



SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

AGENDA

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmptVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

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

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

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 10.29.2023
 - [B.](#) Approval of Warrant # 23
 - [C.](#) Approval of all special committee meeting minutes
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.](#) Trail Ordinance - Action
 - [B.](#) St. Albans Watershed Association - Appropriation - Action
 - [C.](#) Bovat rd update
 - [D.](#) ARPA Funds update
8. **BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**
 - [A.](#) Junk Ordinance
 - [B.](#) Special Meeting 11.07.2023 letter/Video
 - [C.](#) Heath Insurance - MVP or BCBS
9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS**
 - [A.](#) Town Administrator

- B. Treasurer
- C. Buildings
 Zamboni update
- D. Budget and Finance
- E. Personnel
- F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation
- G. Committees at the direction of the chair

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. 11.02.2023 Budget meeting
- B. 11.13.2023 Selectboard meeting

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

- A. Personnel
- B. Personnel - library reimbursement

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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1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, Shannon Jenkins, Nicholas Martin
- **Staff Present:** Cheryl Letourneau, April Edwards, Todd Cadieux
- **Public Present:** Fred Grimm, Heather Grimm, Steve Cushing, Kyle Grenier, Ken Minck, Terry Cleveland, Martha Jansen, Heather Dunsmore, Tony Heinlein, Kate Driver
- **Zoom Public Present:** Carolyn Branagan

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 09.25.2023

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to accept the 09.25.2023 minutes with corrections, N. Martin seconds.
- S. Jenkins wants the language clarified on lines 293-294. She questions her seconding a motion on line 253. J. Comstock asks for the Boy Scout Troop spelling to be corrected on line 136.
- All in favor, motion carried.

B. Approval of Warrants # 22

- S. Jenkins makes a motion to approve Warrant #22, J. Comstock seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)

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- K. Minck hoping to separate the 2008 monies to establish a new reserve account.

- 31 • C. Brangan informs the board that T. Cadieux contacted her about a fuel increase and asked
32 her to investigate it at the state level. She states that there is no new increase coming this
33 year. She reminds them that there are new taxes coming and the biggest is the childcare tax.

34 **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

35 **A. Leanne Lesley Letter**

- 36 • C. Letourneau say this has to do with Cline Rd. There is also information in the packet about
37 Bullock Rd. J. Comstock says it came up last meeting. He says these two roads cannot have
38 anything done this year, but they are looking to do it next year, T. Cadieux confirms. R.
39 Cadieux says we are falling behind on where we should be for paving. He says we do not
40 have a paving plan; we pave what is broken. C. Rosenquist asks if there is a priority list. T.
41 Cadieux says he has a list. N. Martin says that they need to create a process. T. Cadieux
42 says there is a grant that has been approved for ¾ mile, but the pavers have not come back.

43 **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

44 **A. Junk Ordinance**

45 **B. Trails Policy**

- 46 • C. Rosenquist asks what the recommendation is. C. Letourneau says the trails and traffic
47 policies should both say the same thing.
- 48 • K. Minck recommends removing vehicles on legal trails. He says the permitting process
49 was only for people that lived or worked on the trails.
- 50 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion to eliminate legal trails from section 1, page 5 of the traffic
51 ordinance and legal trails, amend that to and legal trails, seconded by N. Martin. All in
52 favor, motion carried.
- 53 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve the motor vehicle and traffic ordinances as
54 amended, N. Martin seconds. All in favor, motion carried.
- 55 • H. Dunsmore asks if the board looked at the discharging of firearms that is already a policy
56 and you are now in conflict with.
- 57 • S. Jenkins says it is a class 4 road and she thinks the lawyer is correct that you cannot
58 discharge on a class 4 road. H. Dunsmore questions if it is a class 4 road then anyone can
59 use it. S. Jenkins clarifies that it is a road, and you cannot shoot from it. H. Dunsmore
60 agrees and says anyone can use it to walk on or drive on. S. Jenkins clarifies they are
61 talking about specific trails.
- 62 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion to approve the trails policy to apply trail #1, S. Jenkins
63 seconds.
- 64 • N. Martin asks if they are going to need to alter anything else.
- 65 • N. Martin amends the motion to send the trails policy to the attorney to have him review to
66 serve trail #1.
- 67 • K. Minck says there is no difference between trail 1 and trail 4 and he is confused why this
68 cannot be approved for all. C. Rosenquist says he wants to resolve this with the
69 homeowners first. K. Minck says signing this will make an agreement.
- 70 • C. Rosenquist withdraws his motion.
- 71 • J. Comstock asks if the trails are approved, will the Kale’s have to ask permission to use
72 their driveway. S. Jenkins confirms yes, but only once.
- 73 • D. Thoams asks if the decision is to get legal advice on this and then move forward.

- 74 • C. Rosenquist says he thinks too much time has been spent on this. C. Letourneau says if it
- 75 was a policy we would not have to go through as much. K. Minck says a policy is not
- 76 enforceable. That was why the request was made for this to be an ordinance.
- 77 • H. Dunsmore asks if they have tried putting signs up to resolve this problem. She asks if the
- 78 police will enforce anyhow as we have trouble getting police here now.
- 79 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion we table this. N. Martin says he does not want to table it.
- 80 • K. Minck asks that it is passed and then the public has two months to respond to it.
- 81 • C. Letourneau brings up the expectation of who maintains the trail/driveway situation.
- 82 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion to move the trails policy to the next meeting, N. Martin
- 83 seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

84 C. Livestock Ordinance

85 D. Arpa Funds

- 86 • S. Jenkins and C. Rosenquist say they are meeting tomorrow. It is a warned meeting, and it
- 87 is open to the public.
- 88 • F. Grimm questions how two board members can go into executive session.

89 E. Philo Monitoring Contract

- 90 • J. Comstock says C. Letourneau reached out to Philo and it is the panic buttons that made
- 91 the two different bills. C. Letourneau says they will not install them until the agreement is
- 92 signed. N. Martin questions how it was budgeted. C. Letourneau wants a list of who to call
- 93 when the panic button is hit after the emergency services, there need to be four contacts. F.
- 94 Grimm questions the cost, J. Comstock says about \$600 per year. The four people should be
- 95 the Administrator, Webmaster, Public Works Director, and Chair of the Selectboard.
- 96 • N. Martin makes a motion to sign Philo contract for Library and Administration Building, C.
- 97 Rosenquist seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

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

99 A. Bovat Rd

- 100 • C. Letourneau says no one is here to speak on this topic. The board decided to wait.
- 101 • J. Comstock makes a motion to push to the next meeting, N. Martin seconds. All in favor,
- 102 motion carried.

103 B. 20 ft right of way on 104A

- 104 • C. Letourneau says this is about the Conservation Commission adding a trail near Bryce's
- 105 property.
- 106 • K. Minck deeded right of way on 104a side of the fence. He is looking for permission to put
- 107 a 4 ft trail in to join Trail 4 to Russell Greene.
- 108 • J. Comstock says 104a is a state highway, can we do that. K. Minck explains the location of
- 109 the fence is far enough away.
- 110 • C. Rosenquist asks about the costs of maintenance. K. Minck says the Conservation
- 111 Commission will be responsible. He then clarifies the map with J. Comstock.
- 112 • S. Jenkins makes a motion to approve the creation of a trail along the fence N. Martin
- 113 seconds. D. Thomas, S. Jenkins, J. Comstock and N. Martin vote yes, C. Rosenquist
- 114 abstains, motion is carried.

115 C. Fuel Contract

- 116 • T. Cadieux was approached by Gary Wright to try to reduce fuel prices. T. Cadieux informs
- 117 the board of local prices for purchasing bulk. T. Cadieux recommends going with Rowley
- 118 Fuels with the higher price to balance off the loss of time to go anywhere else. We are
- 119 currently using Robert’s Energy.
- 120 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion to have T. Cadieux move forward to have Rowley Fuels, J.
- 121 Comstock seconds. All in favor, motion carried.
- 122 • N. Martin informs T. Cadieux if he is approached again by a member of the town with
- 123 suggestions, he can forward them to the board the same as everyone else.

124 **D. St. Albans Watershed Association – Appropriation**

- 125 • S. Cushing spoke about the weed harvester and the work that is done in the bay on our
- 126 behalf. He asks that the board takes this presentation into account when they discuss the
- 127 Watershed appropriation.

128 **E. Discussion for Advertising for a Fifth Person for Public Works – Addition**

- 129 • C. Letourneau says we have advertised with VLCT, Messenger, Seven Days, Facebook,
- 130 Indeed, and Front Porch Forem. J. Comstock suggests putting signs up. S. Jenkins suggests
- 131 sponsoring someone who wants to get a CDL. T. Cadieux says he is hesitant to put someone
- 132 out there on slippery roads to get experience. H. Grimm asks if the board has considered a
- 133 sign on bonus.
- 134 • T. Cadieux wants to advertise again. N. Martin asks for quotes to come back. F. Grimm
- 135 asks if a referral program could be offered.

136 **9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES’**

137 **REPORTS**

138 **A. Town Administrator (after Treasurer)**

139 Update on Election Calendar to Fiscal

- 140 • C. Letourneau asks the board to decide when these taxes are due. She explains some of
- 141 the consequences of passing this.

142 Insurance claim

- 143 • A vehicle was damaged during roadside mowing where a tree branch came out and hit a
- 144 passing car. T. Cadieux says in the last 5 or 6 years they have never had an issue and
- 145 this is the first one.

146 **B. Treasurer**

147 update on Budget (Done before the Town Administrator Report)

- 148 • She did hear back from A. Baker about the CD and she said it was the treasurer before
- 149 her that did that. A. Edwards suggests taking the approximately \$1,700 and putting it in
- 150 the cemetery fund.
- 151 • C. Rosenquist makes a motion that we close the CD and put the money in the cemetery
- 152 fund, N. Martin seconds. All in favor, motion carried.
- 153 • J. Comstock questions the money that was raised for the Hope cemetery. K. Grenier
- 154 informs the board that when he was on the board they put the money into the cemetery
- 155 fund to use for any cemetery.

156 **C. Buildings**

157 **D. Budget and Finance**

- 158 • K. Minck questions how to prepare for the budget meeting. N. Martin says you should reach
159 out to the treasurer, and she will help you through it. He also asks that an email be sent out
160 to all the departments to prepare them for this.

161 E. Personnel

- 162 • C. Rosenquist met last Wednesday and will meet next Wednesday, and they hope to have it
163 completed soon. They are taking the Personnel Policy from 2017, and 2020 which the last
164 board almost had finished.

165 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

166 G. Committees at the direction of the chair

167 **10. OTHER**

168 **11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

169 A. 10/23/2023

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

171 A. Ethics Policy

- 172 • H. Grimm DEI wanted to clear up what the charges are for the DEI committee from the
173 Selectboard. D. Thomas says they are not creating a DEI statement, they are researching
174 what a DEI statement is and if the selectboard should adopt. N. Martin says the second
175 stage the committee will be asked to create one. D. Thomas wants the committee to
176 investigate DEI statement and make a suggestion. He said they were planning on hearing
177 from each of them and their thoughts. When they met with each of them, they decided to
178 come up with something together and present it and we were okay with that. S. Jenkins
179 cautions using social media for research. K. Minck reminds that VLCT has suggested
180 language to use.
- 181 • K. Minck asks if we agree that this never has to go into Executive session. S. Jenkins says
182 that it was not a general DEI discussion, it was interpersonal issues between people. D.
183 Thomas says it should not have been listed as a DEI item. K. Minck says he was just going
184 by what was warned. N. Martin will work with the administration to make sure it is clearer.
185 He says they were looking at it as a personnel issue and not a DEI issue. K. Minck says DEI
186 and executive session should not be used together.
- 187 • K. Minck gave C. Letourneau suggestions about the purchasing policy and asked where that
188 is.
- 189 • H. Dunsmore asks about the last meeting and DEI and that meeting went into Executive
190 Session. S. Jenkins says it was two different meetings where the same thing happened. D.
191 Thomas says it was information about individuals that they wanted to keep confidential.

192 **13. ADJOURN**

193 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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

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

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

10/20/2023

Town of Georgia, Vermont Accounts Payable

10:13 am

Check Warrant Report # 23 Current Prior Next FY Invoices

Section 4. Item #B.

bookkeeper

Unpaid Invoices For Check Acct 01 (General Fund) From / / To 10/23/2023

| Vendor | Invoice | Invoice Description | Purchase Amount | Discount Amount | Amount Paid | Check Number | Check Date |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| ACE | ST ALBANS ACE HARDWARE LLC | 104728-2CR | Aerator return | -3.99 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| ACE | ST ALBANS ACE HARDWARE LLC | 105040-2 | Fastners for FD | 12.30 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| ACE | ST ALBANS ACE HARDWARE LLC | 1051362 | Tape flagging yellow, roo | 21.98 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AFLAC | AFLAC | 618397 | 10/23 Aflac | 102.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| ALLEGIANC | ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS | X122023358:0 | Valve | 321.48 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AMAZON | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 1DDYT9NRKHRD | Lib supplies | 163.69 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AMAZON | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 112368468322 | 11236846832237819 order | 14.89 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AMAZON | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 19HPCYV9LLNY | Paint trays, mixing cups | 116.05 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AMAZON | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 16N7WVR733NP | 1268728001959407 lib | 384.81 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AMAZON | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 114194344017 | Therostat | 147.87 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| AMAZON | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 114966082926 | Elkay water filter | 65.28 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| BLUECR | BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF VT | 169956112 | 10/23 health ins. | 12717.69 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| BOUNDTREE | BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC | 85092661 | Fire & Rescue supplies | 1137.29 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| BRS | BUSINESS RESOURSE SERVICES | 3299 | 2023 annual fee | 350.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| CANON | CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC | 31355200 | 10/23 copier lease | 326.06 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| CANON | CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC | 31297504 | Vt 2022 property tax | 43.03 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| CENTPETRO | CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY | 515675 | Brakes/drum | 3814.47 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| CHARB PAR | CHARLEBOIS TRUCK PARTS INC | IT62552 | Tubing | 73.86 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| CHEVALIER | CHEVALIER DRILLING CO., INC | 89997 | Sample for library | 195.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| COMCAST | COMCAST | 10/23 65 PLA | Oct. 65 Plains Rd | 61.17 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| COMCAST | COMCAST | 10/23CLERKS | 10/23 clerks | 203.35 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| COMCAST | COMCAST | 10/23MODEM2 | 10/23 modem 2 | 14.95 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| ERICA'S | ERICA'S DINER | 10/06/2023 | Hghwy lunch from SB | 94.44 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| EYE MED | FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INSURAN | 165969706 | 10/23 Eye ins | 57.67 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| EYE MED | FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INSURAN | 165501968 | Nov.'s bill | 71.15 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| EYE MED | FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INSURAN | 10/9/2023 | Past due invoices | 110.06 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| FOREMOST | FOREMOST PROMOTIONS | 2030367 | Prevent fires, stock | 1174.12 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| GAP | GEORGIA AUTO PARTS | 71423 | Standard miniature L | 1.40 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| GMP | GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATI | 10/23 BEACH | 10/23 beach | 31.40 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| GMP | GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATI | 10/23BEACHGA | 10/23 beach gate | 62.60 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| GOT THAT | GOT THAT RENTAL & SALES, INC. | 118251 | Roller rental | 1560.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| HARRISON | HARRISON QUARRY LLC | 7383 | 10/2 Plant mix | 972.25 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| HAUN | HAUN WELDING SUPPLY INC | 3142005 | FD med supplies | 73.98 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| HINMAN | HINMAN ASSESSMENTS LLC | 23103278 | 7/11-9/28-23 | 6993.75 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| HOOPLA | HOOPLA | 504490710 | Lib online/electronic | 1195.83 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| J&L | J & L HARDWARE, INC. | 498102 | Key, round eye swivel tr | 37.68 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| M WILLIAM | MATT WILLIAMS | 0148468 | Screwdriver set,wire bru | 124.11 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| MCCULLOUG | MCCULLOUGH CRUSHING INC | 111679 | 10/4 plant mix | 224.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| MCCULLOUG | MCCULLOUGH CRUSHING INC | 111490 | 9/25-9/26/23 | 1784.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| MICROSOFT | MICROSOFT CORPORATION | E0100PA401 | 9/17/23-9/16/2024 | 2160.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| MILTT | TOWN OF MILTON | 440 | 9/23 law enforcement | 852.50 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| NE TRUCK | NEW ENGLAND TRUCK TIRE CENTERS | 149289-09 | 4Nokian kakkapeliitta lt | 820.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| NEDENT | NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL | 11/23 DENTAL | 11/23 dental | 484.34 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| NEMRC | NEW ENGLAND MUN RESOURCE CTR L | 53664 | Chip work 9/25, 9/29 | 330.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| PAYCHEX | PAYCHEX | 4183836 | Kiosks | 75.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| PESTPRO | PEST PRO, INC. | 168536 | 10/23 pest control | 75.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| PHILO | PHILO SECURITY SYSTEMS | 62256 | 2nd half of March bill | 37280.18 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| PHILO | PHILO SECURITY SYSTEMS | 62447 | Clerks & lib monitoring | 660.00 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| POULIN | POULIN BUILDING MATERIALS | 7052825 | 4 sideboards | 163.32 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |
| QUADIENT | QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC | 10/01/2023 | 10/23 postage | 1125.15 | 0.00 | | --/--/-- |

10/20/23
10:13 am

Town of Georgia, Vermont Accounts Payable
Check Warrant Report # 23 Current Prior Next FY Invoices
Unpaid Invoices For Check Acct 01 (General Fund) From / / To 10/23/2023

Section 4. Item #B.

bookkeeper

| Vendor | Invoice | Invoice Description | Purchase Amount | Discount Amount | Amount Paid | Check Number | Check Date |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| REYNOL REYNOLDS AND SON INC | 3430689 | Kit, retainer, cylinder F | 146.30 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE AUTO & TRUCK | 086886 | Inspections | 360.00 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| STITZEL STITZEL PAGE & FLETCHER P.C. | 77557 | Svs thru 8/31/23 | 1332.50 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| UNIFIR UNIFIRST CORPORATION | 1080172258 | 10/4 uniforms | 74.02 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| UNIFIR UNIFIRST CORPORATION | 1080173459 | 10/11 uniforms | 140.14 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| UNION MID UNION BANK | 10/23LOADER | 10/23 GMC loader loan | 15237.45 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| USHERWOOD USHERWOOD OFFICE TECHNOLOGY | 1237962 | Print head | 492.47 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| VALLEE2 R L VALLEE INC | 7813823 | Sept. FD fuel | 144.29 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| VERIZON W VERIZON | 9945834289 | 10/23 cell phones | 80.78 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| VLCT VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOW | 3345 | S.Brown P&Z 2023 conf | 10.00 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| VTSAFETY VT DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY #7381 | 88442 | 10/23 law enforcement | 1147.39 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| WBMASON W.B. MASON CO., INC. | 241600217 | Watercooler rental | 3.00 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| WBMASON W.B. MASON CO., INC. | CM2175631 | Bottle returned | -60.00 | 0.00 | | | --/--/-- |
| Report Total | | | 97,985.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |

To the Treasurer of Town of Georgia, We Hereby certify that there is due to the several persons whose names are listed hereon the sum against each name and that there are good and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments aggregating \$ ****97,985.50 Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

Devon Thomas (Chair)

Shannon Jenkins (Vice-Chair)

Jamie Comstock

Carl Rosenquist

Nicholas Martin

Selectboard Budget Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room In-Person and/or Teleconference/Virtual

Approved: Unapproved

1. CALL ORDER – 4:01 P.M.

Selectboard Present: Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Jamie Comstock and Nicholas Martin.

Staff Present: Doug Bergstrom

Present on Zoom: Carl Rosenquist and Shannon Jenkins

2. BUDGET DISCUSSION

MOTION BY N. MARTIN TO BEGIN BUDGET DISCUSSION. SECOND BY J. COMSTOCK

THIS YEAR BOTH REGULAR BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET TO BE DETERMINED

ESTABLISHMENT OF TIMELINE FOR BUDGET MEETINGS, GOALS AND MILESTONES

DISCUSSION OF WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THEIR BUDGETS. FIRST MEETING WITH ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS AND TREASURER WILL BE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

STAY WITH ZERO BUDGET VERSUS “WISH LIST” FROM DEPARTMENTS. KEEP INCREASE AT 10 PERCENT OR LESS

N. MARTIN MADE THE MOTION TO END THE BUDGET DISCUSSION. J. COMSTOCK SECONDED

3. TAX RATE DISCUSSION

MOTION BY N. MARTIN TO BEGIN BUDGET DISCUSSION. SECONDED BY J. COMSTOCK

DISCUSSION OF SETTING TAX RATE BASED ON BUDGET VOTED ON BY TAXPAYERS

TAX RATE PRESENTATION AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING. INFORMATION WILL BE ADDED TO WEBSITE BY D. BERGSTROM

N. MARTIN MADE A MOTION TO SET THE TAX RATE .4056. SECONDED BY J. COMSTOCK

N. MARTIN MADE THE MOTION TO END THE BUDGET DISCUSSION. J. COMSTOCK SECONDED

J. COMSTOCK MADE THE MOTION TO END THE MEETING. N. MARTIN SECONDED – TIME: 5:12 P.M.



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MINUTES

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Present: Nick Martin and Carl Rosenquist

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES AND REPORTS**

A. Personnel

Job Descriptions

N. Martin and C. Rosenquist met to discuss the job description for the Public Works director.

2:00 pm. Motion to adjourn by Rosenquist, seconded by N. Martin, all in favor



SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING

Wednesday, October 04, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

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Present: Devon Thomas, Carl Rosenquist, Jamie Comstock, Shannon Jenkins, Nick Martin, and Cheryl Letourneau

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **CHAIR UPDATE - none**
4. **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – none**
5. **SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS**
 - A. Approval of Selectboard Budget Meeting Minutes for 10.04.2023
6. **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.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
10. **BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**

Discussed assignments for Town Report tasks, dedication, and front cover.

\$21,000 final bill for the new town garage. Which line item will that come from.

How to get community input on the ARPA funds.

Impact ordinance – Suzanna Brown said the Planning Commission can work on revisions to this ordinance

What to do with the \$17,000 CD.
11. **OTHER**
12. **PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**
 - A. 10.18.23

- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313) - none
- 14. ADJOURN – 5:00 p.m. motion to adjourn by C. Rosenquist, seconded by N. Martin. 5

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 PERSONNEL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 04, 2023 at 2:00 PM
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom
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Present: Nick Martin, Carl Rosenquist and Cheryl Letourneau

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES AND REPORTS**
 - A. Personnel
 - Personnel policy – reviewing and making corrections.
5. **ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn by C. Rosenquist, seconded by N. Martin, All in favor**

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 BUDGET MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

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

Present: Devon Thomas, Carl Rosenquist, Nick Martin, Shannon Jenkins and Cheryl Letourneau

Absent: Jamie Comstock

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**

Information material to get out to the public for the November 7th election.

A letter was composed and approved to send to the public.

Cheryl will check with VLCT regarding a meeting before voting on the 7th.

4. **ADJOURN – motion to adjourn by N. Martin, seconded by C. Rosenquist. 5:05 pm.**



SELECTBOARD SPECIAL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom
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Present: C. Rosenquist, Nick Martin and Cheryl Letourneau

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES AND REPORTS**
 - A. Personnel
 - Work on personnel policy – reviewing the personnel policy.
 - Cheryl will check with other fire departments regarding employees responding to calls and pay rate.
 - Cheryl will add a paragraph to the job description of the Public Works Director.
3. **ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn by C. Rosenquist, seconded by N. Martin, all in favor.**



SELECTBOARD EXECUTIVE MEETING - PERSONNEL INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order

5:30 motion to go into executive session by C. Rosenquist seconded by N. Martin

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

A. Recreation Director Interviews

6:35 motion to exit executive session by C. Rosenquist, seconded by N. Martin

2. ADJOURN

6:47 motion to adjourn by C. Rosenquist seconded by N. Martin

- need to bring -
back before
Section 7. Item #B.

**St. Albans Area Watershed Association
P.O. Box 1567
St. Albans, Vt. 05478**

September 10, 2023

**Cheryl Letourneau, and
Town of Georgia Selectboard
47 Town Common Road. North
St. Albans, Vt. 05478**

Greetings,

The St. Albans Area Watershed Association, Inc. has conducted weed harvesting in St. Albans Bay for at least 18 years. During the summer of 2022 we were unable to operate the weed harvesters due to a lack of personnel. Our operator of 15 years was unable to continue operating that summer. He also owned the tractor which we had been using to haul the harvested weeds to the compost sites.

In August of 2022 we purchased a tractor to haul the weeds and resumed weed harvesting in July of 2023. The Town of Georgia has contributed \$2,500.00 annually toward the funding of weed harvesting. Because we did not operate in 2022, we did not request the Town's contribution for 2022. We resumed weed harvesting on July 15th. We would like assurance that the Town of Georgia will continue to provide the \$2,500.00 contribution for 2023.

I will furnish a full report regarding weed harvesting at the conclusion of this season.

Sincerely,


**Steve Cushing
Weed harvesting coordinator**



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The Selectboard of the Town of Georgia does hereby ordain:
1 Authority

1.1.1.1.1 This ordinance ~~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).

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1.1.2.1.2 This ordinance ~~Ordinance~~ shall be a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. chapter 59.

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2 Purpose

2.1.12.1 It is the purpose of this ordinance ~~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.

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3 Definitions

3.1.13.1 For purposes of this ordinance ~~Ordinance~~, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:

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3.1.13.1.1 "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.~~

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~~3.1.1.23.1.2~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.33.1.3~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.43.1.4~~ "Enforcement Officer" means any ~~(insert relevant officials such as constable, police officer)~~ Law Enforcement Officer, Town Official, or other individuals appointed by the Selectboard to enforce the provisions of this ~~ordinance~~ Ordinance.

~~3.1.1.53.1.5~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.63.1.6~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.73.1.7~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.83.1.8~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.93.1.9~~ "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.

~~3.1.1.103.1.10~~ "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, including trailers.

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3.1.1.113.1.11 "Notice" means written notice mailed by certified mail ~~with return receipt requested or~~, hand-delivered with signature proof of receipt or tacked to the entrance to the principal structure on the property or premises.

3.1.1.123.1.12 "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.

3.1.1.133.1.13 "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.

3.1.1.143.1.14 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee.

3.1.1.153.1.15 "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~~Ordinance, solid waste shall also include marketable recyclables.

3.1.1.163.1.16 "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.

3.1.1.173.1.18 "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.

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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 ~~wastes~~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:

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- 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 ~~insert name of applicable solid waste management district~~ Northwest Solid Waste Management District.

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- 4.2.2 Waste is not to accumulate except in enclosed suitable storage containers. ~~The~~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~~Ordinance.

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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~~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.

Commented [DWR1]: Six-foot high fence is recommended, and the Town may want to check with the Zoning Administrator to confirm that this is allowed for most uses in most, if not all, zoning districts

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.

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4.3.24.4.2 Screening Required. ~~(insert number)~~ feet high. 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 ordinanceOrdinance.

Commented [DWR2]: See comment above in Section 4.3.2

4.4.1-1 Salvage Yards:

4.4.1 Location. ~~No person shall establish or initiate operation of a salvage yard after July 1, 2009 within (insert number no less than one hundred) feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of a public highway or within (insert number no less than one hundred) feet of a navigable water, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1422.~~

4.4.2 Screening Required. ~~All salvage yards shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least (insert number) 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 municipalityTown unless it is being operated in compliance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61 and this ordinanceOrdinance. 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 ordinanceOrdinance.

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 (insert name of legislative body)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 (inset name of legislative body)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 (insert number not to exceed 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.

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4.5.4 ~~{NOTE TO MUNICIPALITIES: If your municipality has a zoning ordinance and a zoning board of adjustment or development review board established under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, include the following: "The application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the [ZBA or DRB] Development Review Board that the proposed location is not within an established zoning district restricted against such uses or otherwise contrary to such zoning ordinance."}~~the Town's land development regulations.

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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.

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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 [insert local law enforcement serving the Town] from which the vehicle is removed. 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 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 [insert name of legislative body]. Town Selectboard. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance 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 [insert amount up to \$800] per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance Ordinance.

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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 Ordinance.

6 Enforcement

6.1.1 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 [insert name of legislative body]. Town Selectboard.

6.1.2 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 Ordinance:

6.2 Penalties

6.2.1 First offense [del \$100] \$50 full penalty / [del \$50] \$25 waiver penalty

6.2.2 Second offense [del \$200] \$100 full penalty / [del \$100] \$50 waiver penalty

6.2.3 Third offense [del \$400] full penalty / [del \$200] waiver penalty

6.2.4 Subsequent offense [del \$800] full penalty / [del \$400] waiver penalty

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6.2.5 [NOTE: The above amounts are samples amounts only. Municipalities may adjust these penalties and waiver fees so long as they do not exceed \$800.]

6.2.6.2.5 Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Enforcement Officer or [insert name of legislative body] Town Selectboard may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief. In addition, a civil penalty of not more than [insert amount up to \$800] per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance Ordinance.

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6-2-76.2.6 Solid Waste Order and Enforcement. For any violations of this ordinanceOrdinance not including salvage yards, or screening requirements, the insert-name-of-legislative bodyTown 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 ordinanceOrdinance. Such order may include civil penalties for each violation and, in the case of a continuing violation, a penalty for each succeeding day.

6-2-86.2.7 The insert-name-of-legislative-bodyTown Selectboard may seek enforcement of a final solid waste order in the superior-courtCivil Division or beforethe Environmental Division of Vermont Superior Court. If a penalty is imposed and the respondent fails to pay the penalty within the time prescribed, the selectboardTown Selectboard may bring a collection action in the superior court.

6-2-96.2.8 Imposition of a penalty by the Town-of-Georgia through a solid waste order under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, Subchapter 12 precludes imposition by Town of Georgia-of any other administrative or civil penalty under any other provision of law for the same violation.

7 Other Laws.

7.1.1 This ordinanceOrdinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town-of-Georgia 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 ordinanceOrdinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Selectboard for the Town of Georgia

Matt CrawfordDevon Thomas, Chair

Steve Lamos, Vice Chair

Tara WrightShannon Jenkins, Board Member

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Attest: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk

Received for Recording:

Effective Date:

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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.]



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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.

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- 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.

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- 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

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- 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.

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- 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.

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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

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.

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- 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.
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Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Selectboard for the Town of Georgia

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October 23, 2023

Hello Georgia Community,

The town of Georgia is looking to make a change in how we collect taxes and manage expenses. This change involves migrating from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

Imagine if you were asked to run your household budget and only received one paycheck at the end of the year. This is basically what the town must do each year to manage the town budget and it's becoming increasingly difficult. With town revenues decreasing each year (Cell towers, wind farms, etc.) the Selectboard is looking to find a better way to manage the community's money, responsibly.

In previous years, the town has taken a tax-anticipated loan to cover expenses. However, interest rates are now at an all-time high.

Our request from the community is that you please attend the **November 7th Special Meeting for a Town Floor Vote** to help us put forward this change. If approved, this will allow the town to pay its bills in a timely manner without incurring interest charges.

For more information on what this change means for the community, please contact the town office, or attend one of the upcoming Selectboard meetings.

Thank you,

Georgia Selectboard

DATE: November 7th, 2023, at 7pm

LOCATION: Georgia Elementary School gym

Vermont Small Group 2024 Plans

Section 8. Item #C.



Open enrollment begins November 1, 2023 for coverage starting January 1, 2024!

MVP VT Plus Plans (Non-Standard)
Non-Standard plans contain unique features that enhance the value of the benchmark benefits.

| | Gold | | Reflective Silver ¹ | | Bronze | |
|--|------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| | 2 | 3 QHDHP | 1 | 2 QHDHP | 1 | 5 |

MVP VT Plans (Standard)
Standard plans are based on what the state dictates must be included in benefit details.

| | Platinum | Gold | Reflective Silver ¹ | | Bronze | |
|--|----------|------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 QHDHP | 2 | 3 QHDHP |

Cost-share amounts below are the co-pay or co-insurance after the deductible is met, unless noted as not subject to deductible (NoDD). All plans include dependent care coverage until the end of the year the dependent turns 26. **Cost-shares in red indicate a change from the 2023 plan.**

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| Plan Deductible Individual/Family | \$850/\$1,700 EMB | \$3,000/\$6,000 AGG | \$2,500/\$5,000 EMB | \$5,800/\$11,600 EMB | \$7,250/\$14,500 EMB | \$9,450/\$18,900 EMB |
|--|---|---------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Out-of-Pocket Maximum Individual/Family | \$6,600/\$13,200 EMB | \$3,000/\$6,000 AGG | \$7,500/\$15,000 EMB | \$5,800/\$11,600 EMB | \$8,400/\$16,800 EMB | \$9,450/\$18,900 EMB |
| Medical | | | | | | |
| Primary Care/Specialist Visit | \$20 NoDD/\$45 NoDD | 0%/0% | 3 PCP visits per member NoDD, then \$30/\$60 | 0%/0% | \$40/\$100 | 3 PCP visits per member NoDD, then 0%/0% |
| Hospital Facility Inpatient/Outpatient | 20%/20% | 0%/0% | 50%/\$1,400 | 0%/0% | 50%/50% | 0%/0% |
| Urgent Care/Emergency Room | \$30 NoDD/\$250 | 0%/0% | \$60/\$400 | 0%/0% | \$100/50% | 0%/0% |
| Gia Virtual Care Services | \$0 NoDD | \$0 NoDD | \$0 NoDD | \$0 NoDD | \$0 NoDD | \$0 NoDD |
| Ambulance | \$50 | 0% | \$105 | 0% | \$100 | 0% |
| Chiropractic | \$25 NoDD | 0% | \$45 | 0% | \$50 | 0% |
| Acupuncture | Get up to \$500 per member, per contract for acupuncture services rendered by a licensed provider | | | | | |
| Pediatric Dental Class 1/Class 2/Class 3 and Orthodontia Two Dental Exams per Year | \$0 NoDD/30%/50% | 0%/0%/0% | \$0 NoDD/30%/50% | 0%/0%/0% | \$0 NoDD/30%/50% | 0% NoDD/0%/0% |
| Pediatric Vision Annual Exam/Set of Eyewear | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | 0%/0% | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | 0%/0% | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD |
| Hearing Aid Office Visit/Equipment | \$45 NoDD/20% | 0%/0% | \$60/50% | 0%/0% | \$100/50% | 0%/0% |

| | Platinum | Gold | Reflective Silver ¹ | Bronze | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 3 PCP visits per member at \$0, then \$15 NoDD/\$40 NoDD | \$450/\$900 EMB | \$1,400/\$2,800 EMB | \$4,000/\$8,000 EMB | \$2,100/\$4,200 AGG | \$6,450/\$12,900 EMB |
| 10%/10% | \$1,500/\$3,000 EMB | \$5,600/\$11,200 EMB | \$9,300/\$18,600 EMB | \$7,050/\$14,100 AGG | \$9,450/\$18,900 EMB |
| \$50 NoDD/\$100 | \$150 NoDD/\$300 | \$300 NoDD/\$600 | \$450 NoDD/\$900 | \$300 NoDD/\$600 | \$450 NoDD/\$900 |
| \$0 NoDD | \$65 NoDD/\$150 | \$100 NoDD/\$500 | 15%/35% | \$35/\$90 | 50%/50% |
| \$60 NoDD | \$0 NoDD | \$0 NoDD | 35%/35% | \$100/50% | 50%/50% |
| \$20 NoDD | \$75 NoDD | \$105 NoDD | 40% | \$0 NoDD | 0% NoDD |
| \$0 NoDD/30%/50% | \$35 NoDD | \$50 NoDD | 35% | \$100 | 50% |
| \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | \$0 NoDD/30%/50% | \$0 NoDD/30%/50% | Not covered | \$0/30%/50% | \$0 NoDD/0%/0% |
| \$40 NoDD/10% | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | \$20/\$20 | \$20 NoDD/\$20 NoDD | \$20/\$20 |
| | \$55 NoDD/30% | \$90 NoDD/50% | 35%/35% | \$90/50% | \$100 NoDD/0% |

| Pharmacy | Gold | Reflective Silver ¹ | Bronze |
|--|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Prescription Deductible Individual/Family | \$350/\$700 Brand Deductible | Integrated with Medical | \$850/\$1,700 |
| Prescription Out-of-Pocket Maximum Individual/Family | \$1,500/\$3,000 EMB | Integrated with Medical | \$1,600/\$3,200 AGG |
| Prescription Cost-share Tier 1/Tier 2/Tier 3 | \$15 NoDD/\$40/50% VBID: \$1 | Preventive Drugs \$10/\$15/5% NoDD All Other Drugs 0%/0%/0% | \$5/50%/50% VBID: \$1 |
| Diabetic Supplies | 50% | 0% | 50% |

| | Platinum | Gold | Reflective Silver ¹ | Bronze | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| None | \$1,500/\$3,000 EMB | \$1,500/\$3,000 EMB | \$1,500/\$3,000 EMB | \$1,600/\$3,200 AGG | \$1,600/\$3,200 AGG |
| \$10 NoDD/\$50 NoDD/50% NoDD | \$15 NoDD/\$60/50% | \$20 NoDD/\$70/50% | \$10/\$40/50% Preventive Drugs NoDD | \$20 NoDD/\$85/60% | \$12/40%/60% Preventive Drugs NoDD |
| 50% NoDD | 50% | 50% | 50% | 60% | 60% |

Premium Monthly Rates Rates effective January 1, 2024–December 31, 2024.

| | Gold | Reflective Silver ¹ | Bronze |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Single | \$944.14 | \$947.82 | \$720.03 |
| Single + Spouse | \$1,888.28 | \$1,895.64 | \$740.27 |
| Single + Child(ren) | \$1,822.19 | \$1,829.29 | \$637.04 |
| Single + Spouse + Child(ren) | \$2,653.03 | \$2,663.37 | \$1,274.08 |

| | Platinum | Gold | Reflective Silver ¹ | Bronze | |
|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| \$1,094.86 | \$912.32 | \$720.03 | \$733.96 | \$631.98 | \$641.13 |
| \$2,189.72 | \$1,824.64 | \$1,440.06 | \$1,467.92 | \$1,263.96 | \$1,282.26 |
| \$2,113.08 | \$1,760.78 | \$1,389.66 | \$1,416.54 | \$1,219.72 | \$1,237.38 |
| \$3,076.56 | \$2,563.62 | \$2,023.28 | \$2,062.43 | \$1,775.86 | \$1,801.58 |

¹ Reflective Silver plans are only available through purchase directly from MVP Health Care.
² This plan features an aggregate deductible and out-of-pocket maximum (OOPM). Each member on a family plan will pay toward the family OOPM. No individual will pay more than the government mandated OOPM of \$9,450. The term *embedded* is used in Vermont Health Connect materials to define this deductible and OOPM structure.
QHDHP: Qualified High-Deductible Health Plan. All MVP QHDHP plans are Health Savings Account qualified.
NoDD: Not subject to deductible.
VBID: Value-Based Insurance Design. VBID maintenance Medications are not subject to the deductible.
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All Vermont Small Group QHDHPs can be paired with a Health Savings Account. All MVP VT Small Group plans are pending Medicare Creditable Coverage determinations. These plan overviews are intended to provide a general outline of coverage. For comprehensive benefit details, please review your Certificate of Coverage (COC), Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC), and any applicable Rider(s). Your COC, SBC, and Rider(s) will be controlling. These documents can be found in your MVP online account, or are available by request.

Aggregate (AGG): For any policy with two or more members, the family deductible must be met by any one or any combination of members before the plan will make payment. **Embedded (EMB):** Each member pays toward, but never exceeds, their individual deductible and/or OOPM until the larger family deductible and/or OOPM is met, after which, the plan makes payments for all members on the Contract. The term **Stacked** is used on Vermont Health Connect materials to define this deductible and/or OOPM structure. Health benefit plans are issued and administered by MVP Health Plan, Inc.; MVP Health Insurance Company; MVP Select Care, Inc.; and MVP Health Services Corp., operating subsidiaries of MVP Health Care, Inc. Not all plans available in all states and counties.

\$600 Well-Being Reimbursement
 Included on all MVP VT Plus plans! Members can get reimbursed up to \$600 per contract, per calendar year for well-being items, programs, and activities.
Questions? We're here to help!
 Call 1-844-865-0250 or visit mvphealthcare.com/vermont to learn more. For subsidy information, visit VermontHealthCare.com.

2024 SMALL GROUP PLANS & PREMIUMS CHART

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| | BENEFITS | | MEDICAL | | | | | | | | | | PHARMACY | | | | 2024 MONTHLY PREMIUMS | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| | Financial accounts* | | Deductible | | Out-of-pocket maximum | Medical cost-sharing | | | | | Deductible | | Out-of-pocket maximum | Prescription drugs cost-sharing | | Single | Two-person | Adult and child or children | Family | | |
| | Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) | Health Savings Account (HSA) | deductible is doubled for two-person and family plans | deductible type | out-of-pocket maximum is doubled for two-person and family plans | preventive care ⁵ | primary care, mental health, or substance use disorder treatment provider visits | specialist visits with diagnosis of heart disease or diabetes ⁴ | specialist visits ³ | urgent care | emergency room care | outpatient & inpatient hospital services | deductible is doubled for two-person and family plans | out-of-pocket maximum is doubled for two-person and family plans | wellness drugs ⁷ (generic/preferred/non-preferred brands) | | | | | prescription drugs (generic/preferred/non-preferred brands) | |
| Vermont Preferred Plans | GOLD | ● | | \$1,250 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$5,150 ² | \$0 | combined 4-8-12 zero dollar office visits, then deductible, then \$20 | 4 zero dollar office visits per member, then deductible, then \$40 | Deductible, then \$40 | Deductible, then \$250 | Deductible, then \$750 | Combined with medical | \$1,600 | \$5/\$50/60% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$5/40%/60% | \$905.72 | \$1,811.44 | \$1,748.04 | \$2,545.07 | |
| | SILVER REFLECTIVE ○ | ● | | \$3,250 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$8,750² | \$0 | combined 4-8-12 zero dollar office visits, then deductible, then \$30 | 4 zero dollar office visits per member, then deductible, then \$50 | Deductible, then \$50 | Deductible, then \$450 | Deductible, then \$1,750 | Combined with medical | \$1,600 | \$5/\$50/60% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$5/40%/60% | \$749.21 | \$1,498.42 | \$1,445.98 | \$2,105.28 | |
| | BRONZE | ● | | \$9,250 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$9,250² | \$0 | combined 4-8-12 zero dollar office visits, then deductible, then \$0 | 4 zero dollar office visits per member, then deductible, then \$0 | Deductible, then \$0 | | | Combined with medical | Combined ¹ | \$15/\$50/60% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$0 | \$669.06 | \$1,338.12 | \$1,291.29 | \$1,880.06 | |
| Vermont Select Plans | GOLD CDHP | ● | ● | \$2,850 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$2,850 | \$0 | Deductible, then \$0 | | | | | Combined with medical | \$1,600 | \$5/ \$50 /60% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$0 | \$910.92 | \$1,821.84 | \$1,758.08 | \$2,559.69 | |
| | SILVER CDHP REFLECTIVE ○ | ● | ● | \$5,500 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$5,500² | \$0 | Deductible, then \$0 | | | | | Combined with medical | \$1,600 | \$15/ \$50 /60% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$0 | \$743.58 | \$1,487.16 | \$1,435.11 | \$2,089.46 | |
| | BRONZE CDHP | ● | ● | \$7,500 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$7,500² | \$0 | Deductible, then \$0 | | | | | Combined with medical | Combined ¹ | \$25/65%/85% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$0 | \$659.13 | \$1,318.26 | \$1,272.12 | \$1,852.16 | |
| Standard Plans | PLATINUM | ● | | \$450 | Stacked ⁸ | \$1,500 ⁶ | \$0 | 3 zero dollar office visits per member, then \$15 | \$40 | \$50 | Deductible, then \$100 | Deductible, then 10% | \$0 | \$1,500⁶ | \$10/\$50/50% | | \$1,132.59 | \$2,265.18 | \$2,185.90 | \$3,182.58 | |
| | GOLD | ● | | \$1,400 | Stacked ⁸ | \$5,600 ⁶ | \$0 | 3 zero dollar office visits per member, then \$20 | \$55 | \$65 | Deductible, then \$150 | Deductible, then 30% | \$200 single/\$400 two-person & family | \$1,500⁶ | \$15 /deductible, then \$60 /50% | | \$938.54 | \$1,877.08 | \$1,811.38 | \$2,637.30 | |
| | SILVER REFLECTIVE ○ | ● | | \$4,000 | Stacked ⁸ | \$9,300 | \$0 | 3 zero dollar office visits per member, then \$40 | \$90 | \$100 | Deductible, then \$500 | Deductible, then 50% | \$500 single/\$1,000 two-person & family | \$1,500 | \$20/deductible, then \$70/50% | | \$761.82 | \$1,523.64 | \$1,470.31 | \$2,140.71 | |
| | BRONZE | ● | | \$6,450 | Stacked ⁸ | \$9,450 | \$0 | Deductible, then \$35 | Deductible, then \$90 | | Deductible, then \$100 | Deductible, then 50% | | \$1,100 single/\$2,200 two-person & family | \$1,500 | \$20 /deductible, then \$85/60% | | \$650.77 | \$1,301.54 | \$1,255.99 | \$1,828.66 |
| | BRONZE INTEGRATED | ● | | \$9,400 | Stacked ⁸ | \$9,400 | \$0 | 3 zero dollar office visits per member, then \$40 | \$100 | Deductible, then \$0 | | | Combined with medical | Combined ¹ | \$30/deductible, then \$0 | | \$675.95 | \$1,351.90 | \$1,304.58 | \$1,899.42 | |
| | SILVER CDHP REFLECTIVE ○ | ● | ● | \$2,100 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$7,050 ² | \$0 | Deductible, then 15% | Deductible, then 35% | | | | | Combined with medical | \$1,600 | \$10/\$40/50% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$10/\$40/50% | \$791.64 | \$1,583.28 | \$1,527.87 | \$2,224.51 |
| | BRONZE CDHP | ● | ● | \$5,800 | Aggregate ⁸ | \$7,200² | \$0 | Deductible, then 50% | | | | | Combined with medical | \$1,600 | \$12/40%/60% ⁷ | Deductible, then \$12/40%/60% | \$680.95 | \$1,361.90 | \$1,314.23 | \$1,913.47 | |

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○ Reflective Silver plans are available for small businesses who enroll through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont.
All plans include pediatric dental and vision benefits for members up to age 21. Hearing aid services are available beginning in 2024. Additional plan details can be found in each plan's Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC).

¹This plan does not include a separate prescription drug out-of-pocket maximum. All covered medical & pharmacy expenses accumulate to the overall combined out-of-pocket maximum. ²Regardless of all other cost-sharing, if one individual's out-of-pocket costs reach \$9,450 in a year, we begin paying 100 percent of the allowed amount for that person's covered services and supplies. ³Cost-sharing may vary for chiropractor & outpatient physical therapy. See the Summary of Benefits and Coverage at bluecrossvt.org/smallbusiness
⁴Specialists visits include cardiologist, endocrinologist, nephrologist, ophthalmologist, or podiatrist only. ⁵Visit bluecrossvt.org/preventive for the full list of preventive services covered at no cost to you. ⁶Medical and prescription out-of-pocket maximums are separate. ⁷Deductible is waived for wellness drugs on our Vermont Preferred and Consumer-Directed Health Plans (CDHP). Visit bluecrossvt.org/formulary-lists and click on the NPF Wellness List to view our wellness drugs. ⁸Stacked deductible plans pay benefits for an individual once the individual deductible is met, even on a Two-person or Family plan. Aggregate deductibles, the full Individual or Family deductible must be satisfied before benefits are paid.