway at each end of any highway or portion of a highway that is restricted.

Section 4. A person who violates any restriction imposed on use of a town highway shall be guilty of a traffic offense under 23 V.S.A. chapter 23, for which he or she shall be fined not more than \$100.00, and shall be liable to the Town for all damages to the highway to be recovered in a civil action.

**ARTICLE IX
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. All terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, or any other unregistered vehicles are prohibited from all Town roads, except Class IV roads and legal trails.

Section 2. Separate Offenses: Each violation of a provision of this shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. Penalties: Except as otherwise provided above, the provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

Section 4. Severability: The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provision hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Georgia, Vermont originally on August 10, 2009, and amended at its meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2024.

Devon Thomas, Chair

Shannon Jenkins

Carl Rosenquist

Nicholas Martin

Jamie Comstock



Town of Georgia

Section 8. Item #E.

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PUBLIC NOTICE January 30, 2024

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Georgia under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §1972, by its affirmative action, does hereby adopts the **TRAVEL ON TOWN TRAILS ORDINANCE**, as follows,

Travel on Town Trails Ordinance:

The Travel on Town Trails Ordinance is a civil ordinance to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to prevent environmental damage and pollution caused by vehicular traffic on legal trails. Such damage and pollution are hereby deemed to be a public nuisance.

Any interested person as defined in 24 VSA shall have the right to petition pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973 for a vote on the adopted ordinance at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinances adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving of the adoption signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. If no petition is filed within 44 days of the date of the Selectboard adoption, the ordinance shall become effective upon the passage of sixty (60) days from the date of the adoption.

The full text of the Travel on Town Trails Ordinance can be examined at the Town of Georgia Offices. Questions and comments can be directed to Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator, Town of Georgia Offices, 47 Town Common Road North, Georgia, Vermont. Phone 802-524-3524 and website www.townofgeorgia.com.

Signed: Cheryl Letourneau January 30, 2024

Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

Effective date of ordinance adoption: January 22, 2024

**TOWN OF GEORGIA
TRAVEL ON TOWN TRAILS ORDINANCE**

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This is a civil ordinance adopted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 and § 1971 and in accordance with the authority provided by 19 V.S.A. Chapter 7 and §§ 301(8)(B) and 1111, and 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291(1), (4), (5), (14), (15) and such other enactments as may be applicable.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Travel on Town Trails Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) is to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to prevent environmental damage and pollution caused by vehicular traffic on legal trails. Such damage and pollution are hereby deemed to be a public nuisance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. *Motor Vehicle* shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, except tractors used entirely for work on the farm, vehicles running only upon stationary rails or tracks, motorized highway building equipment, road making appliances, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 3501.
- b. *Operate, operating or operated* as applied to motor vehicles shall include *drive, driving* and *driven* and shall also include an attempt to operate, and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of motor vehicles, whether they be in motion or at rest.
- c. *Owner* shall include any person, corporation, co-partnership, or association, holding legal title to a motor vehicle, or having exclusive right to the use or control thereof, or an individual seeking to use and work on a Trail.
- d. *Trails* shall mean all legal trails within the meaning of 19 V.S.A. Section 301(8) in the Town of Georgia (the “Town”).
- e. *Use* and *Work* shall include all construction, fill, excavation, ditching or digging within the right-of-way limits of a Trail, as well as those activities identified in 19 V.S.A. § 1111 that are prohibited in a town highway right-of-way without a permit first being issued by the Selectboard.
- f. *Issuing Municipal Official* is any law enforcement officer, Town constable, Town Administrator or other persons designated an Issuing Municipal Official under this Ordinance by the Georgia Selectboard

SECTION 4. ACTIVITY PROHIBITED. Use and Work on all Trails and the operation of a Motor Vehicle on all Trails are prohibited unless the Owner has either a

valid permit issued by the Town or has entered into a license agreement with the Town. The discharge of firearms on Trails is also prohibited. Personal mobility devices such as motorized wheelchairs and scooters are not prohibited on Trails, but users of such devices are hereby notified that Trails are not maintained so as to specifically accommodate these devices.

SECTION 5. PERMITS AND LICENSES.

- a. Permits or licenses shall be issued only to residents of or persons owning property abutting Trails or their branches, or to persons who, in the judgment of the Selectboard, have been found to have a legitimate need to operate a Motor Vehicle on a Trail.
- b. The only acceptable permit shall be one entitled "TOWN OF GEORGIA PERMIT TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON [THE *NAMED*] TRAIL" and signed by an authorized member of the Georgia Selectboard. One copy of the permit shall be issued to the permittee, and one copy shall be filed with the Georgia Town Clerk. The Town may also enter into license agreements with Owners who propose either improvements to a Trails, use of a Trail for access to private properties, or for other private purposes allowed in the reasonable exercise of the Georgia Selectboard's discretion pursuant to its authority to control Trails in the Town.
- c. Permits shall be valid for residents and property owners so long as they continue to be residents or property owners. All other permits shall be renewed annually. License agreements may run with the land or may terminate upon completion of the proposed private use, depending on the circumstances in the sole discretion of the Selectboard.

SECTION 6. PERMISSION. The Selectboard may consent to use of Trails to access properties for logging and sugaring activities, and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. In using Trails for such activities, users are required to leave the Trail in as good or better condition following their use as when permission was granted. In a reasonable exercise of its discretion, the Selectboard may require a surety for such use in the form of an escrow, bond or letter of credit to ensure such users restore the Trail to an acceptable condition following their use.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT: Penalties. Any violation(s) of this Ordinance is subject to a civil penalty. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a new offense.

- a. An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover Civil Penalties and Waiver Fees in the following amounts:

Civil Penalty

Waiver Fee

First Offense	\$160	\$100
Second Offense	\$320	\$250
Third Offense	\$480	\$400
Fourth Offense	\$640	\$550
Fifth and Subsequent Offenses	\$800	\$700


b. In addition to the enforcement procedures herein, the Selectboard may commence a civil action in Superior Court to obtain injunctive or other appropriate relief and may pursue any other remedy authorized by law, including but not limited to relief available under common law claims, including but not limited to a claim of public or private nuisance.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after adoption by the Town of Georgia Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. §1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Adopted this 22 day of January, 2024.


GEORGIA SELECTBOARD




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Shannon Jenkins
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TOWN OF GEORGIA
PERMIT TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE
ON _____ TRAIL

PURSUANT TO THE TRAVEL ON TOWN TRAILS ORDINANCE, THE
_____ TRAIL, as defined in the Ordinance, the Georgia Selectboard hereby
issues this permit to operate a motor vehicle on the trail to:

- A. _____ (landowner/resident of the trail) and
his/her invited guests); such permit to be valid so long as he/she is an
owner/resident; or
- B. _____, a person determined by the Georgia
Selectboard to have a legitimate need to operate a motor vehicle on the trail, such
permit to expire one year from this date.

Date

For the Selectboard

Reserve Funds 101

December 09, 2022

Towns decide to create reserve funds for several reasons, including to ensure specific funds are available for a specific purpose when that need arises, to provide the selectboard with flexibility in spending, and – perhaps most importantly – to prepare a town for the unexpected.

Municipal budgeting is complex and more of an art than a science; towns can face financial hurdles that are unexpected and unpredictable. Natural disasters such as floods and pandemics come to mind. To help manage financial uncertainty, it is wise to save for a rainy day. Most municipal financial experts agree that a municipality should maintain financial reserves of at least 15% percent of annual operating expenditures. The more unstable a municipality's revenue base, the more funds it should hold in reserve. However, VT law doesn't explicitly authorize carrying forward any "rainy day" funds (i.e. a sum of money set aside to address revenue shortfalls or unexpected costs) or unencumbered fund balances. The general rule of budgeting in Vermont law is that money not spent in a budget year must be re-appropriated by the voters for the following year as part of the budget approval process at town meeting. Creating a reserve fund is the only legally recognized method in Vermont to provide a cushion for a town to account for unanticipated cost overruns for the year.

Reserve funds are established by the voters at a duly warned special or annual town meeting for the purpose of funding a specific public item or project. A reserve fund can be set up to act as a "rainy day" fund to address temporary unforeseen revenue shortfalls and/or unpredicted expenditures that would otherwise require a town to borrow money, go back to the voters and send out a supplemental tax bill, or reduce its level of town services. So, instead of padding the budget with a penny on the tax rate (which is not permitted by law) or borrowing from legally restricted funds, the law gives towns this mechanism for addressing these shortfalls.

Don't confuse "reserve funds" with "dedicated" or "designated" funds. A "dedicated" or "designated" fund is money that is set aside by the selectboard in the budget for some specific purpose, but without any legal basis or strings attached. Unlike with a "reserve fund," the

selectboard may spend dedicated or designated funds for another purpose if the need or desire arises within the limits of their existing discretionary budget authority.

The key elements of a reserve fund are 1) the fund's creation, 2) the name and purpose of a fund, and 3) the method of appropriating money to the fund. A single article or two articles can be used to create the reserve fund and appropriate money to it. We have developed a [Model Town Meeting Articles](#) resource to guide you, which can be found under the "Resources" heading at the bottom of the webpage. While the reserve fund itself will continue to exist until rescinded by the voters, any funding mechanism that is approved is only in effect for the ensuing year.

Once a reserve fund is established by the voters under [24 V.S.A. §2804\(a\)](#), the selectboard can only spend money in it for the purpose(s) for which the reserve fund was established.

The main limitation on a reserve fund is voter authorization. Once created, selectboards can use reserve funds at their discretion – without further voter approval – for the town-related purpose that the voters authorized it for, and nothing else. However, its lone limitation happens to also be its greatest flexibility: the selectboard can always go back to the voters (at an annual or special town meeting) to get their approval to use it for something other than its original purpose.

Because the law places a reserve fund under the control and direction of the selectboard, it would be wise for the selectboard to adopt a policy for administering the fund. A policy will guide its decisions about how money will be set aside in the reserve fund, the circumstances under which reserve funds will be spent, and how to build back its reserves. Selectboards looking for a place to start can use our [Model Reserve Fund Policy with Guidance](#) resource listed last under the "Documents" heading.



Vermont League of Cities and Towns
**MODEL RESERVE FUND POLICY WITH
GUIDANCE**



VLCT Model Reserve Fund Policy Guidance

A reserve fund is a separate, dedicated financial account that is created to fund a specific municipal purpose whose balance is carried over from year to year. Reserve funds are created by approval from a majority of voters at an annual or special town meeting. 24 V.S.A. § 2804. A reserve fund can be created for any legitimate municipal purpose. Once created, it falls under the control and direction of the selectboard.

Approval of this fund requires a majority vote regarding the purpose and amount of money to be set aside to create this fund. Once created, the selectboard has the authority to spend the money only for the special purpose for which the fund was created. The money set aside for this fund and any monies accruing from investing it are used for the original purpose of the reserve fund. If it is determined that the money allocated to a reserve fund would best serve an alternative purpose, this money can be so designated at an annual or special town meeting where the majority of voters approve of this reallocation.

The reason for creating a reserve fund is twofold. First, it ensures that money appropriated by the voters will only be used for the stated purpose of the reserve fund. Once created, the funds can be disbursed by the selectboard without further voter approval. Second, a reserve fund allows the selectboard to roll over money that is placed in the fund and not spent from year to year. This is contrary to the general rule of budgeting under Vermont law, which is that money not spent in a budget year must be re-allocated the following year as part of the budget approval process at town meeting.

The bottom line is that a reserve fund does not exist unless the voters have approved it at an annual or special town meeting. In fact, under Vermont law reserve funds only cease to exist if the voters vote to rescind the fund. Accordingly, if you are not sure if you have a bona fide reserve fund, check the town or special meeting minutes to see if a record of the voters creating the fund exists. If no such record exists, neither does the fund.

Reserve Funds. Twenty-four V.S.A. § 2804 allows municipalities to establish a reserve fund under the control and direction of the selectboard. Money in the reserve fund can be expended by the selectboard for such purposes for which the reserve fund was established or for other purposes when authorized by a majority of the voters at an annual or special meeting. Creation of a reserve fund requires voter approval of warned articles similar to these:

Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the [insert name of reserve fund] to be used for [insert purpose of reserve fund], in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Shall the town [insert funding mechanism such as “raise and appropriate the sum of \$X,” or “deposit \$X from the general fund surplus”] to fund the [insert name] reserve fund?

Note: If the town votes from the floor, the creation of the reserve fund and the funding of the

reserve fund may be accomplished in two separate articles. However, if the town votes by Australian ballot, the creation and funding of the reserve fund must be combined into one article. Regardless of the voting method, any funding mechanism that is approved by the voters is only in effect for the ensuing year.

A reserve fund policy can assist the selectboard in administering such a reserve fund by guiding decisions about how money will be set aside in the reserve fund and the circumstances under which money in it will be spent.

Use of Funds. The model policy provides that the selectboard will only use the reserve fund for the purpose for which it was created or for other purposes when authorized by a majority of the voters at an annual or special meeting.

Please note that this model policy has been developed for illustrative purposes only. VLCT makes no express or implied endorsement or recommendation of any financial policy, nor does it make any express or implied guarantee of legal enforceability or legal compliance, nor does VLCT represent that any particular policy is appropriate for any particular municipality. Your legal counsel should review any proposed financial policy before adopting it.

As always, please contact the Municipal Assistance Center if you have questions at info@vlct.org or 800-649-7915. The model policy is below, copy text below this line.

VLCT MODEL RESERVE FUND POLICY

_____ *Municipal Name*

PURPOSE. The selectboard of the Town of _____ believes that sound financial management requires that sufficient funds be maintained by the Town for *[insert purpose of reserve fund]*. Maintaining such funds will help sustain the stability of the Town tax rate and reduce the need for short-term borrowing.

OBJECTIVE. Upon recommendation of the selectboard, on March __, 20__, voters of the Town authorized establishment of a reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804. The selectboard’s objective is for adequate funds to be set aside in this reserve fund and that these moneys not be spent for regular Town expenditures or used to reduce property taxes.

RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURES. The reserve fund was established by the voters for the purpose of *[insert purpose of reserve fund]*. To this end, the selectboard will only use the reserve fund to *[insert purpose of reserve fund]*. Any expenditure of the reserve fund by the selectboard for such purposes shall require approval of a majority of selectboard members at a duly warned selectboard meeting. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804(a), expenditure of the reserve funds for any other purpose shall require the authorization of a majority of the voters present at an annual or special town meeting.

The foregoing Policy is hereby adopted by the selectboard of the Town of _____, Vermont, this ____ day of _____ and is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.

Chairperson

Georgia Beach Possible upgrades (small facelift)

1) Property Upgrades

- A. Do away with current split rail fencing (constant upkeep). Replace with large landscaping boulders 5-6 feet apart to prevent automobiles fitting inbetween (currently have approximately 25 near road). Both near the Georgia Shore road and down beside boat launch.
- B. Remove current old red 4x4 benches and replace with concrete pads and green benches (we currently have 3 now possibly adding 3-5 more our PW department can do this).
- C. On south end of pavilion dig up current uneven and broken up asphalt and replace with concrete slab approximately 8-10 wide and the width of the pavilion.
- D. In front of snack bar pour concrete slab where ground is uneven approximately 8x12.
- E. Possible survey of Georgia Beach property with pins and GPS points.
- F. Discussion about what to do with docks and docking on boat launch.

2) Pavillion Upgrades

- A. Front and back T-111 gable end walls rotting replace with sheathing and vinyl stone lock together panels.
- B. Install corner bracing on all vertical posts (slight leaning in multiple directions bracing should stop everything from moving anymore)
- C. Paint ceiling and posts and any other areas that could benefit from a coating of paint.
- D. Fix small amount of missing shingles on roof.
- E. Patch small cracks and holes in concrete with hydraulic cement.
- F. Electrical in ceiling needs attention (junction box covers need to be installed and some wire staples installed)
- G. Replace surrounding splintering old 2x6's on attached fence structure above blocks with PVC/Poly 2x6's.

3) Bathrooms upgrades

- A. Move and replace doors to accommodate for easier handicap access.
- B. New partitions for bathroom stalls and make one stall in each bathroom handicap accessible and useable with size and rails.
- C. Put plywood drop down ceiling in both bathrooms.
- D. Paint floors walls and ceilings
- E. Install new durable vanities with auto water faucets in both bathrooms.
- F. Install a baby changing station in both bathrooms.
- G. Install air dryers in both bathrooms do away with paper towels.
- H. Install new urinal in mens room and ladies room needs 1 new toilet.
- I. Install new led can lights in new ceilings.