

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Cote, Sawyer, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were Bob Dennison, Conservation Commission members Gayle Elfast, Linda Duncan, and Jean Hewitt, Budget Committee members Ann Matlack, Kyle Peterson, Mike Hyvarinen, Keith Miller and George Finn, Skip Bracy, Tim Polky, Jim Murphy, and Jim Skoglund. Joining the meeting around 7:00pm were Sandra Coggeshall and Duke Ellis. Joining the meeting around 7:20pm were Ed Thorbjornson and Jim Barstow.

OPEN DISCUSSION – none

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... 2006 Tax Rate added under New Business
- Minutes...On a motion by Cote (Sawyer), it was voted 4-0-1, with Miller abstaining, to approve the minutes of June 26, 2006, as written.
- Communications... none
- Warrant... Three separate warrants were reviewed and signed.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work... was reviewed during the Quarterly Budget Review.
- Procedures & Administrative Practices... The Manager presented the Board with a copy of a revised procedure and noted it was being sent to all board and committee members.
- Committees...
  - Planning Board...meets 7/11
  - Budget Committee... meeting tonight with Selectmen

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan... Gayle Elfast, representing the Conservation Commission, reported on a walk by the Commission and Jim Skoglund on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The recommendations from the Commission were: cars should be parked behind the barn at the Andrew Robinson House; an information board serving both the Andrew Robinson House and the Town property should be located on the Andrew Robinson property; and, the Commission and Historical Society should work together on the walking paths. When asked about the Historical Society's position, Jim Skoglund said that what was said by the Commission covered it. Elfast continued by saying handicap access could be through the Paulsen property. When asked about pedestrian crossing on Route 131, Elfast said it is not a problem. Jim Skoglund said that the driveway at the Robinson House is the best location on that hill for sight. There was some discussion about sight distance and safety in crossing Route 131. The Commission and Historical Society were thanked for their input, with further discussion tabled until Board members could visit the site.
- Inventory of Open Areas... tabled pending receipt of maps.
- Fishermen's Memorial Update... Selectman Cote reported that the committee to review design and location was not able to reach a consensus. She said that the area to put the monument had increased in size to a 25' clearing and a 10' diameter compass rose was added to the design. There was a lengthy discussion and an unsuccessful attempt to reach common ground. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 5-0 to table.
- Non-Binding Vote in November...The Board asked for copies of the 2001 Comp Plan survey results to review.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Meet with Conservation Commission... Gayle Elfast spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission asking the Selectmen for support of the Head of the Harbor trail at the Ball Field property by the tennis courts. She said it would be a walking trail with no cutting, but would include pruning for eye safety, weedwacking a path, signs and some bark

mulch or wood chips for wet areas. Several Board members said they wanted a chance to see the property before making a decision. Elfast also presented the Selectmen with a copy of a letter to the Planning Board representing unanimous opposition to the RV campground proposed on Glenmere Road.

- Quarterly Budget Review with Budget Committee... Gayle Elfast, representing a group of tennis players, spoke to the Board about the need for new tennis courts, asking for a special fund for contributions and permission to place a sign at the tennis courts asking for contributions. She was informed that a Tennis Court Reserve fund already exists, and by general agreement, was given permission to place the sign at the tennis courts.
- 2006 Tax Rate (added)... The Board set the 2006 tax rate at \$11.90 per thousand and signed the appropriate commitment papers and certificate of assessment.

Reminders:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting, July 17, 2006, 6:00pm, Town Office

The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 17, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Cote, Sawyer, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were Bob Dennison and Budget Committee member George Finn. Joining the meeting around 6:25pm was Budget Committee member Ann Matlack. Joining the meeting around 6:45pm was Ed Thorbjornson.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

- It was noted that St George Days was a great success, and the Chairman said he would take the Board's thanks to the St George Days Committee meeting on Thursday.
- Selectman Sawyer asked that the sink in the kitchenette be repaired.

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... Head of Harbor Trail added under Old Business  
... Ramp Sale Update added under Town Manager's Report
- Minutes... not available
- Communications... June 2006 CEO Report was received
  - ... Letter received from Time Warner on Adelphia sale
  - ... Letter of appreciation of Harbor Master received from Val Thompson
  - ... Liquor license application received from East Wind Inn, along with request that the public hearing be waived. On a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to approve the application.
- Warrant... was reviewed and signed.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work... The Manager reported on communications from MDOT and Sen Savage that Route 131 had been reinstated on the current schedule for resurfacing. Some concerns were expressed that this might further delay the reconstruction portion of the project. The Manager also said that information on foam asphalt was not good, stating that many variables made the application risky. It was also noted that the foam process is almost 10 times more expensive than grinding. The Manager recommended that he and his assistant be allowed time to review all the roads again and continue the summer road work as needed, working within the budget.
- Ramp Sale Update (added)... The Manager reported that two bids were received, one from Darren Post and one from Todd Simmons, both at the same price. The Manager said new sealed bids were requested from both parties.
- Committees...
  - Board of Appeals... meets 8/3 on Barstow appeal
  - Comprehensive Planning Committee...meets 7/18
  - Joint Board/GRRSMO...Chairman Miller said an intent to sue has been received based on several years of refusal of a commercial license.
- Ann Matlack arrived at this point and provided everyone with an update on the Knox County Budget.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan...tabled until a summary can be developed.
- Inventory of Open Areas... The Manager said he needs to contact the Land Trust regarding the watershed maps.
- Fishermen's Memorial Update... Selectman Driscoll proposed the idea that the town should take "ownership" of this memorial and do it right, setting up a reserve account for donations and creating a committee to work out the issues, such as site selection, design, and administrative procedures. There was some general discussion on this idea. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 5-0 to: appoint a committee to recommend site, design and administration of a fishermen's memorial; the committee to be

composed of seven (7) members, three of which will be active commercial fishermen, one each from Wheelers Bay, Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde, two members from the Board of Selectmen and the remaining two from members of the community at large; the establishment of a reserve fund to accept donations for the construction and ongoing maintenance of said memorial; and the appointment of Ed Thorbjornson, Wayne Sawyer and Fred Carey to the Committee.

- Non-Binding Vote in November...tabled pending review of survey results.
- Head of Harbor Trail (*added*)... The Manager renewed his concern that no action to be taken by the Conservation Commission at this site until it can be determined what the status of the wetland is in comparison to others in town. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 5-0 to defer any action until the Conservation Commission recommends a policy for wetland classification access for trails. The Manager also noted the recent reopening of the St George School nature trail and the great work the school has done with the educational aspect of it. George Finn said a trail with a base of wood chips exists from the end of Pink St to the end of Harts Neck Road, however, it is on private property. It was suggested that the Conservation Commission might check it out.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Workshop on Procedures... The Board agreed to meet 7/24 at 3pm to review town procedures and practices.
- Town Office Meeting Rooms Policy / Amendment... The Manager proposed an amendment to the Town Office Meeting Rooms policy, as recommended by the insurance company, to prohibit alcohol use in these rooms. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 5-0 to approve the amended policy as presented.

#### Reminders:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting, July 31, 2006, 6:00pm, Town Office

The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 31, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Sawyer, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were Bob Dennison, Tim Polky, Bill Zierden, Tom & Diane Barnes, Joan Small, and Jim Barstow. Joining the meeting around 6:30pm was Ed Thorbjornson. Joining the meeting around 6:45pm was Kevin Kieley, and around 7:00pm were Susan Willey, Katie Johnson, Starcia Willey, Neva Joseph, Meg Joseph, Diane Hall and Ron Hall.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

- Bob Dennison said that Carol Higgins is still in the hospital.

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... none
- Minutes... On a motion by Driscoll (Sawyer), it was voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, as written.
- Communications... MDOT URIP form was received and signed.
- Warrant... The Board reviewed and signed two warrants, plus signed the Knox County assessment form.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work...Nothing new to report.
- Ramp Sale Update... It was reported that the ramp was sold to Todd Simmons for \$2755.
- Committees...
  - Board of Appeals...meets 8/3
  - Conservation Commission...meets 8/2
  - Harbor Planning Grant Committee...Two RFPs were received. Committee will be meeting 8/1 at 6pm.

### PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE – Sul Mare Restaurant . . . 7:00pm

The Chairman opened the hearing at 7:00pm. The Manager briefly summarized the application, presented a letter from Rheannon Willey. Chairman Miller asked for public comments, and the following were heard:

- Meg Joseph said she had been served alcohol at Sul Mare when she was underage. Sul Mare owner Kevin Kieley said these charges were investigated and dropped. Kieley said the opposition tonight was being motivated by the Hall family.
- Diane Hall submitted a letter.
- Susan Willey, former employee and mother of Rheannon Willey, read aloud a copy of the letter submitted by her daughter. Kieley noted that these were just allegations and there were restraining orders against him from Willey's family.
- Katie Johnson, a former manager at Sul Mare, spoke about liquor violations she witnessed and guidelines from TIPS (To Insure Proper Service) about alcohol service. Kieley said that this was the first and only investigations on his license and that it was investigated and not pursued.
- Neva Joseph said you need to sign an affidavit to serve alcohol and that only the licensee is allowed to consume alcohol on the premise.
- Kieley responded that Katie Johnson had caused violations herself and that she was a disgruntled former employee.
- Diane Hall asked if the Town could make a recommendation to the State regarding the license. A review of the license application outlined the process.
- Starcia Willey submitted a letter and stated she had seen liquor violations.
- Selectman Driscoll asked Kieley if he had a problem with employee turnover. Kieley said he has 12 employees and four have been with him since day one.
- Susan Willey asked about submitted blood alcohol level information on her daughter, but it was noted that there was no related proof that the alcohol was consumed at Sul Mare.

The hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan... The Manager distributed a memo to the Selectmen summarizing the history of the acceptance of the property and a list of issues that should be addressed by the Board. Further action was tabled until the next meeting.
- Inventory of Open Areas... The Manager presented the Selectmen with a working copy of a watershed map of St. George showing the sub watersheds, pour points, wetlands, etc. The Manager said the next step is to identify the classifications of the wetlands in order to their significance.
- Fishermen's Memorial Update... On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 4-0 to appoint Gerry Cushman, Bradley Rackliff, Paul Cote and Bob Dennison to this committee. The committee members present decided to have their first meeting on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.
- Non-Binding Vote in November... By general agreement it was decided to remove this item from the agenda.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Special Town Meeting / Action Plan... The Manager gave a brief description of the following items needed to be addressed at a special town meeting: Line Agreement for Juniper Street Property; Wilson Scholarship Fund; and, Utility Easement for Richard Paulsen. Three of the Library Board members and Joan Small were present and reviewed with the Board the proposed line agreement survey of the former MacDonald property on Juniper Street. All parties were in favor of the line agreement. The Manager noted the possible need at some point in the future of Ms. Small needing a septic easement on the property, and it was felt that if needed, the Library Board would address that issue. The Board generally agreed to add these items to a warrant for presentation at the next meeting.
- Liquor License Hearing / Action (*taken out of order after the hearing*)... On a motion by Sawyer (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to table any action until August 21<sup>st</sup> to allow the Manager time to obtain information from the Sheriff's Office, State Police, and other legal authorities as necessary.
- Meeting Time for August 21<sup>st</sup> Selectmen's Meeting... Discussion took place on the need to move the start time for the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to 7:00pm, and it was generally agreed to do so.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Driscoll (Sawyer), it was voted 4-0 at 7:40pm to go into executive session to review concealed firearm permit applications and a personnel matter. Tim Polky was invited to join the executive session. The Board came out of executive session at 7:55pm. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 4-0 to approve the three permit renewal applications.

### Reminders:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting, August 7, 2006, 6:00pm, Town Office

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM with the Town Manager and Board members Cote, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were Tim Polky and Bob Dennison. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 3-0 to elect Cote as Acting Chairman for the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION - none

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... Solid Waste Transport Contract added under New Business  
... Board & Committee Appointments added under Old Business
- Minutes...On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 2-0-1, with Cote abstaining, to approve the minutes of July 31, 2006, as written.
- Communications... MSAD #50 meeting agenda was received
  - ... July 2006 CEO Report was received
  - ... Request for Project Review from MEDEP
  - ... Engagement letter received from auditor. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 3-0 to authorize the Manager to sign the letter.
  - ... Memo from Manager on 2006 Budget follow-up
  - ... Letter received from Peter Joslin. General agreement to refer it to the Assessors Agent.
  - ... Info packet received from Time Warner on cable
- Warrant... was reviewed and signed.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work...culvert work is being completed.
- Committees...
  - Planning Board...meets 8/8
  - Board of Appeals...meets 8/10
  - Recreation Committee...meets 8/13
  - Harbor Committee...meets 8/10
  - Comprehensive Planning Committee...meets 8/15
  - Conservation Commission... met 8/2
  - Harbor Planning Grant Committee... met 8/7

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan...By general agreement, the Selectmen offered the following in response to the Manager's 7/31 memo:
  - o Contact the Historical Society to find out the location of other historical sites besides the two known cellar holes
  - o There should be one walking trail to the State Park, it being a natural trail without wood chips, etc.
  - o There will be no picnic areas or public toilets on the town's property – those items should be provided by the State on the State Park property.
  - o Parking at the Andrew Robinson Homestead should be for overflow parking only
  - o The Manager was asked to contact the Spring Lane Road Association concerning a public easement along Spring Lane where it borders the town property, with the idea of having a parking area for 3-4 cars on the town property.
  - o The property would be managed by the Town through the Parks & Recreation department.
- Inventory of Open Areas...The Manager reported on meeting with the Conservation Commission and a scheduled meeting in October to review wetlands and their classifications.
- Fishermen's Memorial Update... memo was received from the committee
- Board & Committee Appointments (*added*)... After a brief review of the Board of Appeals problem to get a quorum, on a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 3-0 to remove

Spencer Hurtt from the Board of Appeals due to his attendance record. On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 3-0 to appoint William S. Reinhardt to the vacancy created by Hurtt's removal and appoint David Banda to the vacant alternate position.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Special Town Meeting / Warrant... was reviewed and signed.
- Solid Waste Transport Contract (*added*)... On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 3-0 to authorize the Manager to put the contract out to bid.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 3-0 at 7:09pm to go into executive session for an item regarding personnel, inviting Tim Polky to join the session. The Board came out of executive session at 7:53pm.

#### Reminders:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting, August 21, 2006, 7:00pm, Town Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Cote, Sawyer, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were approximately 10-12 members of the public. Paul Cote joined the meeting around 7:30pm.

OPEN DISCUSSION - none

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... The Manager reported on a request from Kevin Kieley & his attorney, Jim Strong, to postpone the agenda item on Sul Mare liquor license.
- Minutes... On a motion by Driscoll (Carey), it was voted 3-0-2, with Miller and Cote abstaining, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006 as written.
- Communications... The Manager requested a refund of \$53 to Harbor Builders for the permit fees for the town project to repair the old town office/school house. On a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to refund the fees.
  - ... MDOT work plan update was received
  - ... memo was received from Assessors Agent on Joslin letter
  - ... two letters of praise of the Harbor Master were received
  - ... July 2006 solid waste reports were received
- Warrant... two warrants were reviewed and signed

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work... The Manager reported that work is still continuing on culverts and ditching on Turkey Cove Road.
- Harbor Planning Grant / Update... The Manager reported that the Harbor Planning Committee recommends a contract with CES for the grant work. He noted that it was also approved by Jim Connors at State Planning Office. On a motion by Driscoll (Cote), it was voted 5-0 to approve CES as consultants on the project and authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with them.
- Committees...
  - Planning Board...meets 8/22
  - Board of Appeals...scheduled for Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
  - Comprehensive Planning Committee...no quorum on 8/15, meeting twice in Sept

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan... nothing new to report
- Inventory of Open Areas...nothing new to report
- Fishermen's Memorial / Update... written update received
- Liquor License Application / Sul Mare (*taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting*)... The Manager reported on several items received at the town office since the hearing on July 31<sup>st</sup>, and the Chairman distributed information he had received from Diane Hall. The Manager also distributed a memo concerning information he had been asked to obtain. On a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to grant the applicant's request to table action until the meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Board & Committee Appointments... A letter was received from Mark Shapiro offering his services on the Board of Appeals. The Board felt his qualifications mentioned were better suited for the Planning Board, but there being no vacancies, agreed to let the request sit for a few weeks. Due to a conflict, Paul Cote submitted his resignation from the Board of Appeals. On a motion by Driscoll (Sawyer), it was voted 5-0 to accept the resignation with regrets. The Manager reported on a meeting with Cathy Virge of Thomaston and recommended that she be appointed as Animal Control Officer for the 2006-2007 term. On a motion by Driscoll (Cote), it was voted 5-0 to appoint Cathy Virge as Animal Control Officer for the term expiring April 30, 2007.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Public Land Acquisition... Selectman Cote proposed that the Town consider the purchase of the Field/Pease property in Port Clyde next to the Monhegan Boat Line. Cote said the property is .58 acre, 178' of shore frontage, and has an asking price of \$685,000. Cote also said that the owner was willing to consider a lower price based upon tax ramifications of donating a portion of the value of the property to the Town. Driscoll asked what the purpose of the property would be, and several ideas were discussed. By general agreement, the Manager was asked to look at the property in regards to parking, riparian rights, the tidal aspect of the water frontage, and other limitations and uses that may exist.

### Reminders:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting, August 28, 2006, 6:00pm, Town Office
- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, August 28, 2006, 7:00pm, Town Office

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Cote, Sawyer, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were approximately twenty-five members of the public. Around 7:00pm several members of the public left and others arrived for the special town meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION - none

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... none
- Minutes... On a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of August 21, 2006, as written.
- Communications... none
- Warrant... was reviewed and signed.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work... The Manager reported on progress being made by the road crew.
- Committees...
  - Board of Appeals...meets 6/30
  - Harbor Planning Grant Committee...meets 6/30

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan...The Manager reported on his findings that the road is owned in fee simple by Hall & Lehtinen, and that the subdivision lot owners have rights of way over the road. He said he would research the matter further before proceeding.
- Inventory of Open Areas... nothing new to report.
- Fishermen's Memorial / Update... It was noted that the next committee meeting is August 29<sup>th</sup>. There were questions from the audience on location, design, etc., with the recommendation that those interested should attend the committee meeting.
- Liquor License Application / Sul Mare (*taken out of order*)... The process to date was reviewed. Written information was received from Kieley's attorney Jim Strong, with a claim that the whole incident is a vendetta from the Hall family. Selectman Carey said that there was conflicting testimony. Chairman Miller said the Board must deal with confirmed facts. Selectman Sawyer said he was disturbed with the stuff heard at the public hearing. There was a brief discussion about time frame on making a decision. Selectman Cote said the Board should act on the application tonight. Selectman Driscoll asked why these claims of violations are surfacing now, why not at the time of the incident. On a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to allow the renewal of the Sul Mare liquor license based upon evidence presented and to send a letter from the Selectmen to the State authority voicing concerns about unsubstantiated claims about underage drinking and other possible liquor violations.
- Board & Committee Appointments... nothing new
- Public Land Acquisition (*taken out of order*)... Wayne Curtis spoke to the board addressing concerns raised by the neighbors of the Pease property on Factory Road, asking what was planned for the property if acquired. Paul Cote spoke in favor of the acquisition, saying it is a good open space area on Port Clyde harbor. There was discussion of the merits and disadvantages of the property. By general agreement, the Board asked the Manager to not pursue it any further.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Schedule for Selectmen's Meetings... There was discussion on a proposed fall schedule. A couple of changes were made and by general agreement the schedule was approved as amended.

At 7:00pm, on a motion by Driscoll (Sawyer), it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting to allow for the special town meeting. The Selectmen's meeting was reconvened at 7:19pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Cote, Sawyer, Carey and Driscoll present. Also present were approximately 25 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION - none

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... Personnel Update added under Town Manager's Report
- Minutes... On a motion by Sawyer (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of August 28, 2006 as written.
- Communications... letter received from Jane Hall regarding junk cars was added to the next agenda.
  - ... 3 letters received regarding fishermen's memorial
  - ... Request received concerning line agreement at Rt 73 Fire Station. By general agreement it was referred to the next town meeting.
  - ... letter received from Anita Siegenthaler regarding Board of Appeals was referred to Selectman Driscoll as liaison officer
  - ... Memo received from Assessors Agent regarding 9/25 meeting
  - ... August 2006 CEO/LPI report was received
  - ... letter of resignation from Comprehensive Planning Committee received from Carol Higgins. On a motion by Sawyer (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to accept the resignation with regret.
- Warrant... 3 warrants were review and signed, plus the ACO appointment form.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work... work is continuing on Barters Point Road
- Personnel Update (*added*)... Ray Emerson is doing fine, is expected to be out for 8 weeks. Part-time help at transfer station has been hired to assist. Jerry Carr is retiring soon at transfer station. Hildane Polky has been hired as a replacement. Ralph Eugley has resigned as CEO/LPI. Currently advertising for replacement.
- Committees...
  - Planning Board...has begun work on SLZ ordinance
  - Board of Appeals...finalized appeal last week
  - Recreation Committee...met 9/17
  - Solid Waste & Recycling Committee...meets 9/20
  - Harbor Committee...met 9/14
  - Budget Committee...meeting tonight
  - Comprehensive Planning Committee...meets 9/19
  - Conservation Commission...meets 9/21
  - Harbor Planning Grant Committee... work has begun

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan... Manager will be meeting with Spring Lane residents on 9/19 at 5pm to discuss the idea of using Spring Lane.
- Inventory of Open Areas... Conservation Commission voted at their 9/6 meeting "*that in so far as possible we table all old business, new business, unfinished business in order to review Federal, State and Local guidelines and maps regarding wetlands classification and use. We will pursue this agenda until we have adopted our own recommendations for use of wetlands in St. George.*"
- Fishermen's Memorial / Update...It was noted that a mock-up of a proposed memorial had been placed at Marshall Point and a lot of comments had been received, but none forming a consensus. The next meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Board & Committee Appointments...
    - o On a motion by Driscoll (Sawyer), it was voted 5-0 to appoint Rebecca Haskell to the Recreation Committee for a term ending 4/30/07.
    - o On a motion by Cote (Carey), it was voted 5-0 to appoint Tim Polky as interim CEO and LPI.
    - o On a motion by Carey (Driscoll), it was voted 5-0 to appoint John Falla as Deputy CEO.
  - Public Land Acquisition...
    - o McGrath property...The Manager provided a map and valuation report to the Selectmen on this property on Turkey Cove Road, which is being offered to the Town by the owner prior to going to the open market. Further action tabled until the next meeting.
    - o Glenmere LLC property (*taken out of order*)... Selectman Driscoll noted the Comprehensive Plan survey results where people want more open space and access to the river. Selectman Cote noted that Land for Maine's Future feels this acquisition would fit perfectly into their grant program. It was generally agreed that waterfront access is the main part of this project, and if other projects are considered, more broad based plans need to be developed. Other comments or concerns heard were:
      - § Volume and speed of traffic in town has increased
      - § Acquiring property which may be used mostly by non-residents
      - § Will commercial fishermen be able to use it?
      - § Subdivision was considered with low impact, therefore, any development of the property should be low impact
      - § Enforcement would be needed to keep property from being a "party place"
      - § Removal of high end property from the tax rolls
      - § Details of development needed
      - § Details beyond water access should come later. Town needs to act now so the property isn't lost.
- It was suggested that the Selectmen hold a public hearing on the issue. On a Motion by Cote (Carey), it was voted 5-0 to hold a hearing on 10/3 at 7:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS - none

Reminders:

- Meet with Assessors Agent, September 25, 2006
- Next Selectmen's Meeting, September 25, 2006, 6:00pm, Town Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Falla, Board Secretary

## ST.GEORGE SELECTMEN & ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 25, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with the Town Manager and Board members Miller, Cote, Sawyer, and Carey present. Also present were Jim Murphy, Bob Dennison, Tim Polky, Kristin Saunders, Jan Wirth, Bob & Anita Siegenthaler, Duke Ellis, Sandra Coggeshall and Reggie Montgomery.

### OPEN BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSPORT CONTRACT

1. Ahlholm, Inc. - \$369/trip / 4 year contract / fuel clause
2. Gordon Libby - \$415/trip / no term – 4% annual increase / fuel clause
3. Reggie Montgomery - \$440/trip / 6 year contract / fuel clause

### OPEN DISCUSSION

Selectman Cote announced that the Ocean View Grange will be holding a bottle drive and bean supper on October 7<sup>th</sup> to benefit fuel assistance funds.

### REGULAR SESSION

- Adjustments to Agenda... none
- Minutes... On a motion by Sawyer (Carey), it was voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of September 18, 2006, as written.
- Communications... Wharf permit applications received from Wills & Perry
  - ... Notice received from State on Hupper Island dock proposal
  - ... MSAD #50 meeting agenda received
- Warrant... was reviewed and signed.

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Summer Road Work...Manager reported that work is continuing on Barthers Point Road, and that Marriner's finished today resurfacing Kinney Woods Road.
- Committees...
  - Planning Board...meets 9/26
  - Conservation Commission...meets 9/27
  - Fishermen's Memorial Committee...meets 9/28

### OLD BUSINESS

- Fort Point Property Use & Development Plan... The Manager reported on meeting with Spring Lane residents and that he is waiting for a response from them. Also, he provided an update on the easement with Richard Paulsen. It was suggested that the Selectmen should meet with him in mid-October.
- Inventory of Open Areas...It was noted that the Conservation Commission is still working on wetland classification in town.
- Fishermen's Memorial / Update... It was reported that a proposal for a final design of the monument is expected for review this next meeting of the committee.
- Board & Committee Appointments... nothing new
- Public Land Acquisition...
  - o Glenmere LLC... There was a brief discussion of plans for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
  - o McGrath property... There was a general interest in the property, but more time is needed to review it. Diane Hall, agent for the property owner, was expected this evening but didn't show.
- Wilson Scholarship Fund...
  - o Finalize Agreement...The Selectmen signed the agreement.
  - o Authorize Investments...The Manager explained his intentions on investing the funds for growth and income. On a motion by Sawyer (Carey), it was voted 4-0 to authorize the Manager to invest the funds as proposed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Meet with Assessors Agent...
  - o Joslin letter/abatement request...On a motion by Cote (Carey), it was voted 4-0 to have the Assessors Agent review the interior of the building before action is taken on the request.
  - o Abatements & Supplementals...On a motion by Carey (Sawyer), it was voted 4-0 to approve the abatements and supplementals as presented.
  - o Town Assessment Ratio...The Agent reviewed the 2007 certified ratio, to be set at 70%, and options for bringing the assessments into line. He noted vacant land as a problem area, it selling for quite a bit more than assessment. It was generally agreed that this would be discussed further in mid-November.
  - o Assessors Agent contract...It was generally agreed that this should be discussed in mid-November also.
  - o Municipal Valuation Return...On a motion by Sawyer (Carey), it was voted 4-0 to approve and sign the return.
- Junk Cars...A follow-up letter from Jane Hall was received and reviewed. Tim Polky commented that the former CEO had spoken to someone in the area of Hall's property regarding the cleanup of junk cars, but was unsure of the status of it when the CEO left. It was generally agreed that with the transition to a new CEO/LPI, it would probably be 6-8 weeks before this could be addressed properly, and that a warning to property owners should be placed in the next newsletter. The Selectmen also asked the Manager to respond to Ms. Hall regarding their discussion and action.
- Solid Waste Transport Contract... By general agreement, the bids were referred to the Manager and his Assistant for recommendations and references.

### Reminders:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting, October 2, 2006, 6:00pm, Town Office

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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