



# GEORGIA VERMONT

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## Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, February 12, 2024 Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Agenda

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### Zoom Details:

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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 01/22/2024 Regular Selectboard Meeting  
1/17/2024 Budget meeting minutes  
1/03/2024 Budget meeting corrections on approved minutes. Removal of S. Jenkins name from attendance and added the missing start time.
  - B. Approval of Warrants #2 & #3
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
8. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)
  - A. Library Grant
  - B. Falls Trail Gully - Action need to sign amendment for change.
  - C. DEI Statement - Committee discussion
9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

**A. Town Administrator**

Dash Cameras for the highway trucks - \$55.00 per month

Eclipse

**B. Treasurer**

**C. Buildings**

**D. Budget and Finance**

**E. Personnel**

**F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation**

GCEC update

**G. Committees at the direction of the chair**

**10. OTHER**

**11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

**A. 02/26/2024 Regular Meeting**

02/28/2024 Informational Meeting for Town Meeting

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

**A. EMS Contract**

**B. VSP & MPD Contracts**

**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, January 22, 2024 Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

### Zoom Details:

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas Chair, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, Nicholas Martin
- **Selectboard Zoom:** Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair
- **Staff Present:** Dawn Penney, April Edwards, Doug Bergstrom
- **Staff Zoom:** Cheryl Letourneau
- **Public Present:** Ken Minck, Terry Cleveland, Fred Grimm, Marty Jansen, Heather Dunsmore, Heather Grimm, Robert Giroux
- **Public Zoom:** Karen Heinlein-Grenier, Bridget Stone, Frank Gore, Valerie Keller, Kristina Senna, Jana Thuesen, Sue Webster, Sarah Savich, Johnny Chagnon
- **6:00 p.m.** – D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. CHAIR UPDATE

- D. Thomas informed the public if they wanted to make a statement with respect to DEI they could make it during public comment. His plan was to keep the comments to only board members during that time on the agenda.

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

- N. Martin made a motion to add the Certificate of Highway Mileage to the agenda, C. Rosenquist seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### 5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 01/08/2024

- 33 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve the 01.08.2024 meeting minutes with corrections,  
34 N. Martin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

35 B. Approval of Warrant #38 – Corrected to Warrant #1

- 36 • Discussion was had on Warrant #38 being renumbered to Warrant #1 due to starting new  
37 number for the 2024 bills.
- 38 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve Warrant #1, N. Martin seconded. All in favor,  
39 motion carried.

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

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

- 43 • H. Dunsmore asked N. Martin if he is running again. N. Martin said he has not yet decided  
44 but members of the public have put out petitions on his behalf.
- 45 • B. Dunsmore expressed disappointment that the board has said that no one can comment  
46 about DEI during that part of the agenda. She said it has been a flawed process. She feels  
47 that people who did not agree with D. Thomas’ views were run off a committee. She also  
48 brought up that no one has brought up how much this is going to cost the taxpayers. The  
49 constitution gives everyone equal rights. She believes that DEI is a way of singling people  
50 out and has watched this happening in Burlington and does not want Georgia to be like that.
- 51 • D. Penney reports that S. Jenkins has notified the board that she will be on Zoom in about 20  
52 minutes.
- 53 • H. Grimm said that anything that is on an agenda the public is permitted to speak about. She  
54 does not think it is legal for the board to say they cannot comment. D. Thomas said they are  
55 within their rights; people are still given the right to comment. It was made clear that the  
56 public wanted to be at the DEI meeting, and you reported that it was a 3-minute meeting.  
57 Now you state that no one can comment. She reported that this was not transparent. D.  
58 Thomas said the statement is recorded and part of the packet.
- 59 • C. Rosenquist said originally it was presented as a statement and in the last week it has  
60 become a policy. He does not understand how this happened. D. Thomas said this is not the  
61 time it will be debated.
- 62 • T. Cleveland thanked the board for taking on a DEI statement and offered to help.
- 63 • F. Grimm commented on the DEI as a statement versus policy change on the agenda. You  
64 are not following the policy of implementing a policy. D. Thomas said he wants it to be a  
65 policy and he will say why.

66 **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

67 **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

69 A. Personnel Policy Firefighter pay rate - Action.

- 70 • C. Letourneau said there was a motion to amend the pay scale for the firefighters by D.  
71 Penney when she was on the board that was not put into the policy. She is asking for a  
72 motion to put that previous motion into the current policy. N. Martin said the policy does  
73 not align with the current pay. C. Letourneau confirmed.

74 • C. Rosenquist moved to approve the motion made by D. Penney of the previous board to  
75 update the firefighters’ pay in the personnel policy, N. Martin seconded. All in favor,  
76 motion carried.

77 B. Adopt the revised Trail Ordinance - Action

- 78 • C. Letourneau says the fine went from \$100 per day to up to \$800 per day. The attorney  
79 updated and drew up the documents.
- 80 • N. Martin made a motion to adopt the revised travel on trail ordinance, D. Thomas  
81 seconded. D. Thomas, J. Comstock and N. Martin are in favor, C. Rosenquist abstained,  
82 motion carried.

83 C. Ken Minck - GCC Grant – Action

- 84 • K. Minck was sent a grant application by C. Letourneau. K. Minck said he is here to say the  
85 grant has a 20% in kind with a worst case of \$10,000 match. N. Martin asked if that would  
86 have to be paid in 2024. K. Minck said the approvals will be October 2024, but has not  
87 heard when the 20% would be due.
- 88 • C. Rosenquist asked what the grant would be for. K. Minck answered, a walking path to  
89 connect trail #4 and Russell Green nature area and maybe some money for the bridge that  
90 got washed out. He is not sure if anything can be added. C. Rosenquist confirmed that  
91 ARPA money was allocated \$10,000 to the repair, could you use some of that money for the  
92 in kind. K. Minck said that was up to the board. C. Rosenquist said that should be able to  
93 be used and then you do not have to come to the board for more money.
- 94 • Discussion was had on time limits for allocation of funds.
- 95 • B. Dunsmore said she thought K. Minck was asking if he needed approval and she had not  
96 heard a motion. K. Minck said it would not hurt to have a motion. H. Dunsmore said the  
97 board said that C. Letourneau could not apply for a recreation grant without your permission  
98 earlier. N. Martin confirmed.
- 99 • N. Martin made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission to apply for a trails  
100 grant, N. Martin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

101 D. Town Warning

- 102 • It is noted for voting purposes that S. Jenkins joined the meeting at this point.
- 103 • C. Letourneau said they need to have the budget numbers and what is to be raised by taxes  
104 to put the numbers in. She also needs to know if article 5 is going to go for a bond, what  
105 length and amount because there are many steps to get approval. There will need to be  
106 meetings to warn. She said she needs this information tonight to give to the attorney  
107 tomorrow. N. Martin asks what the bond options are. K. Minck said it is usually the life of  
108 the bridge. D. Bergstrom says the bank will not give numbers until the board approves and  
109 then town approval.
- 110 • Discussion was had on \$1.3 million or \$1.5 million.
- 111 • D. Bergstrom says it is too short and too narrow to qualify for state funding. The idea was  
112 to bring it up to standard to qualify in the future. H. Dunsmore asked if the ARPA funds are  
113 going to go towards this, it was confirmed.
- 114 • K. Minck confirmed this will be done on Australian ballot. C. Letourneau confirmed this is  
115 what the attorney wanted.
- 116 • N. Martin moved to provide C. Letourneau with the details to cover a bond of 20 years of  
117 1.5 million dollars to cover Rugg Brook Bridge on Mill River Rd, J. Comstock seconded.

118 K. Minck asked for the word “replace” to be added to the motion. N. Martin amended his  
 119 motion to say “replace”, J. Comstock seconded the amendment. All in favor of the  
 120 amendment, amendment carried. All in favor of the original motion, motion carried.  
 121 • K. Minck questioned if the funds for the Veterans Memorial were going on the ballot for a  
 122 reserve fund. D. Bergstrom said he thought they were allocated. J. Comstock said he  
 123 thought it should be an article on the ballot. C. Letourneau believed that there was excess  
 124 money from C. Branagan that was put into a fund. A. Edward said it was going into a fund  
 125 much the same as the GCC to show it is just for the monument and will not roll into the  
 126 general fund.

127 E. Budget - Review and Approve

- 128 • S. Jenkins asked if all departments were given an updated budget. N. Martin said there were  
 129 no changes, and it was just fire and highway that made an update.
- 130 • D. Bergstrom presented the budget. He started with ARPA.
- 131 • D. Bergstrom said there was an 8.85% increase at the end of last meeting, and it is now  
 132 showing a 9.05% increase with the addition of NEMRC that was missed. Discussion was  
 133 had on revenue being down, delinquent taxes, state aid to highways, and extra payments  
 134 made.
- 135 • N. Martin said the audit was well worth the money. A. Edwards said some of the items in  
 136 the audit were identified in 2008.
- 137 • B. Stone questioned the library budget and asked if A. Edwards brought the numbers to the  
 138 selectboard. N. Martin said the original numbers the library presented were a 60% increase.  
 139 He responded that this is the eleventh hour to be making changes. Discussion was had on  
 140 departments being invited to budget meetings.
- 141 • Discussion was had on \$145,000 going into paving from ARPA and the highway department  
 142 getting a new truck.
- 143 • N. Martin made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented; C. Rosenquist seconded.  
 144 All in favor, motion carried.

145 F. DEI Statement Policy – Action

- 146 • D. Thomas read the policy that S. Jenkins and he worked on, “Policy of Inclusion, the town  
 147 of Georgia condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion,  
 148 national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age or disability, and  
 149 wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally  
 150 condemn discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone  
 151 in our community, and will strive to ensure all our actions, policies, and operating  
 152 procedures reflect this commitment. The Town of Georgia is and will continue to be a place  
 153 where individuals can live freely and express their opinions”. He asks that this be a policy  
 154 because if it was a statement, it would be just words whereas a policy is something that we  
 155 plan on running this town by. It would go before the community, lawyers and become part  
 156 of the operating procedure of the town. We can get financial assistance easily by having the  
 157 lawyers to look over this. He does not believe there is anything in the statement that will  
 158 interfere with how we are already operating the town.
- 159 • C. Rosenquist said he was prepared to move to approve a statement of inclusion tonight but  
 160 not a policy. He would move to have a statement with one minor change, “The town of  
 161 Georgia condemns racism and welcomes all law-abiding persons”. D. Thomas says he

162 understands what he is getting at, he does not agree but he understands. S. Jenkins agrees  
163 with D. Thomas.

- 164 • D. Thomas made a motion to accept this Policy of Inclusion as written for the Town of  
165 Georgia, S. Jenkins seconded.
- 166 • C. Rosenquist requested to ask a question. D. Thomas said they are not taking questions. H.  
167 Grimm called for a point of order. C. Rosenquist said that is not correct. D. Thomas said  
168 they are trying to do a job. H. Grimm called for a point of order. D. Thomas replied, “no  
169 thank-you”. He said he has gone over the legality of this. H. Grimm said a point of order  
170 must be addressed. D. Thomas said the job is to do the business of the town and people are  
171 free to observe. They are legally obligated to provide a time to comment and that has been  
172 done. H. Grimm called for a point of order.
- 173 • D. Thomas called on H. Grimm for her point of order. H. Grimm refers to the Selectboard  
174 Rules and Procedures 6.1.2. N. Martin stated in an effort of transparency and inclusion we  
175 should always allow public comment, especially for something that was done in three  
176 minutes and now has a twist with a policy. He did not like how this played out. S. Jenkins  
177 said they have offered public comment on this for a year now. N. Martin said he too was  
178 ready to vote, saying a DEI statement is a good thing. He questioned how you enforce a  
179 policy, if someone does not follow the policy, then what. D. Thomas said that is why he  
180 would see no reason to vote for this. He said that he will provide time to hear from the  
181 public but would like to hear from the selectboard first.
- 182 • D. Thomas said the reason that people were willing to accept this as a statement is because it  
183 is not enforceable. As a policy, the way it is written is open for interpretation, but it is in the  
184 books and can be a mantra by which we govern the town. This was not whipped up in three  
185 minutes, he said that he and S. Jenkins had over a year to research this. They decided to use  
186 the one from Bob Harnish because that is the one that best meets the need. They only  
187 needed three minutes to choose.
- 188 • N. Martin asked if this was exactly what was sent. D. Thomas confirmed, saying he could  
189 send the email. J. Comstock asked if he copied and pasted or if he wrote it out himself. D.  
190 Thomas replied that he did not write it out himself, all he added was the town of Georgia. J.  
191 Comstock asked to look at that, even though it was nitpicking. He said, “the town of  
192 Georgia is and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their  
193 opinions” and theirs says, “The Town of blank has and will continue to be” and you changed  
194 it from “Declaration” to “Policy”. D. Thomas replied that was because what they were  
195 asking for was a simple statement that we could sign and be done with. N. Martin said D.  
196 Thomas originally asked the committee to go out there and gather information. D. Thomas  
197 said he owned that saying he thought it would be more authentic as a policy. J. Comstock  
198 said he thought most if not all wanted this. He did not like how this was gone about. He  
199 thought the whole committee thing was a bunch of BS. He said they all had their opinions,  
200 and they could have done this from the get go. He thinks if they are going to adopt  
201 something it should be a declaration because that is what everyone else is doing. We agree  
202 as a board that there should be one and we are happy to vote it in. What anyone else does is  
203 up to them. The way this was gone about it was not something he was proud of. J.  
204 Comstock said he is not behind a policy, but he is behind a statement or declaration or even  
205 both. C. Rosenquist agrees. N. Martin also agrees.
- 206 • D. Thomas said it is a policy. If it is a statement, it is just words. If we intend on living in  
207 this than it should be a policy, which is what he and S. Jenkins agreed on. He agreed that  
208 the way in which they went about the DEI process is not something that he is proud of. He

209 condoned it but it was not initially what he presented. He would have liked to have seen  
210 something with more control and focus on what they were trying to get to. The reason why  
211 he and S. Jenkins wanted to get this to the board in January was because when they decided  
212 to retire the DEI committee, they wanted to show them that when you are focused and keep  
213 the task at hand it does not take a long time. If the board wants something with a little bit of  
214 teeth and indicates that you are honest about what we say, then you should vote for this. If  
215 you want to say something, put it on the record and then forget it ever happened then we can  
216 make a statement. J. Comstock asked why they would ever forget that it ever happened and  
217 what teeth would you put into it. There is nothing we can do as a society; if there is a hate  
218 crime, that is a crime, and it has nothing to do with us. D. Thomas said the only thing it says  
219 is that it is against our policy as a town to be openly discriminatory. C. Rosenquist says that  
220 is what our personnel policy says. D. Thomas said the personnel policy is going through a  
221 review and a future board may want to have a change of heart, this would make it harder for  
222 them. This shows that we are being authentic and trying to do something.

- 223 • N. Martin confirms that the D. Thomas had a different charge of the committee than his  
224 charge was here. D. Thomas confirms that to be true.
- 225 • S. Jenkins wants to know if they can put a limit on the number of comments and time given  
226 to this because she wants to be able to wrap this up. D. Thomas said that he is going to let  
227 people say their peace. S. Jenkins said that was fine, she was just hoping to keep it to a  
228 limit.
- 229 • H. Grimm said she found it disrespectful that D. Thomas said he could do the job that he  
230 gave the committee better. She said that was not kind to say to people who gave their time.  
231 That was rude. If you go to the Ethics Policy it says, “no public official, employee or  
232 volunteer shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex” she  
233 said that is a policy that you have. The personnel policy also speaks of this. This is  
234 currently in place in two policies already. S. Jenkins replied that was just for hired people.  
235 H. Grimm then said to D. Thomas that he had said he and S. Jenkins were going to meet to  
236 talk about getting a statement and not to create a policy. It should have notified the public  
237 and the rest of the board. The board should work as a whole. S. Jenkins said that is what  
238 they are doing. D. Thomas agreed, saying that is what they are currently doing by bringing  
239 it up to the board for approval. D. Thomas agreed that it is in the Ethics Policy, and this  
240 reaches further. He wonders if we already have it what is the pushback. C. Rosenquist  
241 asked why they should repeat it.
- 242 • H. Dunsmore asked if other towns have it as a policy or a statement. D. Thomas said most  
243 have it as a statement. It is he and S. Jenkins that are proposing a policy.
- 244 • H. Dunsmore said she does not have a problem with this. She does not treat anyone  
245 differently and does not post things about people publicly. Her problem is how D. Thomas  
246 and S. Jenkins went about this and making this into a policy. It appears you are doing  
247 something crooked. J. Chagnon called for a point of order saying this should be brought to  
248 Executive Session. D. Thomas responded “no” to the point of order. H. Dunsmore  
249 continued saying if the board wanted to make a difference it is what you do with it,  
250 education could be better. D. Thomas replied saying a statement or policy does not change  
251 how the town does things. He thinks a policy is a more authentic way of doing things. He  
252 feels as though if the board wants it to be a statement, then they can vote down this motion.
- 253 • J. Comstock asks why they cannot do that with the statement. He said he feels like he is  
254 being cornered. He supports this but he said he feels as though it was presented as though  
255 the people who are against the way in which it was presented means they are against DEI



256 and he does not like that. He said he supports this and says he works in a hospital because  
257 they support this and take it very seriously. He does not like the feeling of being painted  
258 into a corner of, if you are not with us you are against us. S. Jenkins asked if they could  
259 vote in a statement and work their way into a policy. D. Thomas agreed, saying he is not  
260 trying to put them in a corner. He just felt like a policy is more sincere. J. Comstock said  
261 this is strong enough.

- 262 • D. Penney read a statement from J. Thuesen from Zoom, “Policy implies that there can be  
263 consequences to being an open bigot. Statement does not. It is absolutely deplorable that  
264 Carl would like to add “only law-abiding citizens’ and I certainly hope that the town  
265 residents remember this in March. This completely negates the point of INCLUSION.  
266 Carl’s added phrase also is a constitutional violation, since he is so hell bent on following  
267 the constitution.” D. Thomas said he did not want to focus on individuals right now if that is  
268 okay.
- 269 • N. Martin said for three months the board gave it their all. This is a challenging topic. He  
270 felt that jumping from a declaration to a policy will only magnify the frustrations of many.  
271 He is behind a statement, but a policy is for the workplace.
- 272 • T. Cleveland suggests putting it in as a statement and she is willing to help. This can keep  
273 moving forward. J. Comstock agreed saying he did not feel as though a policy is where they  
274 should be. D. Thomas said they just did not want it to go away.
- 275 • J. Comstock said they can only do what they can do. D. Thomas said that is what S. Jenkins  
276 and he wanted but they are willing to negotiate. J. Comstock said that he feels a statement  
277 and a committee is a move in the right direction.
- 278 • F. Grimm shared a concern that the chair has shown a bias towards people that do not share  
279 his viewpoint by not even inviting people with differing opinions to the table. He said that  
280 is not inclusive. He does not think anyone in the room would treat anyone differently. He  
281 asked about gender identity has changed over the years; do you have room for that. He  
282 questioned religion, would they welcome someone from ISIS here. J. Chagnon called for a  
283 point of order. D. Thomas said he would let F. Grimm finish. He said the two people who  
284 have been pushing for this the most are the two people who have been interrupting people  
285 the most.
- 286 • J. Comstock said if there is a committee after this it should be as structured as possible.
- 287 • D. Thomas asked S. Jenkins if they wanted to call for a vote. He said he would be willing to  
288 withdraw his motion of a policy.
- 289 • D. Bergstrom informed the board that if they were to put a policy into action, that would be  
290 it. He stated that usually a policy gets sent to legal first and then brought back to the board  
291 for adoption. D. Thomas said by sending it to legal they would be able to get the fee  
292 waived.
- 293 • D. Thomas said that it sounded like the board was more interested in a statement than a  
294 policy. He asked if it would be okay to withdraw the motion of a policy and make another  
295 one for a statement. S. Jenkins agreed.
- 296 • D. Thomas withdrew his motion.
- 297 • D. Thomas made a motion to accept the declaration from Vermont Declaration of  
298 Inclusion.org, J. Comstock seconded.
- 299 • H. Dunsmore speaks for K. Senna who asked about the results of the town plan where this  
300 question was asked.
- 301 • B. Dunsmore asked about the additions that were made in the motion.

- 302 • D. Bergstrom said question number 19 on the town plan survey read, how much do you
- 303 agree or disagree with the following statement: “A community is improved by celebrating
- 304 diversity and welcoming all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex,
- 305 gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, or disability.” The categories to be
- 306 able to answer were strongly agree with 47.2%, agree with 20.8%, neutral with 17.87%,
- 307 disagree 4.8%, and strongly disagree with 0.33%. There were 375 people who responded to
- 308 that question.
- 309 • J. Chagnon shared that he thought starting with a statement is a good place. Then you can
- 310 build on it.
- 311 • J. Comstock said he thought this was a good start.
- 312 • C. Rosenquist said he would vote for this in if it contained “law-abiding citizens”. He said
- 313 he does not know why we would welcome into town drug dealers, rapists, or a bunch of
- 314 thugs. D. Thomas said he would not want that because it would seem as though we did not
- 315 want people from out of the country here in town. S. Jenkins questioned if law-abiding
- 316 means someone who got a DUI when they were 18, someone in trouble with Wildlife,
- 317 someone who got in trouble at 16. She does not think it is relevant here.
- 318 • F. Grimm asked what if a person’s personal religion was against civil law, like slaughtering
- 319 a goat.
- 320 • D. Thomas called for a vote on the declaration as presented on the website. D. Thomas, S.
- 321 Jenkins, J. Comstock, and N. Martin voted yes, C. Rosenquist abstained. Motion carried.

322 G. Certificate of Highway Mileage – Action - Addition

- 323 • N. Martin made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage with the year
- 324 ending February 10, 2024, Class 2 roads 19.53 miles, Class 3 roads 43.64, State Highway
- 325 roads 17.622 miles, class 4 roads 8.23 legal trails 2.10 miles, J. Comstock seconded. All in
- 326 favor, motion carried.
- 327 • C. Rosenquist asked if D. Thomas signed a letter to go to Perrigo. C. Letourneau will send
- 328 it to him.

329 **10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES’**

330 **REPORTS**

331 A. Town Administrator

- 332 • C. Letourneau reports that she will rejoin the Georgia Community Events Committee again.
- 333 She welcomed any members to attend the meeting at 01.30.2024. She reported still getting
- 334 the town report together and also gearing up for multiple elections, saying this will be a busy
- 335 year.

336 B. Treasurer

- 337 • D. Bergstrom reports that A. Edwards closed out 2023.

338 C. Buildings

- 339 • Nothing to report

340 D. Budget and Finance

- 341 • N. Martin said the budget was presented earlier. They will need to start working on the
- 342 Capital Budget next.

343 • D. Bergstrom reported the need to have documents for the Town Report in by Friday. N.  
344 Martin will make revisions and get them back to him.

345 E. Personnel

346 • Focus back here now and move forward.

347 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

348 • Nothing

349 G. Committees at the direction of the chair

350 • Nothing

351 **11. OTHER**

- 352 • F. Grimm asked about the \$80,000 to the beach. N. Martin said it was allocated currently.
- 353 • H. Dunsmore asked S. Jenkins if she planned on running again. She responded that it was a
- 354 very unpleasant year. It was the worst year of her life, and she said she will not run again.
- 355 • V. Keller said it is hard to follow the Selectboard meetings. She asked that the recordings
- 356 be put up more quickly. She thanked everyone for their work. D. Bergstrom said he
- 357 uploads the LCATV link the same day we get it. He spoke of the time it takes to transfer.
- 358 V. Keller asked if it could be budgeted for.
- 359 • H. Grimm asked if \$80,000 was ARPA. It was said it was, it just had to be allocated. N.
- 360 Martin reported none of the numbers they reported today had any ARPA monies in them.
- 361 ARPA will be on a separate list. H. Grimm asked for a survey of the changes that they see
- 362 at the pavilion, and she is happy to help.
- 363 • B. Dunsmore asked what people are going to say about not having a rec person. N. Martin
- 364 responded they desperately tried; they made several offers. There were people interested in
- 365 rec or people who wanted to write grants, but it was hard to find someone with both.

366 **12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

367 A. 01.29.2023

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

369 **14. ADJOURN**

370 • At 9:05 p.m. – C. Rosenquist made a motion to adjourn, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor,  
371 motion carried.

372 **15. TABLED ITEMS:**

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374 **Posted to the Town website.**

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

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## Selectboard Special Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

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### Zoom Details:

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Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Selectboard Present** – Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Carl Rosenquist, Nicholas Martin
- **Selectboard Zoom** – Jamie Comstock
- **Staff Present** – April Edwards, Dawn Penney, Doug Bergstrom
- **Staff Zoom** – Cheryl Letourneau
- **Public Present** – Ken Minck, Tom Hargy
- **At 4:05 p.m.** – D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. CHAIR UPDATE

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

- C. Rosenquist brought up seeing an issue from Bridget and asked about it. S. Jenkins said they want to advertise for a position but want to know what they are working with. D. Thomas asked if that relates to the budget discussion. S. Jenkins said yes, saying they wanted a number to work within. A. Edwards said when she spoke with the library, they told her the only people who were going to make money were Bridget and Valerie and they had not budgeted for anyone else. Discussion was had. N. Martin said they must stay within their budget. A. Edwards said she asked the library what they were supposed to budget for, and she was told just Bridget and Valerie. S. Jenkins read the email. D. Thomas said they need to get in touch with them to see what they want.

### 5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 01.03.2023 & 01.10.2023

- 34 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve 01.03.2024, N. Martin seconded. C. Rosenquist asked  
35 for an amount to be added on line 31 if available. All in favor, motion carried.
- 36 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve 01.10.2024, N. Martin seconded. C. Rosenquist asked  
37 about the money reported for the Historical Society. J. Comstock clarified. All in favor, motion  
38 carried.

39 B. Approval of Warrants #36 & #37

- 40 • N. Martin made a motion to approve Warrant #36 in the amount of \$9,062.03, D. Thomas  
41 seconded. Discussion was had on loading the town website. S. Jenkins asked about the turnout  
42 gear. All in favor, motion carried.
- 43 • N. Martin made a motion to approve Warrant # 37 totaling \$15,498.25. J. Comstock asked why  
44 the law enforcement is only \$319, it is usually larger. S. Jenkins asked who they report to. C.  
45 Rosenquist seconded. C. Letourneau said it may have been an underpayment because they  
46 missed invoicing us at some point. All in favor, motion carried.

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

48 A. Budget Discussion and Revisions

- 49 • S. Jenkins asked about the ARPA funding list. J. Comstock wanted confirmation the \$1.9  
50 million was the proper starting number. A. Edwards said that is what she had. Discussion  
51 was had.
- 52 • S. Jenkins asked about the rec funds building project. C. Rosenquist recalled a discussion  
53 on what to do at the beach on the pavilion. S. Jenkins if we had any concrete numbers. It is  
54 said they do not. They were allocating money.
- 55 • S. Jenkins asked about the town office and well, asking if T. Cadieux came to us with the  
56 heating and the well as problems and is \$30,000 enough and is it urgent enough. C.  
57 Letourneau brought up the well to her. Discussion was had.
- 58 • D. Bergstrom mentioned the \$25,000 for the development regulation rewrite, they had  
59 applied for grant and did not get it. N. Martin said we must pay for this. D. Bergstrom said  
60 yes. N. Martin said the board is going to have to decide where to pull that money from. J.  
61 Comstock asked if they had paid for that out of ARPA. D. Bergstrom said they paid for the  
62 town plan at \$35,000 out of ARPA. The rewrite goes hand in hand with that, after the town  
63 plan.
- 64 • C. Rosenquist said we can take it from the community projects fund. N. Martin said they  
65 wanted to go to the town and ask them what they wanted to do and give priority to ones that  
66 will generate income.
- 67 • N. Martin said they are still going to the voters for a \$1.3 million bond. Discussion was had.  
68 C. Rosenquist said he thought the bond was going to be \$1.5 million. Discussion was had.
- 69 • N. Martin said bridge allocation goes down to \$275 and the extra \$25,000 is the planning  
70 development regulation rewrite.
- 71 • C. Rosenquist questioned \$12,000 for wetlands asking if we thought it was going to be that  
72 much money. S. Jenkins said she thought they had to. Discussion was had.
- 73 • C. Rosenquist said it was brought to his attention that we need to make an allocation of the  
74 last two payments of the state aid to highways account for blacktop that we received early  
75 for 2024 to make sure it goes into the proper account. The treasurer asked for \$81,053 to be  
76 moved into the reserve account which currently has \$12,400. That totals more than we  
77 thought. We need a motion for that to be done. C. Rosenquist moved we move the last two

78 payments from the state of \$81,053.53 into the highway paving reserve, D. Thomas  
79 seconded.

80 • J. Comstock asked why this was not brought up in the past and if we just learned that this  
81 had to be moved. A. Edwards reported recently speaking with the auditor asking if she  
82 could just move it or if the selectboard needed to make a motion. They said the selectboard  
83 needed to make a motion. J. Comstock said this could have been a request via email and he  
84 asked why C. Rosenquist is the only one that knew about it. A. Edwards said she found this  
85 out this afternoon. Discussion was had.

86 • All in favor, motion carried.

87 • S. Jenkins asked A. Edwards if she met with Bob. A. Edwards said she did not. S. Jenkins  
88 asked for a time for them to meet with her. S. Jenkins asked the board when the deadline is  
89 for them to meet. N. Martin said they are trying to close out the end of 2023 and if they do  
90 not get their information then it will show that they are over budget. S. Jenkins confirmed  
91 that is why she is asking what the deadline is. S. Jenkins said this needs to happen. N.  
92 Martin said they can send it via email. S. Jenkins said they had tried, and A. Edwards said  
93 she did not get it. A. Edwards said she has the information they have given her. They have  
94 not given her specific journal entries. A. Edwards said she will reach out. N. Martin said  
95 they are also still waiting for their write-up. S. Jenkins asked C. Letourneau if she reached  
96 out to the library, she confirmed she did. She reported that they responded they will get it to  
97 her, but she has yet to see anything. J. Comstock said if the library does not get back to  
98 them then they will not have anything in the town report. S. Jenkins asked when this must  
99 be sent off. It is said it needs to be completed by Friday because that is when the town  
100 report goes to the printer. S. Jenkins asked C. Letourneau to let the library know. C.  
101 Letourneau said she will let them know again. N. Martin asked for the board to get cc'd.

102 • A. Edwards reported that she and D. Bergstrom spent the day working on this budget. She  
103 reported what a typical tax bill will look like with the present numbers. D. Bergstrom  
104 showed the spreadsheet. He reported that the numbers are very close to NEMRC so they  
105 should feel comfortable making any changes. N. Martin said they stand behind everything  
106 in this budget and for years the town has avoided making changes because they were afraid  
107 to push forward. A. Edwards is concerned if the townspeople know their tax bills are going  
108 up by that much and questioned if they are prepared for that. S. Jenkins said that is out of  
109 their hands. N. Martin said most people are more concerned about the school numbers than  
110 the town number. D. Bergstrom showed them what goes out. N. Martin said if they had a  
111 0% increase people would still say, "How dare you guys, my tax bill is going up by this  
112 much." A. Edwards said the voters have two options, to vote down the school budget and to  
113 vote down the town budget, or they can pass them. A. Edwards encouraged the board to  
114 look at the budget again to see if there was anything they could do to bring it down a little  
115 bit. S. Jenkins asked what percentage they are at now. D. Bergstrom said they are at  
116 11.45% and N. Martin said he was okay with that; it was consistent with last year. S.  
117 Jenkins did not see a problem with it. N. Martin agreed. He said if anything he thinks  
118 people may vote down the bridge repair. D. Thomas said he is willing to defend the budget  
119 as is but is also willing to look to see if they can get it lower. J. Comstock said they have  
120 gone over this a thousand times and the reality is, do they even have time. He thinks this is  
121 an acceptable raise. N. Martin says it is their responsibility to go over the budget, however  
122 he believes they have done a really good job of making a significant amount of progress  
123 while staying within the same increase as last year. S. Jenkins said they also need to  
124 consider the increase in salaries that they have given. N. Martin said they have gone

- 125 through a union, a full-time treasurer, and increases as well as new vehicles through a  
 126 capital budget as well as can be done. It will be their job to educate the public on how much  
 127 they oversee and an 11% increase.
- 128 • D. Bergstrom reported that they had gone over and highlighted some areas that they could  
 129 look at where they could lower without affecting anything and it may get you under the 10%  
 130 mark. Discussion was had on the legal, janitorial, janitorial supplies, highway building  
 131 maintenance, firefighter position with overtime, fire department hose (impact), transfer to  
 132 reserves, awards, and recreation to reserve (ARPA).
  - 133 • K. Minck spoke on conservation commission. Discussion was had. It is decided that 5% of  
 134 money received will be allocated.
  - 135 • A discussion was had on Highway Labor numbers. D. Bergstrom said if you use the  
 136 average of previous years, you can then reduce to \$78,500 and then the budget is now down  
 137 to a 10.5% increase.
  - 138 • D. Bergstrom says there is an extra \$25,000 for a selectboard clerk that did not get hired and  
 139 \$5,000 for holiday cheer, and town office salaries.
  - 140 • Discussion was had on the town office salary line. The board asked what was included, D.  
 141 Bergstrom showed them there is a formula on the side for them to reference. N. Martin  
 142 wanted an email listing it out.
  - 143 • S. Jenkins said she is comfortable with the number and does not want to reduce anything  
 144 without letting the departments know. Discussion was had on money coming out of impact  
 145 fees.
  - 146 • Discussion was had on Highway parts and supplies and why it was high. S. Jenkins reached  
 147 out to T. Cadieux to find out. It was reported that all parts and supplies together (winter and  
 148 summer were separated previously).

149 GCC & Park and Rec Funding

- 150 • D. Bergstrom asked if they wanted to keep the park and rec reserve the same. S. Jenkins  
 151 confirmed.
- 152 • D. Bergstrom asked C. Letourneau if she had heard from anyone about the County Tax line.  
 153 C. Letourneau checked and reported not having heard nothing at that time.
- 154 • Discussion was had on transfer to reserve again and funding out of impact fees. A.  
 155 Edwards said the library has not spent their impact fees since 2016.
- 156 • C. Rosenquist asked about \$100,000 of unspent impact fees and how they can be used to  
 157 reduce the budget. Discussion was had on this, how to possibly do this within the next two  
 158 days, and how to best do it moving forward.
- 159 • The board reported wanting to ask the department heads to see if there is anything they can  
 160 use impact fees on moving forward.
- 161 • A. Edwards said there is a b change in revenue. S. Jenkins said salaries may also. A.  
 162 Edwards encouraged them to keep looking at it and continue to look for sources of revenue.
- 163 • J. Comstock said he feels if anyone gets back to them with changes, and if they can make  
 164 them, they need to. D. Thomas said people in the office will make that change and they can  
 165 vote on it on Monday.

166 Salaries line

- 167 • It is noted that some of these conversations were had in previous parts of the agenda.
- 168 • N. Martin spoke with K. Baker about increases and contradictions with policies.

- 169 • C. Letourneau explained that there was a previous motion that changed their fee but there
- 170 was not a motion to make the change in the policy. They have been seeing that increase.
- 171 • D. Thomas said he will add this to the agenda for Monday. C. Rosenquist said the
- 172 personnel committee will meet and bring a recommendation to the board. N. Martin
- 173 agreed.

174 Fire and Rescue Pay  
 175 Any other departments as well

176 B. Budget - Action to Approve Budget

- 177 • D. Thomas asked if they wanted to go ahead with this or wait until they have heard back
- 178 about the impact fees.

179 C. Town Warning – Approve

- 180 • D. Thomas asked if they could approve the town warning. C. Letourneau informed them
- 181 they need to have the budget numbers before any of that can be done.

182 D. Greenbacker - Action late payment penalty

- 183 • C. Letourneau reported that they were supposed to send a check before the end of the year.
- 184 A. Edwards reported receiving it today. C. Letourneau said it was supposed to be paid by
- 185 the end of the year and because it was not, we can assess a late fee. They reported they
- 186 tried to wire it to our account, but it was returned to them. C. Letourneau questioned if they
- 187 had called to get our account information to send it to and they said no. C. Letourneau said
- 188 they normally send a check. C. Letourneau asked the board if they would like to waive the
- 189 late fee knowing that this was a new contract which was just negotiated or if they want to
- 190 access a possibly 8% late fee. D. Thomas said he is willing to be lenient the first time
- 191 around. C. Letourneau said they are normally very good at getting it to us in time.
- 192 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to waive the possibility of a late fee for greenbacker, N.
- 193 Martin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 194 • J. Comstock asked about the details of the greenbacker money. Discussion was had.

195 7. OTHER

- 196 • Nothing was discussed at this time.

197 8. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

198 A. Regular Meeting

- 199 • 01.22.2024
- 200 • C. Rosenquist asked if they need to schedule another meeting before then to approve the
- 201 budget. C. Letourneau said they need to approve the budget on Monday because she needs
- 202 to get the warning out. N. Martin confirmed these numbers were on the sharepoint, D.
- 203 Bergstrom confirmed. The board asked D. Bergstrom to send the information to the
- 204 departments to look at.
- 205 • J. Comstock asked what action items are moving forward. N. Martin said he can make
- 206 screenshots of their budgets as they are now and send it to them and then they will have to
- 207 get back to the administration by Friday. Whatever changes they can make will only bring
- 208 the number down further, so it will only benefit them.



- 209 • At **6:38 p.m.** - C. Rosenquist made a motion to enter executive session to discuss issues  
210 where premature knowledge may be detrimental to the board or people involved, N. Martin  
211 seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

- 213 • At **6:39 p.m.** - C. Rosenquist made a motion to go to executive session with the board and  
214 our town administrator for the administrator to speak with the board, S. Jenkins seconded.  
215 All in favor, motion carried.

216 A. Personnel - Highway Hire action will need to be taken out of executive session

217 B. Personnel – Admin

- 218 • At **7:05 p.m.** - C. Rosenquist made a motion to exit executive session, N. Martin seconded.  
219 All in favor, motion carried.

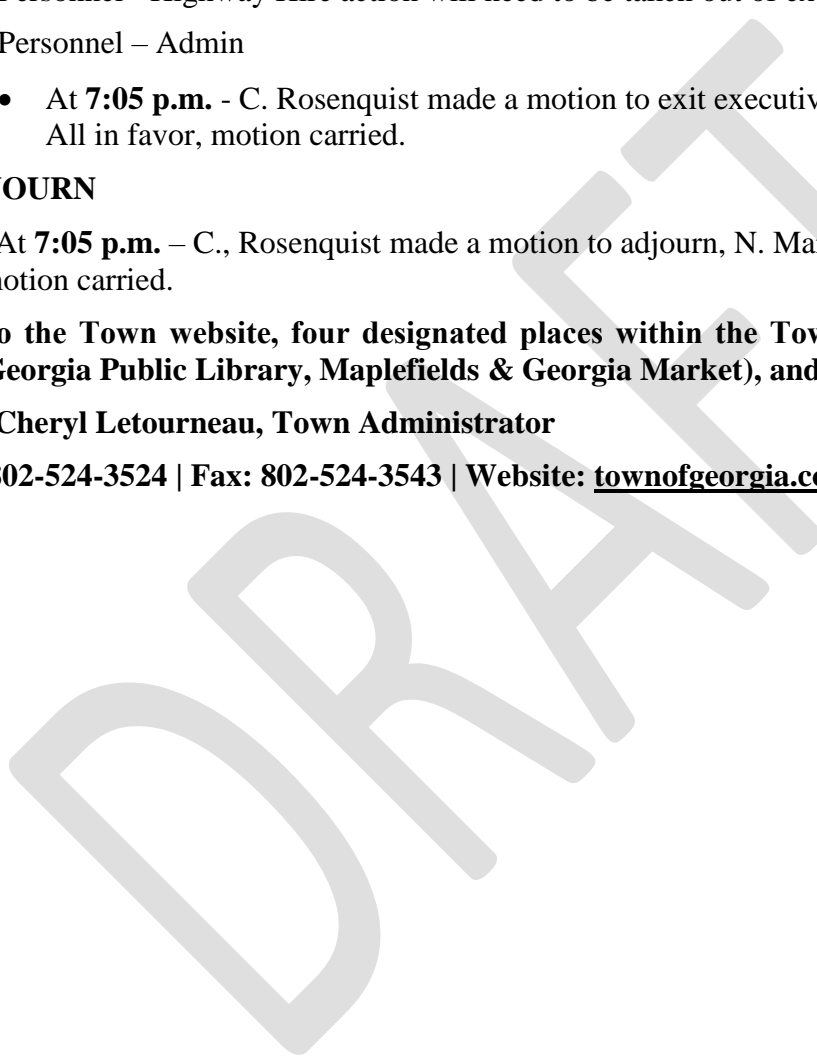
220 **10. ADJOURN**

- 221 • At **7:05 p.m.** – C., Rosenquist made a motion to adjourn, N. Martin seconded. All in favor,  
222 motion carried.

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

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

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**Selectboard Budget Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 03, 2024**  
**Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom**  
**Minutes**

**Zoom Details:**

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

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- **Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas Chair, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, and Nicholas Martin
- **Staff Present:** Cheryl Letourneau, April Edwards, Doug Bergstrom
- **Public Present:** Ken Minck
- **At 4:03 p.m.** – D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS**

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 12.27.2023

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve the 12.27.2023 meeting minutes, seconded by J. Comstock. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Approval of Warrants #34

- N. Martin made a motion to approve Warrant #34 with corrections to invoice, seconded by J. Comstock. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. 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.

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

A. Dispatch Contract – Action

- 31 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to accept the dispatch services contract of with the change of
- 32 date in signing, D. Thomas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 33 • There was a paving discussion on: subtracting \$100,000 from Todd’s line, add \$178,000
- 34 from ARPA, \$85,000 paving reserve, \$45,000 from the paving line, and \$40,000 from fill
- 35 for Trail #4. (\$308,500 paving line)

36 B. Childcare tax – What percentage will the town and employee pay? Action

- 37 • Discussion was had on the childcare tax and adding \$2,200 in the Administration budget for
- 38 July 1, 2024.

39 B. Audit Suggestions - Action. How does the board want to correct these?

- 40 • Discussion was had on the weaknesses and the segregation of duties. A. Edwards can
- 41 reconcile and have a selectboard member from the finance committee double-check on the
- 42 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. A. Edwards will send out an email to J. Comstock and N. Martin.
- 43 • A. Edwards will work with Chip regarding proper controls of posting to the journal.
- 44 • Discussion was had on creating a policy for coding expenses for general journal entries.
- 45 The Budget and Finance Committee will approve all general journal entries.
- 46 • Discussion was had on the reconciliation of checkbooks and how it is not on the books.
- 47 • It is noted that all cash accounts are on the books.
- 48 • Discussion was had about closing all small accounts. It was recommended that small
- 49 accounts be closed and consolidated with the general fund.
- 50 • Discussion was had on selectboard warrants and having all transactions on the warrants.
- 51 • Discussion was had on bonding of Mill River Rd bridge at 1.5 million. There is also a need
- 52 of Arrowhead resurfacing at \$165,000 and putting the bridge on Georgia Shore Rd on hold.
- 53 • The bond will add an additional 5% to the property tax bill.

54 D. Budget Discussion

55 **6. OTHER**

- 56 • Schedule picture day for next week.
- 57 • George Bilodeau.

58 **7. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

59 A. 01/10/2023

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

61 **9. ADJOURN**

- 62 • At **8:10 p.m.** – N. Martin made a motion to adjourn, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion
- 63 carried.

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

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

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

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02/05/24  
12:33 pm

Town of Georgia, Vermont Accounts Payable  
Check Warrant Report # 2      Current Prior Next FY Invoices  
Unpaid Invoices For Check Acct 01(General Fund) From    /    /    To 02/12/24

Section 4. Item #B.
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Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
ALLEGIANC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS	X12202633501	53.90	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
APPLE	APPLE INC	1/24 PHONE 1/24 extra phone storage	0.99	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
BAKERKEIT	KEITH BAKER	01/19/2024 Reimb. for title transfe	56.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
BOUCHOME	BOUCHARD HOME & OFFICE SERVICE	14354 1 yr license malware	1000.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
BOUCHOME	BOUCHARD HOME & OFFICE SERVICE	14333 IT 1/9	160.25	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
BOUNDTREE	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	85225876 Medical supplies	79.96	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
BOUNDTREE	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	85217094 Medical supplies	221.98	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CANON	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	31858511	357.63	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CARGIL	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	2909051299 1/22/24 deicer salt	5842.20	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CHATGPT	CHATGPT	1/30/24TEAMS 1/24 teams	60.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COMCAST	COMCAST	1/24 LIB 2/24 lib	51.98	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COMCASTB	COMCAST BUSINESS	191430655 1/24 phones	785.97	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COSTCO	COSTCO WHOLESALE	01/29/2024 Supplies	152.67	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
DESORCIE	DESORCIE EMERGENCY PRODUCTS, L	19109 Labor,parts for Ladder t	1527.50	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
DONALDRIC	DONALD RICHARDS	01082024 6 Truck tires	300.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
FIDIUM	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS	2/24 BEACH 2/24 Beach wifi	96.48	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
GAP	GEORGIA AUTO PARTS	75824 J-B Kwik	5.49	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATI	2/24 BEACH1 2/24 Beach 1	34.79	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATI	2/24 BEACH2 2/24 Beach 2	50.67	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
MYMONEYBC	MYMONEYBCBSVT	40872307 1/24/24 invoice for HRA	48.74	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
REGROWTH	REGROWTH PLANNING	23_03_5 Town plan	4899.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
REYNOL	REYNOLDS AND SON INC	3435415 Gear wash repair inspect	390.53	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
REYNOL	REYNOLDS AND SON INC	3435372 Leather gloves	192.40	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
REYNOL	REYNOLDS AND SON INC	3435371 Fire turnout gear	261.04	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
RIVERSIDE	RIVERSIDE AUTO & TRUCK	086876 Truck inspections	120.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
ROWLEY	ROWLEY FUELS PROPANE LLC	506514 Diesel	5821.82	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
ST A REC	ST ALBANS RECREATION DEPARTMEN	0000595 Pool vouchers 1/24	1866.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
STITZEL	STITZEL PAGE & FLETCHER P.C.	80453 Legal svcs thru 12/31/23	2050.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
SUNBELT	SUNBELT RENTALS INC.	149606518000 Rental	461.24	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
TIMS	TIM'S PLACE	01/18/24FIRE Pizzas for FD	188.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
ULINE	ULINE	172578160 Damaged item, credit app	-224.40	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
ZOOM	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS INC.	INV237582508 Zoom 1/23-1/22/25	159.90	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--

02/05/2024

12:33 pm

Town of Georgia, Vermont Accounts Payable

Check Warrant Report # 2 Current Prior Next FY Invoices

Unpaid Invoices For Check Acct 01(General Fund) From / / To 02/12/24

Section 4. Item #B. 2 ar

Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
Report Total			27,072.73	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 \$ \*\*\*\*27,072.73 Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

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Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
ABOVE PAR	ABOVE PAR CLEANING LLC	5165-1120 2/24 cleaning	1100.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
AMCARE	AMCARE AMBULANCE SYSTEMS INC	1409 2/24 Ambo svcs	5885.23	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
AVENU	AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS	INVB-050763	890.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CARGIL	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	2909077972 1/26 deicer salt	2931.11	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CARGIL	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	2909064783 1/24 deicer	2669.03	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CARGIL	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	2909071515 1/25 deicer salt	4992.26	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CARGIL	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	2909083298 1/26 deicer salt	2953.86	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
CARGIL	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	2909077973 1/26 deicer salt	2898.35	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COMCAST	COMCAST	2/24 MODEM2 2/24 modem 2	14.95	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COMCAST	COMCAST	2/24FIRE 2/24 Fire dept	234.71	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COMCAST	COMCAST	2/24TOWN CL 2/24 Town clerks	275.21	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
COMCAST	COMCAST	2/24 83 PLAI 2/24 83 Plains rd	202.41	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
EXIT18	EXIT 18 EQUIPMENT	89068 Helmet system	56.64	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
EYE MED	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INSURAN	166144414 2/24 eye med	57.67	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
FISH&GAME	VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE	1/24 FISH AN 1/28-2/3/24 Vt fish & wi	6.50	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
FISHER	FISHER AUTO PARTS, INC.	308-193102 Oil filter	20.45	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
FISHER	FISHER AUTO PARTS, INC.	308-193064 Battery and core	70.86	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATI	2/24 LIB 2/24 Lib	336.55	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATI	2/24 LIB WEL 2/24 Lib well	26.04	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
GRANITE	THE GRANITE GROUP	16239224-00 2 way valve	177.02	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
MRS	MILTON RENTAL & SALES INC	1649017 Scissor lift	420.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
MYERS	MYERS CONTAINER SERVICE CORP	2/24 TRASH 1/24 Trash	174.76	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
MYMONEYBC	MYMONEYBCBSVT	40880460 1/31 HRA funds for lib	569.31	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
NE TRUCK	NEW ENGLAND TRUCK TIRE CENTERS	24-0154351-0 Trailer	42.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
NEMRC	NEW ENGLAND MUN RESOURCE CTR L	54482 Work done by Chip	550.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
OMG	O'ROURKE MEDIA GROUP	372920 1/19/24 public notices	324.80	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
OREILLY	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	5671-299772 Parts	212.80	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
ROWLEY	ROWLEY FUELS PROPANE LLC	1/24 NEW GAR 1/24 New garage fuel	376.43	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
SHELBU	SHELBURNE LIMESTONE CORPORATIO	83614 Rock fines in January	3799.54	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
SHERWIN	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	2/8/24 Supplies	148.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
TRACTOR	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	57470 Supplies	738.81	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
ULINE	ULINE	172578160 Damaged item, credit app	-224.40	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
UNIFIR	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	100192637 1/24 uniforms and towels	151.54	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
UNIFIR	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	1080193853 1/31 uniforms	74.02	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
UNION DUE	LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL OF NO.	1/24 UNIONDU 1/24 union dues	125.25	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
VMERSDC	VMERS DB	1/24 VMERS 1/24 Vmers payment	11727.97	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
VT ELAV	VERMONT ELEVATOR INSPECTION SE	38450 Inspection platform lift	150.00	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--
VTSAFETY	VT DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY #7381	89203 1/24 law enforcement	1035.92	0.00	-----	-----	--/--/--

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Report Total			46,195.60	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 \$ \*\*\*\*46,195.60 Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

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Good Morning,

Yesterday, I attended a webinar about the Capital Projects Grants available through Vt Department of Libraries, these will be awarded to at least one library per county in the amount of \$300K-\$1.4M. The deadline is 3/12/24. I need a letter of support from the Selectboard as part of the application.

The grant requires assurance that the library will remain in its current location through 12/31/31.

Project completion date: 12/31/26.

The intention of the grant is to assure continued access to high speed internet in libraries; this may include ADA access, Soundproof rooms/booths, reservable community rooms, improvements to electrical systems to include more outlets/charging stations.

We will have a stronger case if we can be specific and may be more successful if we can provide staged process notes.

We have discussed updating our entryway for ADA and making the community room available with an exterior entrance for after hours gathering, to include a bathroom. We need more electric outlets and charging stations - we currently run extension cords and power strips for the circulation desk, and office. Patrons have one spot where they may plug in and work, it is at the end of a bookshelf in an awkward location- no table.

Ben and I met with VT Integrated Architecture 4/19/23 - at that time the cost of next steps, to include an RFP were cost prohibitive. It was difficult timing with the Selectboard coming together and we were unable to move forward on a grant from the VT Community Foundation to cover the cost of the RFP. Also, other grant opportunities arose and staffing capacity would not allow us to pursue all these. We shifted focus to the NLM and United Way grants.

As I recall, Wieman Lamphere who we contracted for the town garage did not return our calls. We do have the preliminary plan created by VIS in 2018 (the administrator has a copy). I am not sure this is still the direction we would like to go.

I am working on a draft of the grant. Will you please advise on next steps. Would you like to meet to discuss the focus and scope of the work; what we should ask for in the grant?

Thank you,  
Bridget

Selectboard: Are there further specifics that would be helpful? Please let me know and I will be glad to organize.



The deadline is 3/12/24. I'm concerned that there is not much time. This is complicated by staff submitting their resignations. Please let me know how I can best help.

Thank you,  
Bridget

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
IN ITS CAPACITY AS BASIN 5 CLEAN WATER SERVICE PROVIDER  
TASK ORDER TO  
TOWN OF GEORGIA  
CWSP TOA - 01  
Falls Trail South Gully Repair – Final Design Georgia  
Amendment #2

It is hereby agreed by and between the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, hereinafter referred to as the CCRPC, and the Town of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as the SUBGRANTEE, that the Agreement dated March 20, 2023, shall be modified as follows:

1. Paragraph 4, Agreement Term: is hereby modified by extending the completion date from November 30, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

Except as modified by this Amendment, and any preceding and subsequent Amendments, all other provisions of the original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

CHITTENDEN COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

TOWN OF GEORGIA

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AUTHORIZED SIGNER

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