Selectboard Regular Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Georgia Fire Department Community Room

In-Person and/or Teleconference/Virtual

Approved: unapproved

Selectboard Present: Devon Thomas (Board Chair), Shannon Jenkins (Via zoom), Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, Nick Martin

Selectboard Absent:

Staff Present: Cheryl Letourneau, Administrator and Town Clerk

Public Present: Emily Johnson, Heather Dunsmore, Kristin Gaudette, Fred Grimm, Dennis Boucher, Katie Driver, Tony Heinlein, Bette Dunsmore, Brian Dunsmore, Jen Kale, Holly Creeks, Suzanna Brown, Greg Bechard, Janet Bechard, Terry Cleveland, Bob Giroux, Robbie Morrill.

Public Present Zoom: Jana Thuesen, Amber Baker, Kristina Senna, Dawn Penney, Bethany Langevin, Joey Kale, Sue Webster, Kristina Senna, Sandy Laferrierre, Dayle Goad, David Tiffit, Lori Hobart, i phone (G. Rainville) Frank Gore, Sarah Williams, Keith Baker, Ben Curran, Brittney Valyou.

Liquor License Agenda

Call to Order: Nick Martin moved to open the meeting, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor. (6:00)

Carl Rosenquist moved to approve Dollar General's liquor license, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor.

Carl Rosenquist moved to adjourn the Liquor License Agenda Meeting, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor. (6:02)

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Call to Order: Carl Rosenquist moved to call the meeting to order, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor. (6:03)
Pledge of Allegiance
Agenda Review (additions and deletions)
Carl Rosenquist moved to add Philo Security firewall review to the agenda, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor.

Carl Rosenquist moved to remove creating subcommittees for the Ethics Policy, The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Declaration and Recreation/Community Organization from the agenda until other members of the board have had a chance to understand what we are doing with those sub committees, no second, motion fails.

Carl Rosenquist moved to add scheduling a joint meeting between the Selectboard and Planning Commission to discuss how to move forward with the Town Plan rewrite to the agenda, second by Nick Martin, all in favor.

Selectboard Minutes and Warrants
1. Carl Rosenquist moved to approve the 4.10.23 minutes with corrections, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor.
2. Motion to approve Warrants AP #4 and AP #5 was made by Carl Rosenquist, seconded by Devon Thomas, all in favor.

Reorganization
Shannon Jenkins moved that Nick Martin take her place on the personnel subcommittee to include union negotiations, Jamie Comstock seconded, all in favor.

Carl Rosenquist moved to add Nick Martin to the Budget and Finance subcommittee, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)
Fred Grimm, Bette Dunsmore

Correspondence
Kristina Senna, Library Trustees

Unfinished Board Business (public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)
1. Seven Days paper for advertising- Devon Update

Carl Rosenquist moved to keep the St. Albans Messenger as the town paper, seconded by Nick Martin, 3 ayes, Devon Thomas abstained.

2. Trails Policy - Action
   Carl Rosenquist moved to assign the Conservation Commission to come forward with what they consider their final product for a Trails Policy and then the Selectboard will take a look at it, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

3. Purchasing Policy - action
   Carl Rosenquist moved to approve the Purchasing Policy dated 2/16/23, no second, motion failed.

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   Carl Rosenquist moved to assign reviewing the Purchasing Policy to the Budget and Finance subcommittee to make changes and bring back their suggestions to the board, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

4. Private Driveway Policy - action
   Carl Rosenquist moved to approve the Road and Driveway Policy that was presented to the Selectboard by the Planning Commission on 3/28/23 and posted on the town website for townspeople to review, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

5. Fitness Platform -action
   Carl Rosenquist moved to put the Fitness Platform back on the agenda for the second meeting in May, Nick Martin seconded, all in favor.

6. Trash on Arrowhead Lake Road/Falco Road - action
   Nick Martin moved to work with the Lake Arrowhead Road/Falco Road community to put a trash receptacle in place, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

7. Public Utility Commission - Paya's solar Field

New Board Business (public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

1. Junk Ordinance

2. Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance
   Carl Rosenquist moved to approve the Junk Ordinance and Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

   Shannon Jenkins moved to move Selectboard Clerk action up the agenda, Carl Rosenquist seconded, all opposed. Motion failed.

   Carl Rosenquist moved to move the Stormwater update up in the agenda, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

3. Stormwater update from Carl Rosenquist

   Devon Thomas moved to move Library Board members up the agenda, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

4. Library Board Member - to speak to the board
   Carl Rosenquist moved that the issue of the Library budget shortfall be brought to the Budget and Finance subcommittee to have them look at it to see how it can be resolved, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor.

   Carl Rosenquist moved to have the Treasurer use NEMRC to supply monthly reports for the Library, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

5. Camp Rainbow - waive Beach Fee - action
   Carl Rosenquist moved to waive the fee for the beach pavilion use for Camp Rainbow, seconded Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

6. Emergency Management Plan - action
   Carl Rosenquist moved to approve the Town Management Plan realizing there will be some more corrections to it and authorize Devon to sign it before May first, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

7. Point of Contact for IT - action
   Shannon Jenkins moved to appoint Jamie Comstock and Nick Martin as the Selectboard points of contact for IT, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor.

   Nick Martin moved to extend the meeting beyond 9:12 to continue their agenda, Jamie Comstock seconded, 4 ayes, Carl Rosenquist voted no.

8. Security Cameras at the Library - discussion

9. Contract Merger - discussion
   Nick Martin made a motion to move forward with the two budgeted positions of Selectboard Clerk and Treasurer, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor, 4 ayes, Carl Rosenquist voted no.

10. Selectboard Clerk - action
    Shannon Jenkins moved to hire Jen Kale as Selectboard Clerk, seconded by Jamie Comstock, motion failed.

    Carl Rosenquist moved that the board would hear the credentials of the 2 candidates that have been interviewed for the Selectboard Clerk and decide which candidate to make an offer to after that, seconded by Nick Martin, all in favor.

11. Treasurer Position - action

12. Creating sub committees for - the Ethics Policy; the Diversity, Ethics and Inclusion Declaration; and Recreation/Community Organization -discussion
    Nick Martin moved to create a sub committee of community volunteers to make suggestions for the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy as well as look at other additional policies to include posting on the town website and town facebook page, gathering names of interested parties, and randomly selecting names at the May 8, 2023 meeting, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

13. Fire Warden - action

Carl Rosenquist moved to select Andrew Dunsmore as Fire Warden, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

14. Pool Voucher - discussion

15. Joint Meeting with Selectboard and Planning Commission to work on the Town Plan rewrite.

Plan next meeting and Agenda
Monday, May 8, 2023 6 pm Regular Meeting

Carl Rosenquist moved that the Board and Town Administrator go into Executive Session to discuss issues that premature disclosure may be detrimental to individuals involved or the Board itself, second by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

Motion to offer the position of Selectboard Clerk to Olivia Seguin.

Meeting adjourned 10:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Bechard