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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

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05/03/2021

7:00PM-General Meeting

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Selectmen Present: David Twiss, Chair, Vice Chair Douglas Dawes, Clerk; Peter. Kershaw, Charles Durney, and Gary Fowler.

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator. Administrative Assistant, Maureen Shultz, Police Chief Donald Cudmore, Fire Chief Chuck Savage.

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance Douglas W. Dawes

D. Twiss read the statement listed here:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Georgetown Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Georgetown website, at www.georgetownma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: Channel 42 Verizon or Channel 9 Comcast, or on the town website at <http://gctv.georgetownma.gov/>. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that meeting the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Georgetown website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after that.

NEW BUSINESS: Captain Chuck Savage / Fire Department:

Discussion took place with the Fire Departments Captain Savage.

D. Twiss introduced Captain Savage to the Board

And recommended Chief Savage to be appointed by the Board of Selectman as the Interim Fire Chief.

D. Twiss asked if the Board members received the e-mail from Chief C. Savage.

P. Kershaw thank him for putting his thoughts on his email to the Board, it is a good understanding of what needs to happen with getting a full time Chief. P. Kershaw inquired how was the staff morale was at the station, C. Savage -morale is high right now -with adding new

additional services. Keep moving forward. P. Kershaw asked about his thoughts on an interim or not interim, C. Savage believes they can run the day to operations, look at the EMS Model -the Fire Dept can provide that service, personnel opinion that an interim would be a paper pusher - his true belief -turn key solution -top form -handed over in a smooth transition -that is their goal moving forward. P. Kershaw thanked Chief Savage and appreciates him stepping up.

D. Twiss asked C. Savage about his e-mail regarding the appointment of an interim Fire

C. Savage deferred to M. Farrell, Town Administrator for the hiring process for a new fire chief with C. Savage stating he did not have the experience of hiring a chief.

C. Durney asked is there any risk not having a chief in the department -do you have any risk or concerns -small items -unions -basic running the department and having a vision will easily carry us through, C. Durney does not want to burn C. Savage out. C. Savage will submit a 100-day operating plan once it is put together, asked if there is anything that they need to be aware of, C. Savage suggested that Union Negotiations might be an area that he might need some assistance with.

D. Dawes asked about C. Savages regular duties at the Fire Station and wondered if this new position will impede his regular duties at the Fire Station. C. Savage stated he is already doing the job now and things are going well. C. Savage not concerned with training, D. Dawes asked if he said he had sat down and spoke to his staff. C. Savage said the e-mail was from his initial thoughts but has not share it with staff now but will in the future.

G. Fowler suggested that he sit down with C. Savage and have a personal conversation to get to know him and his background and asked him to say a few words about himself and his hometown.

D. Dawes motioned to appoint Chuck Savage as Acting Chief to the Town of Georgetown Fire Department, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Memorial Day Lineup:

D. Dawes spoke on the following.

- *Rifle Squad*
- *VFW Park Ceremonies*
- *No Memorial Day parade*
- *Flags will be on Veterans Graves,*
- *D. Dawes will advise on the Monday Memorial Day celebration when dates & times are confirmed.*

Special Town Meeting Warrant:

G. Fowler motioned to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for June 21, 2021, seconded by C. Durney. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

M. Farrell spoke on Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting (Article 5). We don't know at this point if we will have a deficit -going to be very close -when it come to the excise tax-we should by town meeting date should have a better idea -if we do have a deficit, we will need this article - to eliminate that deficit-recommending to adopt this warrant article just in case.

G. Fowler motioned to add article 4 to the Special Town Warrant as printed in our package -D. Twiss read Article 4. P. Kershaw seconded motion. Roll call all in favor.

G. Fowler motioned to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant for June 21, 2021, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll Call vote taken all in favor

Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

G. Fowler motioned to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for June 21,2021, seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Article # 16 was read aloud by D. Twiss in which to raise and appropriate or transfer funds to be added to the reserve fund for accrued liabilities.

G. Fowler motioned to add article 15 to the Town Annual Warrant as presented in the Boards package, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

G. Fowler motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for June 21, 2021, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

ALP Parking:

Discussion took place on the following:

- *Kiosk*
- *Currency*
- *Enforcement*
- *Installation Cost*
- *Winter use.*

Non-Resident should pay a fee -Residents should not per D. Twiss.

D. Cudmore will advise on more information from Newburyport when he receives that data.

Expansion to other areas in Town maybe in the Downtown area-good start.

P. Kershaw spoke on the Town of Newburyport and their experience with Kiosk including safety precautions, scanner options, enforcement of tickets.

D. Dawes inquired about currency with the Kiosk and will they take it.

VOTES BY THE BOARD:

D. Dawes motioned to approve meeting minutes from March 22, 2021, as presented seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call was taken all in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:

MMA Rescue Plan was discussed by M. Farrell.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

C. Durney moved a motion to adjourn with D. Dawes moved to second the motion. The Board voted unanimously on a roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

