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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

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04/26/2021

6:00PM-General Meeting

Broadcast on Georgetown Cable TV via BlueJeans

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

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

6:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance 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.

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 update-Police Chief Cudmore.

Chief Cudmore spoke briefly on cases going down in the Community, vaccine roll out very strong, tracking data and everything still on target. Chief Cudmore recognized the help of our former Board of Health agent Deb Rogers for her continued assistance. Links to sign up for vaccines have been put up.

D. Twiss asked Chief Cudmore if he would meet with Bill Holt on the Covid updates for future meetings.

P. Kershaw recognized D. Rogers and suggested the Board send her a gift.

NEW EMPLOYEES / APPOINTED:

D. Dawes moved the Board to approve the appointment of William Hoyt as the Board of Health Agent effective on May 3, 2021, for the Town of Georgetown seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call votes was taken all in favor.

G. Fowler asked if the members of the Board of Health need to take a formal vote on William Hoyt's appointment -Mr. Farrell said he was not sure on the answer.

D. Dawes moved the Board to approve the appointment of Alexander Williams as the Treasurer / Collector for the Town of Georgetown effective May, 2021 seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call votes was taken all in favor.

William Hoyt stated he is getting up to speed and has spoken with Deb Rogers, the former Board of Health Agent.

The Board welcome both to the Town.

D. Dawes welcomed both to the Board and offered his help.

P. Kershaw welcomed them to the Town -thanked them for this new role in the Town and stated always here to help.

TRAFFIC STUDY REQUEST-Chief Cudmore spoke on the Traffic Study Committee on their meeting held on 3/25/2021 to discuss a 15-minute parking spot request from "Your CBD Store ". The Traffic Study approved this request and recommends this to the Board of Selectman for approval. Business requested this a year ago, should re-look / study the 2hour parking -might need to be changed in the future per Chief Cudmore.
Chief Cudmore spoke

P. Kershaw asked for clarification on the time restraints with Chief Cudmore explaining to the Board that the approval was made for 15-minute parking in front of the: Your CBD Store "for a designated time from 11AM-5PM and then will go back to two hours of parking.

D. Dawes the spot is taking up spots and can't handicap other businesses.

D. Twiss spoke on the 11-5PM time request and that it should not be a big deal to approve, stated the weekends maybe be busy-spoke on former businesses and current business on their parking.

G. Fowler motioned in favor of the request for a 15 Minute Parking for "Your CBD Store" for seven (7) days a week from 11-5PM, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

All in favor of the CBD store's request for a designated 15-minute spot.

GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT -Conditional offer of Employment -Reserve officer Police Chief Cudmore spoke to the Board regarding a conditional offer of employment for Reserve Officer John M. Page as a full-time patrol officer from May 10, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and then will be re-appointed as other staff after a successful completion of a complete physical per the guidelines of the M.P.T.C at a facility of the Departments choice, successful completion of P.A. T Examination, Physical Abilities Test and a medical exam motioned to

appoint was made by G. Fowler and seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call votes was taken all in favor.

G. Fowler asked Chief Cudmore if he was going to give the Board an update on new legislation and how will it affect his new reserves and maybe the Board can possibly invite some of the State Representatives to attend.

A motion by D. Dawes to approve meeting minutes from May 8, 2021 as presented, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call votes was taken all in favor.

FIRE CHIEF RECRUITMENT:

D. Twiss asked that Captain Chuck Salvage be invited to the next Board of Selectman meeting and field some questions.

D. Twiss mentioned the make-up of a five panel Board to search for a new Fire Chief in Town which could possibly be M. Farrell, TA, Lt. Scott Hatch, acting Fire Chief, two other fire chiefs from other places and two selectmen.

D. Dawes mentioned he would like the makeup of the panel to have some of the current members of the Fire Department on that new Board. D. Dawes asked for clarification on whether they were hiring an acting chief or a chief -know the process the Board is going to follow.

P. Kershaw has no problem with the make-up of the Board but would like to hear from Chief Cudmore. our Police Chief.

G. Fowler need time for assessments, wants to schedule a working meeting to look at recommendations and to stay involved with the current Fire Department.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR” S REPORT: M. Farrell spoke on the following:

- *Upcoming Department Heads meeting for re-opening of Town Hall.*
- *Outside dining for the Spot is all set-all paperwork-fees all completed.*
- *Real Estate tax payments are processed to date.*
- *May 10, 2021 small town guidance from the state will advise.*
- *Federal Rescue Plan for Small Town’s will advise.*

BOARD OF SELECTMAN REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT: *G. Fowler moved to adjourn with P. Kershaw moved to second the motion. The Board voted unanimously on a roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:150PM. Minutes transcribed by Maureen Shultz*