

Selectboard Regular Meeting

Monday, May 8, 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, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist, Nick Martin

Selectboard Absent:

Staff Present: Cheryl Letourneau, Administrator and Town Clerk

Public Present: Emily Johnson, Heather Dunsmore, Heather Grimm, Dennis Boucher, Katie Driver, Bette Dunsmore, Brian Dunsmore, Suzanna Brown, Doug Bergstrom, Carl Laroe, Todd Cadieux, Frank Gore, Greg Drew, Ken Minck, Terry Cleveland, Bob Giroux.

Public Present Zoom: Jana Thuesen, Amber Baker, Kristina Senna, Bridget Stone, Karen Heinlein, Sue Webster, J. Montagne, Chelsea Dubie, David Tifft, Lori Hobart, Randy Delong, Dick Macavania-SD Ireland, Will Kell.

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Call to Order: Devon Thomas moved to open the meeting to order. (6:00)

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Update: Devon thanks everyone who applied to help with the ethics committee.

Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda:

Todd would like to add to the agenda, the cost for the automated gate was not added into the budget for the security system for the beach. Carl suggested adding that to the agenda. Devon motioned to add it under the board business N. Martin seconded it. All in favor.

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44 **Selectboard Minutes and Warrants.**
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46 Carl Rosenquist moved to fix Minutes from 4/24/2023 before approving them.
47 Kristine Senna is entered twice on zoom. Under #3 Purchasing policy there are 2 failed
48 motions by Carl when there should have been only 1.
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50 Carl states in #12 the Committees should state as follows:

51 Budget Finance Committee: Jamie and Nick
52 Personnel Policy: Carl and Nick
53 Public works: Shannon and Jamie
54 GCEC: Carl and Shannon
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56 Clarification on the motion to offer the Selectboard clerk position to Olivia Sequin was
57 approved by the Selectboard in Executive session. But she declined the position because
58 she had already found employment elsewhere.
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60 Devon moved to approve amended minutes, Carl motioned, seconded by Nick. All in
61 favor. Nick Martin moved to approve warrant #6 with clarification regarding N.E Truck tire
62 return, seconded by Jamie Comstock. All in favor.

63 **Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)**
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65 GCC Trails Policy -

66 Ken Minck wants the trail policy to be not a policy but an ordinance. Carl Rosenquist
67 moved to make the trail policy an ordinance, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.
68 Ken stated that this needs to be warned to the public and Cheryl stated that there are 2
69 others that are to be warned so that'll happen at the same meeting.

70 Bette Dunsmore states "that it should be public so the landowners who have been
71 paying tax on that land, know of the ordinance before you take away their rights."

72 Heather Dunsmore expressed concern on whether the landowners could be involved in
73 this before it goes to the SB. Shannon clarified that anyone could go to the GCC
74 meetings also that they are also a warned public meeting.

75 Bridget Stone wants clarification on when something is sent from the Library Board to
76 the SB to be read into the minutes if it gets done. Cheryl states that it was on the
77 agenda and Carl did bring it up. Bridget apologized; said she was not at the last
78 meeting. The library wanted to know when the decision was made about the cameras
79 at the library and the discussion around that. They also want a copy of the contract with
80 Philo. Devon said he'd get her that information and that Jamie is the contact point for
81 IT.

82 Bette Dunsmore stated that she thought it was a good thing to have the cameras at the
83 library because there are a lot of children getting on the bus there. If there was an
84 issue that that information could be provided to the proper authorities.

85 Cheryl finds that the meeting was 1/12/23 to approve the cameras. Motion made by
86 Carl, seconded by Gary for \$75,000 for Philo security.

87 Bridget states that she's been there 8 years and she's not aware of any incidents so far
88 that have happened with the teenagers waiting for the bus.

89 **Unfinished Business: None**

90 **Correspondence: None**

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92 **Board Business:**

93 A. Paving bids:

94 **Whitcomb's:** Total bid cost \$380,801.25
95 Quantity 3,761 \$101.25 / ton

96 **Pike:** Total bid \$306,769.45
97 (Hungerford's) Quantity 3455 \$88.79/ ton

98 **SI:** Total bid \$356,998
99 Quantity 3466 \$103/ ton

100 **SD Ireland:** Total bid \$381,969
101 Quantity 3870 \$98.70/ ton
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103 Motion made by Carl Rosenquist to allow Todd to move forward to make the choice,
104 seconded by Shannon Jenkins. All in favor
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106 **Ethic and Conflict Policy Committee:** There are 14 people who applied to be on the
107 committee. Devon is asking for everyone who applied to be able to be on the
108 committee. Carl moved that no employees, town officials or people on other boards be
109 able to be on this committee. Motion failed. Motion to move everyone to who so
110 choices to be on the committee accept members on the SB. (made by Devon)

111 Discussion stating that different boards and departments like Library, DRB and planning
112 have their own policies.

113 After discussion, Carl makes a motion to omit any employees or any board member
114 from being on this committee. Seconded by Nick Martin. All in favor.

115 Motion to approve 7 members by Nick, seconded by Shannon. All in favor.

116 Committee: Katie Driver, Martha Jansen, Terry Cleveland, Frank Gore, Sue Webster,
117 Kyle Grenier, and Heather Dunsmore.

118 Alternates~ Jana Thuesen, Brian Dunsmore, Kristina Senna, Dayle Goud and Heather
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121 **Stormwater:** Cheryl states that the board was advised by the attorney not to sign the
122 Notice of Intent without an agreement with the HOA and the homeowners. She read the
123 letter dated 11/18/2022. Not to move forward until further notice from the attorney.
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125 **Application For Boring Under Town Right of Way:** Todd and Doug changed the
126 fees to dig under the road from \$1000 to now \$5000. Previously you got your money
127 back in a year if no issues occurred. But now you get \$2500 at the end of the first year
128 and \$2500 at the end of year 2 if no issues. Carl moved to approve the contract as
129 submitted by our public works director, seconded by Shannon. All in favor.
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131 **Escrow Agreement:** Motion made by Carl to agree with the escrow agreement
132 template, seconded by Nick Martin. All in favor. The monies are held by the attorney.

133 Motion to approve the escrow agreement for Carl Laroe (CAX) of \$20,000 by Carl,
134 seconded by Jamie Comstock. All in favor.

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136 **Approval of OT for Highway:** Motion to approve for an unspecified time for OT by
137 Shannon, seconded by Carl. All in favor.

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139 **Mini Split replacement of heat pump at the library:** Todd states Bourne's Energy is
140 the cheapest at \$4410.56 for a new unit and that we will keep old one for parts. Amber
141 expresses concerns that the library has already overspent their budget line for the
142 building maintenance. Where's the money going to come from? Bridget states due to
143 the age of the building the library building maintenance line should be increased. The
144 unit is 11 years old at this point. Carl suggested handing this off to the Public Works
145 committee to come back to the board with the recommendation unless Todd feels it's
146 an emergency kind of thing that needs to be taken care of right away. They could sit
147 with Amber and look at the budget to see where we can get the money.

148 Motion made by Carl to approve Todd to discuss this with the building and grounds
149 committee about replacing the one unit, seconded by Shannon. All in favor.

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151 **Non-employee work agreement:** Todd is looking to hire non-employee people to do
152 work around the town trucking, ditching and such. Todd has a list of people who will
153 work for the town who have a COI and provide a W9. Carl makes the motion to
154 approve the non-employee work agreement, seconded by Nick. All in favor.

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156 **Treasurer position:** Carl moves to approve a treasurer position up to 32 hrs per week
157 at \$35 an hour, seconded by Nick. All in favor.

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159 **Class 4 Road approval:** Carl moved to approve class 4 Rd guidelines and Mr.
160 Delonge to go ahead to make improvements, seconded by Nick. All in favor.

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162 **Power for automated gate at the beach:** Nick motioned to provide power and internet
163 for cameras at the beach for the Philo contract. The cost would be \$6600 and on-going
164 expenses to run them, and have the Budget and Finance look at it. Seconded by
165 Jamie, all in favor.

166 Motion to enter executive session:

167 Doug Bergstrom, Suzanna Brown, Greg Drew for Planning.

168 Keith Baker and Chelsea Dubie for Fire and Rescue.

169 Cheryl Letourneau for administration.

170 Todd Cadieux for Highway.

171 Devon motioned to allow Keith and Chelsea to proceed with a personnel matter.
172 Seconded by Shannon, all in favor.

173 Devon motioned to allow the FD to hire a new cadet, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

174 Devon motioned to cut the selectboard clerk position in favor of hiring a minute taker
175 and to move forward and offering that position to the community, seconded by Carl. All
176 in favor.

177 Motion to hire Bob Larose as a seasonal Public works worker at \$25 an hour and not to

178 exceed 30 hours per week. Seconded by Nick, all in favor.

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180 The motion is to investigate the possibility of purchasing property for the town on the
181 recommendation from the DRB and ZA. Seconded by Shannon, all in favor.

182 Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carl at 10:02 seconded by Jamie, all in favor.

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