

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Memorial Town Hall**  
**10/21/19**  
**7:00PM-General Meeting~3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room, Town Hall**

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**Selectmen Present:** Charles Durney, Clerk/Acting Chairman; Gary C. Fowler, Douglas W. Dawes, and David J. Twiss

**Others Present:** Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Michael Farrell, Town Administrator;

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**7:00PM Call to order**

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

**APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS**

*Request from Police Chief Cudmore for the appointment of a Reserve Officer term to expire June 30, 2020*

Police Chief Cudmore and Jack Atherton were present

Chief Cudmore gave background and education information on Mr. Atherton. He stated that Mr. Atherton has already started his service as a dispatcher. He stated that the department is down to 13 reserves.

Mr. Durney asked Mr. Atherton to tell the board about his background and why he wants to work in Georgetown.

Mr. Atherton stated that his family has been in law enforcement and Georgetown is a great community.

Mr. Twiss asked him what his goal is. Mr. Atherton stated would like to be a full-time officer.

Mr. Dawes asked where he is working now. Mr. Atherton stated as a harbormaster in Beverly. Mr. Fowler stated that Georgetown can use an officer with harbormaster experience.

**Mr. Dawes moved to appoint Jack Atherton as a Reserve Officer for the Georgetown Police Department term to expire June 30, 2020. Mr. Twiss seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Appointment of David Twiss to the Economic Development Committee term to expire June 30, 2021*

**Mr. Fowler moved to appoint David Twiss to the Economic Development Committee term to expire June 30, 2021. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-0-1 vote. Mr. Twiss abstained.**

*Request for appointment of Mary Janson to the Holiday Events Committee term to expire June 30, 2020.*

**Mr. Twiss moved to appoint Mary Janson to the Holiday Events Committee term to expire June 30, 2020. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Green Community Grant-fuel efficiency vehicle policy for approval-John Cashell to be Present*

John Cashell, Town Planner was present

Mr. Cashell explained that he was told the application for Green Community was a simple process and has been more than expected. He stated that Andrea Thibault has spent a lot of time on the project. He stated that energy engineers have been in the buildings already. He stated the previous energy program was done a while ago and a lot of changes to lighting and insulation was done. He stated LED's were not available then but are now what is used. He stated that the town will be eligible for \$140K grant and may want to use for updating lighting. He stated after the town is designated a Green Community will be eligible for grants up to \$250K. He stated that there may also be more funds available. He stated 240 out of 351 Massachusetts communities are Green Communities. He stated that the BoS must vote on an energy efficient vehicle policy and as old vehicles have to be replaced have to get energy efficient vehicles. Mr. Twiss asked about Highway. Mr. Cashell stated the larger vehicles are exempt.

Mr. Durney stated all vehicles we have now are grandfathered in. Mr. Cashell stated that they are. Chief Cudmore stated that the hybrid for Police would be available when he next replaces his vehicles. He stated that there are no more 8-cylinder vehicles. Mr. Fowler asked who will oversee the program in the future. Mr. Cashell stated that there is a yearly report and next year the Planning Office will still file the paperwork. He stated this is like a mini CIP program and all the data is in a spreadsheet and they are doing data collection. Mr. Dawes asked if the \$140K is guaranteed. Mr. Cashell stated that we are eligible for \$140K for our size community. He stated North Andover and Amesbury have received over \$1M. Mr. Dawes stated that the funds will have to be used for Green items. Mr. Cashell stated yes and eligible for other funds each year. He discussed the funds available. He stated Massachusetts is the greenest state in the country.

Mr. Durney asked if this is the last piece. Mr. Cashell stated no there is additional data needed. He stated that there is a letter to the DoE for the selectmen chair to sign tonight. He stated that there is an Energy Reduction Plan that must be signed before November 23. He stated that he has requested to be on the Selectmen agenda on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the additional documents for the Plan. He stated that this commits the town to be aware of green programs and if a member eligible to apply for funds. He stated being a part of the program will help finances, and help the climate. He discussed technology and the changes that are happening.

**Mr. Fowler moved to approve the letter to the Department of Energy Resources with the Acting Chair to sign the letter, and to adopt the Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy as presented. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion.**

Mr. Dawes asked if this is tied to any other broader policy. Mr. Cashell stated no.

**The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Stantec request for comments, questions or concerns on the B2B Rail Trail-North  
Georgetown and Newbury section*

John Cashell, Town Planner; Steven Przyjemski, ConCom; Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor; Fred Mitchell, Fire Chief; and Donald Cudmore, Police Chief were present

Mr. Cashell stated that we all received a letter from Stantec looking for comments on the North route of the trail to Newbury. He stated that there are a couple of locations on the North section that may be owned by the abutters and KP Law is looking into this and Stantec Consulting Services.

Mr. Twiss asked if we have the safety equipment to go down these paths. Mr. Cashell stated that they are designing the path to be accessible.

Chief Cudmore stated that the departments met over the summer and comments were made on the South section of the trail. He stated that they are trying to make the trails similar to other sections/towns.

Mr. Durney asked to hold this discussion for a few minutes so we can do the presentation of recognition.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Veterans' Services Karen Tyler to present Citation to Sam Mroz*

Senator Tarr and Representative Mirra were present

Mr. Dawes put on his Veterans' Representative Hat on and asked Sam Mroz to come forward. He stated Sam has been a member of Project 351 since 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and is still a member as a Senior.

Sen. Tarr gave a presentation from the Senate and recognized Sam for all the work he has done for Veteran's and others.

Sen. Mirra also had a presentation from the House of Representatives for Sam and also recognized Sam for all his work.

Mr. Dawes gave a Veterans Challenge Coin to Sam.

*Stantec request for comments, questions or concerns on the B2B Rail Trail-North  
Georgetown and Newbury section*

Continued conversation.

Mr. Durney stated he had an email from Conservation Commission agent with some comments that he read. He stated that Mr. Przyjemski stated that his comments have been sent to the committee.

Mr. Cashell stated that Georgetown is the lead in the RecPath project for Newbury and Boxford. He stated that each town has to go through the design process. Mr. Dawes stated

he has a concern of making the trail a road and paving it. Mr. Cashell stated they are trying to make a this a multi-use path for wheelchairs, walkers, and bikers.

Mr. Hastings, Rail Trail Committee stated that each surface has its upsides.

Mr. Cashell explained the process for the Public Hearing on the design that will be taking place soon.

Mr. Twiss asked the use of the trail over the winter.

Mr. Hastings stated cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Mr. Fowler asked who will maintain the trail. Mr. Hastings stated that it will be a park. Mr. Durkee stated if pervious pavement you need special equipment to maintain. Mr. Fowler asked who is maintaining the trail, Highway or Park & Rec. Mr. Cashell stated that right now Chris Roop has been maintaining.

Mr. Twiss stated that the Highway and Park & Rec do not have the funds to take care of the trail. He asked if someone is hurt who pays. Mr. Hastings stated that they have a \$2M insurance rider.

Mr. Cashell stated that there will be a public hearing in early winter.

Mr. Fowler stated that if ConCom wants pervious pavement work with them. Mr. Cashell stated the pavement will work if we work together. He stated that we should be able come to some type of agreement. He stated that the bikeway out to Concord had an issue with one town and after built that community wanted in. He stated that Stantec is the top designer of rail trails.

Chief Mitchell stated where he grew up there was a trail and a section with pavement and will have use all year long. He stated that he and the Police Chief will work on emergency management.

Chief Cudmore stated that glad this is being done and is great for towns that do not have sidewalks. He stated that we keep talking about Park & Rec in discussion.

Mr. Hastings stated Stantec has stated that the pavement will be easier to maintain and there will be a trail to the school.

Mr. Dawes asked if any of the trail abuts hunting. Mr. Fowler stated that a lot of the north trail does abut hunting. Chief Cudmore stated that the Penn Brook School abuts hunting and a buffer was put in. Mr. Durney asked departments to get comments to Planner or Stantec. Discussion on the surface and connection of trails.

Mr. Dawes asked Mr. Durkee if being a Green Community will have an effect on Tree Warden. Mr. Durkee stated that he is responsible over the roadways.

Mr. Twiss stated departments can send comments on the trail to Mr. Durney and he will forward to Mr. Cashell.

#### *CPC Grant Agreement with Historical Society for Brocklebank Museum Roof*

Mr. Fowler stated that CPC used to be more involved in the process. He stated November 30<sup>th</sup> is the closing of acceptance of CPC projects.

**Mr. Twiss moved to approve the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement between the Town of Georgetown and the Georgetown Historical Society, Inc. for \$16,000 to be used**

**for the restoration of the roof of the Brocklebank Museum. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00PM, Middle/High School

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00PM Special Town Meeting, Middle/High School

November 4, 2019 at 7:00PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Twiss moved to adjourn. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved on November 4, 2019.

Documents used in this meeting:

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