ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS St. George Town Office MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2021 - 7 p.m.

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Members present in person were: Richard Bates, Chair; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. Also present in person: Richard Erb, Irene Ames, Dan and Kristen Falla, Alison Fongemie, Stephanie Smith, Richard Smith, Jr., David Percival, Barbara Aras, Diane Speranza, Amy Palmer, Bob and Cindy Cremonni, Nancy Vanasse, a resident of Port Clyde, Amy Drinkwater, Nick Lapham, Michael Jordan. Present via Zoom: Loreen Meyer and Terry Brackett.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda The following adjustments were made:
 - Ambulance Report from SGVFFAA was moved from New Business to Regular Session.
 - FY'22 County Budget Discussion by Nick Lapham was moved from New Business to Regular Session.
 - Special Amusement Ordinance was moved from New Business to Regular Session.
- <u>Ambulance Report by Amy Drinkwater</u>: Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater gave an update on last year's activities and upcoming plans for the new year. Drinkwater reported that in 2020, they had 382 calls, and as of October 31, 2021, there had been 560 calls. That was an increase in call volume and community paramedic visits. One hundred of the calls were regarding Covid-19 vaccinations. Drinkwater noted that they were also intercepting South Thomaston and had fifty calls helping them with paramedic coverage. She added that they can and do bill South Thomaston for assisting in their coverage.

Drinkwater stated there were currently 28 people on the ambulance roster. The Community Paramedic Program had two staff leave this year due to mandates for Covid vaccines, but she noted that St. George's loss of staff was lower compared to most other cities or towns in Maine.

Drinkwater stated they now can take orders from the emergency room physicians and not just the individual's Primary Care Provider. For example, if an individual comes home and needs a follow-up, the staff can get the orders from the ER and do the follow-up in the individual's home.

The Ambulance Service did about 70 extra visits this year than last, Drinkwater said. Individuals are not charged for paramedic visits. She noted that currently, there are a couple of insurances that will pay for the visits, but the visits are paid for mostly through grants and donations.

Chair Bates asked if people would be able to get a Covid booster shot in St. George. Drinkwater stated that boosters would be given to First Responders and health care staff at first. She anticipated that during the first two weeks in January 2022, the booster shot would be offered to everybody. She said the event would be posted on the town's website, and people would be able to sign up online or they could call the town office to sign up.

Selectperson Elwell asked Drinkwater what her biggest challenge was moving forward. Drinkwater stated it was coverage and keeping recruits. The night shift coverage was a challenge. Presently, staff people were paid as full-time employees, but EMTs, Advanced, and drivers were not paid nighttime pay.

Barbara Aras: Is there a consideration that everything (the ambulance service) will come under firefighters under town funding?

Drinkwater: I think that it should be looked into at some point. Yes, there are some savings in that aspect. Right now, we are a nonprofit 501(C), so we have only three full-time staff so their insurance ups the cost of the ambulance funding.

Aras: Wouldn't the insurance and everything go down if you were funded under the town?

Drinkwater: It would.

Member of public: Is there any reason we couldn't do that?

Chair Bates: For years the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Association have been independent of the town, yet many people don't realize that the Fire Department is under the town already, and we have the ambulance as a separate organization. It seems like there could be some savings made. But then would the Association benefit from the generosity of donors who not only pay their taxes but send a check at the end of the year to help the association? Maybe that would change if it became part of the town.

Aras: If the townspeople elected to pay for it, I understand that taxes would only go up \$2.00 per taxpayer and for them to know that they were secure. I am just so impressed with all the services that are provided. I was wondering if anyone had done the studies to understand how much money would be saved from buying into the group insurance.

Drinkwater: I am working on that now.

- <u>FY'22 County Budget Presentation</u>: Knox County Budget Committee (KCBC) member, Nick Lapham, gave an update on the Knox County budget. He said the Committee had met twice and with various departments. They will meet on November 16, 2021, with the Sheriff's Department, the Jail Administrators, Midcoast Economic Development and Restorative Justice, and next week they will meet with the Knox County Airport Administrators, Lincoln Soil and Water. Lapham reviewed how the budget process worked, and then he reviewed the Select Board's written questions.

Lapham: There were large expenditures requested by the Knox County Jail, but the Budget Committee had not had a chance to review those. He said the County would be playing catch-up on expenditures in such areas as the county jail. He thought the jail had not had "a nickel of money" put into it when it was under state control. Lapham said his question to county commissioners was, "Could any of the equipment or repair expenditures be financed differently to not have it taken from the capital equipment fund?"

Lapham stated the committee did not know how the ARPA funds would be allocated. He added the County budget proposed by the Administrator was the budget the Committee would be voting on, and it would not include the application of ARPA funds. He explained that the County Administration needed to get legal advice on how these funds could be used and then they would proceed.

Chair Bates said the Select Board has referred to the Select Board Policy Manual when granting employee raises. He said the Select Board (essentially) automatically has matched at least the Social Security COLA. The COLA as of January 1, 2022, is 5.9 %. He said he had looked at salary increases of some of the County employees, and it seemed they do not try and match the Social Security COLAs.

Lapham: When you look at the wages and salaries, each Department is different. One question was, "Why was the Administration Department up 19% whereas the others were all at 1%, 2%, 5%, all over the place?" For example, two people are responsible for information technology, a director and a technical consultant. The County was at risk of losing these employees who are considered very critical or essential to the ongoing management of the County, so the county had to raise the position three grades for the technical consultant and one grade high for the director.

Selectperson Hall asked about the capital improvements to the jail. He felt the ARPA funds would be perfect for capital improvements and infrastructure-type activities. He said he understood that there was a great deal of controversy about how the county's ARPA funds might be used, but it would seem to him that might be something that would have a high priority within the county.

Lapham said he sensed that he would rather see the county do more sooner rather than later given the way inflation the way it was. The county received 7.7 million dollars in ARPA funds, but he did not feel comfortable talking about it as the County was seeking legal advice on the use of the funds.

Selectperson Elwell: What was St. George's share of the county budget?

Chair Bates said the proposal may not pass. Lapham said that at least one budget committee member had already said on record that he would not approve the 10% increase, and there may be other committee members who would not approve it.

Lapham: My experience is that the Department managers budget very carefully and control expenses very carefully, so they are not spending money needlessly.

- <u>Special Amusement Ordinance</u>: Chair Bates stated that the town needed some way of addressing the concerns that people have had about the loud music in the Tenants Harbor village. Bates referenced state statute Title 28-A §1054. This statute addressed the situation where someone who already had a liquor license and then wanted to have music or dancing.

Bates: "Town voters can approve an ordinance which is called an Amusement Ordinance where the town would specify particular permitted sound levels at property boundaries at different times of the day and night, and penalties, financial and operational if these are exceeded." He stressed that it was not a noise ordinance. It did not address the issue of noisy diesel engines, barking dogs, crowing roosters, or leaf blowers, etc. Bates: "It is Amusement Ordinance as applicable to premises licensed to sell liquor."

Chair Bates: "If the town voted to have an ordinance like this, a liquor licensee who wanted to have music or dancing would need to apply for a permit to hold their event. The permit could be withdrawn if there was evidence that the terms of the Amusement Ordinance had been breached." He said that Bar Harbor and Boothbay Harbor have ordinances such as this to address music issues.

Chair Bates gave several thoughts on what might need to be done before an ordinance was passed. The town would need to understand the permitted sound levels at the property boundary and there may be different sound levels at different times of the day. They would need to contract with a professional acoustic consultant to make legally valid sound measurements that would stand up in court and would need to settle what the financial and operational penalties would be. He stated this was not a trivial issue (writing the ordinance). He noted that other towns in Maine had addressed this issue and it was doable.

Chair Bates asked if this was something the Board wanted to proceed with. Selectperson Elwell thought it would not hurt to have an amusement ordinance, as it was going to get worse before it got better. A member of the public asked if the ordinance would cover traffic issues. Chair Bates stated no.

Chair Bates said he felt the issues from previous complaints were parking and getting permission for an extended parking lot, issues of traffic parking illegally on the state highway, issues of noise, and the seating issue. He added that there were a number of problems, and he thought they would have to look at different approaches to solve the different problems. The amusement ordinance was to try and address the issue of music, but he hoped before next summer there would be progress on all of the issues.

Selectperson Sawyer: In my memory, this is the first time we have had a large-scale amusement event going on, on a regular basis. This is the first time we have had to deal with this. But I think given what is going on, particularly since it is in the center of the village, we need to move forward. Selectperson Elwell agreed that it needed to be addressed.

Selectperson Willey: Is this something that is going to continue next year? Has anyone talked to the owner, Greg Howland, about any of this? Has anyone tried to talk with him?

Town Manager Erb: I had spoken with him prior, and I have every reason to think that he plans to operate again the same way.

Bates commented to a statement that Howland was clearing his property across from the Happy Clam for a parking lot. Bates explained, "Until Howland comes to the Planning Board and asks for a permit, we do not know what he is planning to do on that land. The circumstantial evidence is there, but we do not know."

Bob Cremonni read a letter he had received.

"There seems to be at a growing stage, a real negative to the beauty of our town, and to the tranquility that used to be an overall major attraction. But what happened this summer, it appears that the majority of those attracted are here for loud music and (unintelligible) plus late (unintelligible) with no concern for the neighbors who have been used to normal, peaceful evenings without dangerous and sometimes very loud and annoying traffic, using other people's property for parking. Immediate neighbors to the Happy Clam are really paying a price for the new rowdy entertainment that has been bestowed upon them.

This is also a danger to the children in that area as the traffic becomes almost out of control. Let us hope that our town council has the courage and authority to return what has been so ugly to what was initially applied for and approved, not what it has grown into this nightmare and seems to be continually growing."

Dan Falla: Where would the enforcement come from? Is that the town or county?

Erb: It would be a town ordinance. So, it would be up to the town to enforce it, and that would likely lead to court action. Failing to comply with the ordinance would be grounds for revocation but there is an appeals process.

Chair Bates noted that in other towns, sound levels have been a deterrent to the proprietor.

Kristin Falla: Is it an annual application or is it for each event?

Erb: I worked for a town where if you were a restaurant or a bar that had entertainment on a regular basis, you would have an annual license but they also had people who hosted special events and sometimes in their homes, so they would have to get a one-time permit from the Select Board.

Kristin Falla: I just hope that we can close the loopholes there because I feel this is a situation where there are a lot of things that find the loopholes.

Selectperson Hall: This looks like a great way to approach the issue because it is very specific. It seems to address the noise portion of the problem that has been raised. The way you can structure the penalties is that they increase for the second and third and subsequent offenses. So, the first couple of offenses might be a slap on the wrist, but then the penalties could be quite onerous. The other part of this is the way it gets spelled out. You set a number. You have a very clear, established procedure for determining whether or not the noise level exceeds that number or not. It is probably not cheap to do this testing, but it should be absolutely cut and dry and consistent. You mentioned Bar Harbor and Boothbay, but I think Gray and Caribou have dealt with this issue.

Erb: One reason I choose Boothbay Harbor and Bar Harbor as examples, is that they both specifically address outdoor music and that is a big part of the issue here.

Mrs. Cremoni stated she was very concerned about the location of the new bar and the safety of children on bikes. She said the last evening the Clam was open she went down with her iPad and counted 72 cars there, and children on bicycles. She noted that was the town's major access coming into the village; it is the location of the place that is the big issue. She thought the children's playground at the Clam was good at first, but she has become concerned about people driving home with their children having a high level of alcohol in their system.

Chair Bates explained part of that issue was the responsibility of the sheriff. He suggested that the town could pay for a county sheriff to monitor certain areas of town, at different times when there were a lot of children running around.

Member of the public: Are there statutes in this state concerning outdoor music venues where they cannot be within a certain distance from residential areas?

Chair Bates said that one of the complications this town has compared to towns like Rockport is they delineate between residential, commercial, and industrial zoning. So, they have more stringent rules on noise levels.

Richard Smith: In issuing the annual permit, could you impose conditions on the permit which might go as far as to include that the permit applicant is responsible for securing and paying for the decibel level testing even during activities, if necessary. Also, if they might be responsible for securing and paying for the services of an off-duty sheriff to monitor the safety of operations at that location such as congestion, parking, and the traffic jam at that intersection.

Vanesse stated there was only have one road out of this town. The other point she noted was, "When the town reaches a point where things get so out of hand, then you need to have your own police. A very unpopular idea in a small town, and very expensive."

Selectperson Willey: I was wondering what everybody's ultimate goal is? Are people looking to get rid of the music venue altogether and just go back to a restaurant with no entertainment?

Vanesse: I think one important thing is capacity. We were told the capacity was 123. When I was there, there were 50 people in the area between the two (buildings), and there must have been over 100 in the (the Tiki bar) building. And I don't know how many more in the restaurant, itself. The Planning Board told us capacity was 123.

Kristen Falla: We live directly behind them. I wish we could keep our windows open on a Sunday and not feel like I have to leave. Just to have respect for the town rules. And in our neighborhood hearing skidders start at 7:15 a.m. on a Sunday. There is just no consideration for anyone else in the neighborhood and the village. And just to work with us not just, "We are going to do what we want and steamroll over everyone."

Port Clyde resident: Can we take away the music? Can Tenants Harbor go back to no music?

Chair Bates stated the way the town ordinance stood at the moment, the answer was no. The town could not stop loud music. The town could put limits on how long and how loud, and an Amusement Ordinance could address the problem.

Erb stated that an amusement ordinance would have to be something that would be applied across St. George because whatever was decided in one part of the town, it would apply everywhere else because the town was not zoned.

Chair Bates suggested if the people wanted to pursue this that they gather signatures on a question about an amusement ordinance. He noted that Town Manager Erb had offered to help with part of the wording if they had questions. He suggested that someone take initiative to write a petition to bring before the Select Board in the next month or so and that would the Select Board an indication of the support.

Selectperson Hall and Chair Bates reminded people that the petition was just one step in the process.

- <u>Vote Definitions in Town Charter</u>: Chair Bates reported that Planning Board member, Michael Jordan and Appeals Board member, Jane Conrad, had been working on some minor changes that needed to be made to the Town Charter. The first was identifying voters in an unambiguous way, and the second issue that Jordan had given thought to was an issue where the 2016 Town Charter did not comply with state law, so changes needed to be made on the way department heads were appointed.

Jordan: "The Planning Board is trying to rationalize all the Land Use Ordinances in the town and combine them into one to eliminate inconsistencies.

"One of the things I noticed was that there several inconsistencies in a couple of the ordinances about how votes were counted particularly in the Board of Appeals. The Town Charter says that our ordinances shouldn't say anything about that because its subject is dealt with in the town charter. The town charter says a quorum consists of a majority of the members including nonvoting alternates. Then it says to pass a motion, you need a majority of the members present. Now the Planning Board has seven members including two nonvoting alternates. So that is seven and the majority of that is four. There are only five votes so you would need a vote of four to one to pass an ordinance which is almost certainly not what was intended because a vote of three to two should do it. Same with the BOA and I would imagine it is true with any other committees in town.

"My suggestion was to revise that to say that "the required vote is a majority of the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present." I think that gets us where we probably always thought we were. Having been a corporate lawyer this was always the standard.

"While I was discussing this with Chair Bates, the Select Board and a couple of other Boards and Committees had recently adopted policies on remote participation. The quorum requirements talk about people who were present. While this isn't strictly necessary, I thought we might as

well recognize that both the Select Board and other Boards and Committees' **come into compliance with the policy."**

Chair Bates stated the next step would be to contact Attorney Mary Costigan for a ruling on this issue.

Jordan: "Chair Bates told me about this issue, so I looked it up in the state law and there is a requirement in the state law that Department heads can be appointed by the Town Manager with the confirmation of the Select Board and the part about the confirmation of the Select Board was left out of the charter.

"Chair Bates asked me to draft it and I quoted the statute. This would preserve the part of the ordinance that says the town manager can appoint people other than department heads without confirmation from the Select Board or can delegate to the department heads the hiring and supervision of people in their departments, and that is another change."

Chair Bates: The next step would be to ask the town attorney, Mary Costigan, for legal advice about these issues. Board consensus was met.

- <u>Minutes</u>: The minutes of November 1, 2021, were reviewed.

 A motion was made by Selectperson Willey, seconded by Elwell, to approve November 1, 2021, minutes, as corrected. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- Communications: None.
- Warrant: The warrant for the week of November 15, 2021, was reviewed and signed. The total expenses were \$139,354.33. Selectperson Hall asked how often the town got billed for streetlights as he thought that expense was going to be less than shown on the warrant. Erb was not sure but said he would look into that question. Hall asked about the "white sign" expense on the 11/10/21 warrant. Erb said they had to order replacement street signs because they had been stolen.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Richard Erb reported the following:

- <u>Boulder Hill Road</u>. Erb stated he was approached by people on Boulder Hill Road about safety issues. Selectperson Elwell noted the school bus made stops there to pick up children. Erb thought the issue was about the general speed on the River Road, and the concern was that people were not driving the 45 mph speed limit. He wondered if 45 mph should be the correct speed there and asked if this issue had been brought to the Select Board before. Selectperson Sawyer said no. Selectperson Willey asked if the concern was coming off Boulder Hill Road to try and get onto Rt. 131. Erb said that was the biggest part.

Erb's impression from his conversation with the resident was, "Would the town support doing something to reduce the speed on that road?" He said he was not really convinced about going to DOT for the speed limit. Selectperson Willey stated it is an unsafe area. Chair Bates stated that if traffic was only driving 45 mph that would help and that was the law already. Selectperson Elwell did not think placing the flashing speed limit sign at Boulder Hill would be safe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- <u>Conservation Commission</u>: Selectperson Willey reported the Conservation Committee (CC) met on November 4, 2021. They discussed trails and that they would continue trail work as long as the weather held. The boardwalk at the Bamford Trail had been extended and had a nicer walkway through the trail.

The CC discussed the Fort Point Trail and the possible need for closure. They felt it was unsafe for people to walk through there. People were walking off the trail to try to avoid the mud and causing the trail to widen out. They decided they would close it due to all the recent rains as the area had become muddy and slippery. It was closed and a sign was posted. The CC hoped to hear by the first of the year about the Fort Point Trail grant.

The CC discussed climate change, and Dan Verillo demonstrated how he used the St. George Resiliency maps. More information can be found on the town website by going to the home page, clicking on Boards and Committees, on the drop-down click the Conservation Committee link, then go to the Climate Change Passports/Resiliency Maps link. Selectperson Willey thought these links were very interesting in seeing what would happen to areas in St. George when there was a major flood event.

The CC is looking for Associate Members to help with different projects such as trails, invasives, and do educational projects.

Chair Bates reported that the Sea Level Rise (SLR) committee had a large overlap with the Conservation Commission and one question was whether it still made sense to have an ad hoc SLR committee or **meld it** into the Conservation Commission. Bates thought it would make more sense to combine them.

1) The Flood Resilience Viewer < https://www.StGeorgeMaine.com/SLR-viewer> developed by Leticia vanVuuren at the County EMA Office - this lets you see the effects of sea-level rise at different locations around the town.

Chair Bates also reported that the SLR committee was trying to get equipment set up in St. George that would accurately measure the height of the sea level.

2) An online conference organized by US Harbors https://www.usharbors.com/facts-about-coastal-water-levels/ 1-4 pm November 17. US Harbors is based in Rockland, and they are arranging very accurate tidal-monitoring sensors around Penobscot Bay see attached program description.

The Sea Level Rise ad hoc committee was gearing up to have an SLR (Sea Level Rise) photoshoot. The King Tide will be on December 5, 2021. This tide will be about 12' high. There are a number of people in town who will be going out to measure areas on the peninsula that include Drift Inn Beach, Harrington Cove, and the causeways at Clark Island and Rackliff Island, Wildcat, and Turkey Cove.

- Planning Board: Chair Bates reported the Planning Board met on November 9, 2021, at 7 p.m.
 - The application to install a 4'x42' pile-supported pier, a seasonal aluminum ramp, and 12'x 24' wood float at 7 Southern Avenue, Rackliff Island previously approved 2 years and subsequently expired, was re-approved, subject to the applicant re-acquiring the Army Corps permit.
- Connect St. George Broadband Committee of the CDC: Selectperson Hall gave a brief update on Connect St. George. He said the committee was nearing its end, and the CDC signed the contract with Spectrum to roll out broadband service to the roughly 200 residents in town who were not currently being served with broadband. Spectrum would be putting up the bulk of the money, there were some monies available from grants, etc., and approximately \$45,000 needed to be raised. The CDC had applied for ARPA funds from Knox County. The outlook was not favorable in receiving those funds.

The view was that the CDC should try to get an answer from the County before turning to residents in town, particularly those 200 addresses that were not served but would be served. There was quite a bit of optimism that was doable. The expectation was that this could be built out and completed in about one year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- <u>Fort Point Release Deeds</u>: The release deeds were presented to the Select Board for a final review. Chair Bates stated that Jim Dorsky of Gartley & Dorsky reviewed and wrote portions of the deeds. Attorney Tarjick contributed to the writing and court filings, and Selectperson Hall reviewed all deeds for accuracy, and Jim Dorsky agreed with the final writing of the deeds.

A motion was made by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Sawyer to approve and sign the Municipal Release Deeds for the two parcels shown in the tax maps, page 235 as lots number 5 and number 6. The vote was 5-0, in favor.

Finance Director Ames notarized the documents, and Attorney Tarjick will hold the deeds until the other parties sign their release deeds to the town. They will all then be filed with the Registry of Deeds.

Selectperson Willey asked if the other parties were involved through the whole process. Selectperson Hall explained the Paulsen's had viewed the positioning of the wooden stakes that would show where the pins would go. The Paulsens had agreed that the pins were in the right places, so he felt the transfer was "good to go."

NEW BUSINESS:

- <u>Map/Lot 218-003</u>: Chair Bates explained Brian Fields owns this lot and it is located next to the Transfer Station. Last year, the Board considered purchasing it for \$70,000 but in June 2021, Fields's wrote Tim Polky and said he was asking \$125,000.

Erb stated that he received an email from Fields who asked if the Town was interested in buying the property, and if so, would it be apportioned, and how much acreage would the Town be interested in?

Chair Bates said this property was just under 24 acres, and it appeared that Fields was suggesting the Board might want to buy part of the acreage. Chair Bates noted that a 50-yard strip was 6.5 acres. He said if you look at the map and take a strip from the road all the way back parallel to the Transfer Station that would be the approximate acreage. He asked if that would be enough and what would the town want it for.

Selectperson Hall: Looking at the tax map, how much of our existing lot are we using? From this map, it appears we are only using only 25-30 percent of this lot. I understand that part of it is wet, but it begs the question, "Is there more of this land that is useable?"

Chair Bates explained that in the summer, the Second-Hand Shop often spread out too close to the boundary line of the Salt & Sand Shed. The shop was independent of the Salt & Sand Shed, and there was a state regulation associated with the Transfer Station that the Second-Hand Shop should not spread out as far in the summer. He said that beyond the Salt & Sand Shed, gravel was being piled up which was right on the boundary line and was problematic.

Selectperson Hall: "What is it that the town would like more land for? If the town is infringing on the boundary currently then getting some additional land along the town's boundary makes sense." He asked if there was something else the town would use that space for such as storage, relocation of the Harbor channel markers, etc. But, he said, there was a question about how much more of the Transfer Station land (the backside of the property) could be utilized for other purposes as that might influence how wide the strip of property might be.

Selectperson Hall: If we are interested in pursuing this, the Select Board should discuss the financials in Executive Session.

Chair Bates: If we were to think about buying land, we have 0.69 acres of property on Juniper Street which is grandfathered and can be built on. The only requirement is that it has to meet 20% lot coverage. That means you could put a 5,000 sq. ft. building there.

Selectperson Sawyer: The great advantage of this property, no matter how much you think you want is that it is adjacent to property the town already owns. And to buy several acres that are adjacent to town property, I am in favor of.

Erb: What little I have been able to glean from all this, it seemed like on the low end, there would be interest in creating more of a buffer between the Juniper Street and the neighbors even if it was not used for anything else. Then you got the suggestion of a storage building that is badly needed. The one the town has now is inadequate. And on the upper end, would the town someday want a full-fledged public works building? But we are not there yet.

Selectperson Willey: First of all, I do not think we should do anything with Juniper Street. It is just sitting there. It looks nice. The area is open. I would hate to see that change. We should

just leave it alone. I don't want to see a 5,000 square foot building going in there either. Leave it an open area.

Chair Bates: We should think about having an Executive Session to discuss this. Town Manager Erb will make inquiries about the suitability of the rest of the land at the Transfer Station.

Selectperson Willey asked if the Select Board could get a map or drawing showing them this property. She asked for a map of the entire piece of property, i.e, what it looked like and what was being looked at to purchase out of that full piece of property. Selectperson Elwell asked if they could get a copy of the tax map for that property and have it for the next meeting.

At 9:05 p.m., on a motion by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Elwell, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson Select Board Recording Secretary