

## **ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS**

### **St. George Town Office**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**October 31, 2022 - 7p.m.**

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Richard Bates (Chair), Randy Elwell, Steve Cartwright, Van Thompson, Irene Ames, Richard Erb, Bill Lane of Gartley and Dorsky, Sharon Moskowitz and Steve Jarrett

Present by zoom: Loreen Meyer was present.

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

##### **Bates**

We're going to take things out of order. Sharon is here to tell us about the Jackson Memorial Library and its activities over the past year, and maybe also some things that they are planning to do in the coming year.

##### **Jackson Memorial Library**

##### **Sharon Moskowitz**

As you can see things have been going well (referring to hand out regarding library statistics)

##### **Van Thompson**

It looks impressive. How does it compare to last year?

##### **Sharon Moskowitz**

Circulation is up, the issuing of new library cards is definitely up and compared to the year before it really looks good. School has started so things have become very active during the school day. We have classes coming in Monday through Friday, pre-K through grade five. The middle school kids are starting to trickle in. It's hard for the older kids to have official library time because of their schedule but they're starting to come in, especially after school, because we dedicated one of the spaces in the library just for the teens; it's a space just for them. They can come down and just relax, read and socialize with one another. We have some art supplies out for them and we're hoping that they will also come down during the school day. I spoke to Amy Hufnagel about this. She's the social worker at the school and I also spoke to Christine Miller, who is the lead teacher for the upper grades, and they

were both on board for that. All the programs are now in person. We still offer Zoom capabilities, but all the programs are back in the library: bridge, chi gong, cribbage, mahjong, author talks and the book clubs. We have a crafting club that has started up and meets every Wednesday afternoon and for the next two months we are going to display the local crafter's projects and the proceeds will go to the crafters.

**Van Thompson**

Once a month there is the Cooking with Sharon program.

**Sharon Moskowitz**

It's a delightful experience. The only way I can explain it is that we can get together and talk about something totally enjoyable and just forget about everything else. It's really nice. I especially love it when the kids come through and they love it too. I have to say they love the experience of coming to the library searching for that special book and checking the book out. I'm still trying to make it clear that they have to return the books. Things take time. We do have a new assistant librarian, Lisa Salsbury. She started a couple of months ago and is from the state of Washington. She was a school librarian on one of the islands of the archipelago before moving back here and so she's as local as can be.

**Bates**

Last year, you requested \$50,000 from the town and the voters. Are you thinking you might have some new programs?

**Sharon Moskowitz**

That's not my department but we're always searching for ways to get people into the building, especially people who never come in. That's part of our mission right now. But if I had a vote in that, I would say that it's not the time to ask for anything more, but I've been busy searching for grants.

**Bates**

That's always good. In February when we discuss the budget, it is good to know that you're out there trying to get any applicable grants for the library. It is reassuring that you are doing all you can.

**Van Thompson**

Do those grants require matching funds from the town.

**Sharon Moskowitz**

No, the ones that I've been applying for have not but they ask for financial information.

**Cartwright**

I'd just like to say it is remarkable for a town of our size to have a library offering so much.

**Sharon Moskowitz**

It really is true. I always try to open the newsletter with a little story about what makes it special, what happened and why. One of the things people remark about is that we have a tool library and can check out a tool, just like a book. I just wrote for a grant to make a permanent fence around the community garden, which would be very nice and to upgrade the hoop house that we have back there to make it more of an educational space.

## **Van Thompson**

By the way, the document you handed out would be a fine thing to include in any grant proposal.

## **Bates**

Do we have any other questions for Sharon? Well Sharon, thank you for coming.

## **Public comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

1. State municipal valuation.
2. Supplemental tax bill warrants
3. Required tax abatement

## **Mr. Bill Lane of Gartley & Dorsky - Drift Inn Rd.**

### **Erb**

I want to thank Bill for all the help he has provided, and I appreciate him coming tonight. I asked Steve to come because he's the one that's been charged with clearing out the culvert.

### **Bates**

Do you want to discuss the grant that you are anticipating?

### **Erb**

Why don't I talk about the grant and then Bill can discuss what his understanding of the problem is. We knew that there was funding available through the state through the Emergency Management Agency that would be appropriate for planning a project at Drift Inn Rd. We're not ready to apply for a grant to do the actual work but if we are successful with this one, it would put us in a good position for a future grant application that will actually pay for construction. That's what we applied for, and it took a little while, but eventually we were approved and have \$21,000, to work with; 75% of that is the NEMA funds and the 25%, we'll have to come up with ourselves. If we do not happen to have a special town meeting, I feel we could take the funds out of our construction account in the highway department. I feel certain we're not going to use all the funds, same as last year. I think the \$5,250 is something that we can scrape together. We've known that Drift Inn Rd. was the leading problem area for us, particularly with rising seas and changing conditions. And it's an area that Tim Polky and I had discussed when I first arrived. We wanted to make it a focus and I'm happy that we're going to receive it, I've had some contact with NEMA and fortunately they are taking a very reasonable approach on what we need to do to get going on this. It's a relatively small project. We don't need to put it out to bid; we can continue to work with Gartley &

Dorsky, just as we have been up to this point. Bill can talk a little bit about where we might be heading from here and what his understanding of that area is, and Steve also.

**Bill Lane**

Good evening, I'm Bill Lane with Gartley and Dorsky Engineering and Surveying. We have visited the site at Drift Inn Rd. and have looked at some of the available state level mapping and the affected area is substantially low when compared to the current issued flood maps; it's immediately adjacent to a VE19 zone. At the break of the road, it transitions to an 8 and 14 and that's all relative, not to the mean high water, but to NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum). The most likely maximum raising of the travel way would be on the order of elevation 12 so there's still some risk inevitable there. By comparison, the LIDAR data at the crossing of the road surface is elevation 10, so there's an opportunity to raise that to the extent that it doesn't negatively or materially affect the adjacent properties, probably to a maximum of elevation 12 and still gain clearance by virtue of minimizing the depth of the deck assembly and having more clear open areas for the actual culvert crossing itself. The existing crossing is a three by four stone culvert. So as indicated, it fills up way too much with debris.

**Steve Jarrett**

I don't know if you have had a chance to see photos of what goes on down there. This is one after a storm and you can see rocks and the weeds all the way across to the other guard rail. We have done so many different things to try to clear this. Code enforcement went down there this summer because they thought it was a sewer issue. It's brutal. We were at our wit's end. I took eight big boulders to create the "St George Breakwater" and make a horseshoe in front of the culvert and built it up and this is what it looks like now. The sea is building up onto it and since I've done that, I haven't had an issue, but I haven't had any big storms either. It's saving us from shoveling and removing these top planks and getting an excavator. We've done it many times. I know that between the cost of my labor, equipment, etc., we have put a lot of money into just trying to keep it clear. We have many ideas but don't know what's legal and what's not. But I would entertain anything that will make it better.

**Bill Lane**

The elements that are of concern include the size of the opening and the clear span itself. This replacement structure would provide substantially more span, more clear open area, and more height. To the extent that we can implement diverter elements within the resource before it's upland and regulate protected natural resources at the highest annual tideline, which is something on the order of elevation seven or seven and a half, it increases the vigor with which they review applications, if projects have a reasonable purpose, and there are no alternatives that are viable. If you exceed 500 square feet of impact below that regulated line, they start to require compensation for that impact.

**Van Thompson**

What's their argument about the impact?

**Bill Lane**

The entire East Coast is identified as coastal wetlands and is a protected natural resource in terms of the DEPs. The Natural Resource Protection Act is the one that that covers wetland disturbances. The US Army Corps of Engineers has a regulatory authority as well for everything underneath the high water under the Coastal Rivers and Harbors Act. The administrative decision has been made that 500 square feet is just too far to push it to create new impact below that resource. In addition, you must demonstrate that you avoided and minimized the impacts

as much as possible, or you're going to pay for the mitigation of those impacts. Eventually, these monies go into some manner of a fund that looks for projects, hopefully in the same region, that will reestablish wetlands or otherwise provide some compensatory function for the land. That's a strong impetus on our part to try and keep within that parameter. It's roughly \$9-10, a square foot impact, starting from square foot zero. It'd be a project expense if not demonstrated that it's the only viable means of mitigating the wildlife impacts. It's a common rock and sand beach with a minimal amount of environmentally sensitive wildlife. We will need to screen and make sure there is no eel grass as that presents itself as a distinct issue. Screening all those variables out, I would expect that we would have some ability to have a mitigation measure, in addition to just the clear span.

**Van Thompson**

I understand that there's the two aspects of this. One is this the span that would be there but what about the height difference? Can you clarify how this is measured?

**Cartwright**

Were you talking inches regarding the elevations?

**Bill Lane**

Elevations are in feet. The current road surface is elevation 10. It's relative to National Geodetic Vertical Datum, not to high tide, high tide is about six, and the road surface is about 10. It's probably feasible to go up an additional two feet to Elevation 12 and still have the road functional.

**Van Thompson**

Is that your target?

**Bill Lane**

Yes, that's the target, but we're going to increase the span and build the new structure higher.

**Erb**

Since part of the problem is storm surge, would changing the orientation of the culvert possibly help?

**Bill Lane**

There is the opportunity to do that with more span and there's not a lot of data on where the real stream channel is. We try to look at where the prevailing storms with the worst outcomes are and attempt to not be in any direct line with that. But some amount of the rack is going to get carried as long as you have an opening presented to the water.

**Bates**

We didn't get that big storm a couple of weeks ago.

**Steve Jarrett**

I wanted to see how the breakwater was going to hold up. We had a smaller storm and the culvert did plug up; it wasn't draining. I went down the following morning. The water backed up on the other side, and actually started to go through the cracks of the rocks I had put down, and the water was flowing and that culvert was crystal clean

on the bottom; you could see all the slabs. Like I mentioned though, I don't know how long that little band aid will last but it will be beneficial to us before we start ripping up slabs again and digging.

**Bates**

Are you contemplating raising this by two feet? It does dip a little bit in that stretch of about 50 yards. When you build it up, do you build it up with fill?

**Bill Lane**

On the approaches we would be grading up and then we just try to minimize the amount of deck and fill over the deck that in that spot.

**Van Thompson**

But on either side, we have to bring the grade up?

**Bill Lane**

We need to collect data about the neighbor's driveways to ensure that we're not moving a storm surge towards them. That will dictate the maximum amount of fill.

**Van Thompson**

That would be Geotech and crushed rock?

**Bill Lane**

Yes. On the approaches. It would definitely be a separation fabric, if not a reinforcing fabric and then probably surface overlay.

**Steve Jarrett**

There is one driveway that will be a concern.

**Bill Lane**

The tax map indicates Larocque and Harrison on the other side; at least one year ago it was.

**Cartwright**

Some of those houses have driveways up to highway 131.

**Steve Jarrett**

If it gets completely plugged up, there will be issues. We have the same problem on the Ridge Rd. and we have a little bit of a problem over on Kinney Woods Rd., but this has been our major problem. You really don't have very much elevation gain; that channel is quite flat all the way up through to 131, so it can flood there, including the marsh on the other side.

**Bates**

This is informative. Do we have to make decisions on this or are we all set to go?

**Bill Lane**

I think it's in your court. I'm happy to help. In our July proposal, we outlined the steps that need to be done.

**Erb**

That's been shared with MEMA. I think they may want to have one more meeting as sort of a kickoff, but we are not required to go through formal bidding for this work. I want to get a final go ahead from them and have a phone meeting, including Gartley and Dorsky, and then I think we'll be ready to go.

**Bates**

Do you anticipate any major issues with the Army Corps?

**Bill Lane**

I think the component of protecting natural resources can be reasonably managed. They've seen this kind of coastline. It doesn't raise hackles to work in this intertidal area, but we are trying to be mindful and demonstrate that there is no reasonable alternative and minimize the footprint of that activity to a practical extent. Ultimately, we do not want to spend any money on mitigation.

**Erb**

I thought it would be helpful for the board to know this is what they gave us money for.

**Bates**

Thank you for coming. Do we have any more questions?

**Van Thompson**

I think we have an idea of the problems and the possible solution.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Elwell, seconded by Cartwright, to consider the Select Board minutes dated October 17, 2022, as corrected, and by unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

**Communications**

There were no communications.

**Warrant**

**Irene Ames**

I don't see anything out of the ordinary.

**Bates**

Let's go ahead and sign then. Thank you.

## **Town Manager's Report**

### **Erb**

The request for proposal for legal services has been issued. I requested that it be returned by November 18, 2022. Michael Jordan has offered to assist in reviewing it, but I'd like some additional help. Richard if you're interested, or if other Select Board members or members of other boards or commissions would like to review, that would be appreciated.

### **Van Thompson**

Perhaps Jane Conrad.

### **Erb**

I've already had responses from firms saying that they intend to submit. We won't have any shortage of attorneys that are interested in the work. I will be also working on an RFP for an auditor and I should be so lucky to have CPAs calling me up for the job. I remain optimistic. There are plenty of lawyers, but CPAs are hard to come by. Those are two big items that we're working on now. You've seen the county budget, I haven't had any contact with Nick Lapham, yet, but it certainly is a formidable budget. As we knew would happen, we're getting hit hard by our increased valuation. We're looking at a 19% increase for the town of St. George. The only town that I saw that was any higher was Warren at 20%. The others were closer to 15%. It is a real concern. Last year, as I recall, you had Nick come in. I'm not sure if we are interested in doing that again. There are meetings that are scheduled in November. We will certainly keep an eye on them. Are you interested in having Nick come in?

### **Bates**

When we asked before, he said let's wait until we've gone through a few iterations and then come in and give us a report.

### **Erb**

I can ask him what the best time for him would be and go with that. As proposed right now, it'd be \$195,000 more for the Town of St. George. County budget is much more significant here than where I used to work.

### **Bates**

I looked at it and I noticed that 82% of the budget is essentially for corrections and Sheriff. That's about \$800,000. That's what it is costing us to have a sheriff and our responsibilities for the prisons.

### **Erb**

We'll keep our eye on that and stay in touch with Nick. Regarding the bid documents on 10 Cold Storage, I received a copy of the draft documents over the weekend from Noel Mussen, and the plan is that they will be sent to EDA by Wednesday. We're getting closer to go out to bid so that that's where that is right now. Regarding the streetlight issue, the person I spoke to at CMP, regarding the two or three streetlights that we requested to have removed, estimated it would happen before Thanksgiving. I received notice today from Waste Management and



they advised that the state landfill fees for demolition waste have gone up \$1 per ton, and that gets passed along to us. There are also increased state fees on municipal solid waste, going up by \$3 per ton.

**Bates**

It's \$3 on top of the fee of \$15?

**Erb**

Yes, that's a pass-through cost. There is an MMA elected officials Zoom meeting on November 16th if anyone is interested.

**Bates**

What will that be covering?

**Erb**

I think it's a general meeting, I'll have to look it up.

**Bates**

If you think it's something we should know about, could you send the agenda?

**Erb**

I will do that. Last thing, I had a meeting with Nat Lyons who is the new chair of the Marshall Point group. They are still interested in talking to you about things in general but specifically about the parking capacity down there. Since we are having other groups come in tonight, such as the library, I suggested that might be appropriate. At an upcoming meeting, we will schedule them as well. That's all I have to report.

**Bates**

The previous head came in looking for funds. When Nat comes in to talk to us, he should address that. Thanks for your report.

## **Committee Reports**

**Steve Cartwright**

The Conservation Committee meets on Thursday.

**Erb**

The Budget Committee will be meeting before our meeting on November 13th.

**Bates**

Irene mentioned that there is a complication, and she won't be able to attend. The Budget Committee will have to get their questions into Irene before the meeting.

**Bates**

## Planning Board report

### **Planning Board 7:00pm October 25 Meeting**

- The application to modify the pier and install two piles at 61 Haskell Point Road was accepted as complete. With the Army Corps and DEP permits in hand, a public hearing was scheduled for 7:00 pm November 10.
- The application to install a foundation frost wall, replace the septic system and make some interior renovations at 25 Barters Point Road was accepted as complete; meeting the standard of the 12-C-2 in the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, it was approved.
- The July 12, 2022 Finding of Facts at 13 River Road (The Happy Clam) were reviewed with the applicant's representative. The board concluded that the FoF had been essentially satisfied, so that, once a portion of the old fence is straightened, the building permit may be issued.

### **Liquor license for the Happy Clam**

#### **Bates**

You're probably wondering why that was on the agenda since we talked about it on September 12th. The state contacted Greg Howland and requested an update of the premises diagram. I didn't realize that Greg a couple of weeks ago handed me some new diagrams, and that we were required to review them. That's why it didn't happen on the last meeting on the 16th. I have it here for us to sign.

#### **Erb**

It is basically a new sketch of what the actual layout is which is not what he had given them.

#### **Bates**

That's right. If you turn to the third page, you'll see there's an extension area premises diagram, and that shows what he should have turned in originally. It shows the saloon, the fence, picnic tables and that's what we need to sign off on. If you look at the second page, you'll see down at the bottom, there's a place for us to sign. If you are happy with that, I suggest that we go ahead and sign it.

#### **Cartwright**

We don't really have a choice, do we? He is meeting the law.

#### **Bates**

That's right. He's meeting the law. Irene, if you could put this on Patty's desk, please.

### **Civic Plus**

There were discussions at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Rick was asked to review, and he spoke to Tim, our EMA Director, and made recommendations.

**Erb**

The consensus of everyone is that Civics Plus is going to be the right fit for what we do. The My Calls option was extremely limited to five-hundred people I believe and that would leave out a whole part of the town, so we really couldn't go with that. We already work with Civic Plus, and it would tie into our web study, so it made sense. A concern of mine is that we have not appropriated funds for this and wonder if it is something we should do this fiscal year.

**Randy Elwell**

How much is it a year?

**Erb**

\$4000.

**Randy Elwell**

Do we have that to get it going now?

**Van Thompson**

I was thinking the sooner the better because communications are something you want to be on top of as much as possible and this is one of the mechanisms.

**Bates**

The difficulty is we don't have enough money to administer public communications.

**Randy Elwell**

Can some of it come out of the fire department budget as some portions cover an emergency?

**Van Thompson**

Because we're dealing with communications and what's gone on previously, couldn't we use the ARPA funds?

**Erb**

Yes, there's nothing wrong with using ARPA funds.

**Van Thompson**

It's a service for the community.

**Bates**

The concern is that we are adding more money to the town's budget and we're going into a really tough year. We just talked about the \$196,000.

**Van Thompson**

We could take ARPA funds and look at putting it into the budget as we move forward and get it voted on. It is a stop gap measure that I'm suggesting until such time it is running efficiently, and we can demonstrate it to people and provide more justification for it.

**Erb**

I was backing away from it, thinking we have some really hard budget decisions, and I was reluctant to commit to this until we see what the entire budget looks like.

**Irene Ames**

The budget for next year is going to be brutal. The one bright spot is that the seniors that are the hardest hit will qualify for the proxy tax freeze and won't have to pay that increase, as it will come from the state.

**Randy Elwell**

When is the next town newsletter?

**Erb**

It's going to print right now.

**Randy Elwell**

I think we should put something in the newsletter about the state increasing our evaluation.

**Bates**

It's not final. It might not be as much as 19%.

**Erb**

I will probably have something a lot more definitive for the next newsletter. In the November newsletter, I did remind people about the senior citizen tax freeze, because it would be a shame for people that don't make the December deadline. I can come back with a plan that uses current funds for this year if that's what the board wants.

**Bates**

Sure, and then we'll put it to the voters in May as to whether they wish to continue it. This could be considered a trial run. It is set up with the ability to remind people not just by emails but by cell phone or landline.

## **Tax Acquired Properties**

**Erb**

When towns acquire property through tax liens, they have three options. One is to sell the property to a new owner. The second is to continue to assess the property and work out a lump sum payment or an installment payment plan. The third is to take control of the property and use it for municipal purposes. We have a dozen tax acquired properties and these automatically foreclose at some point.

**Bates**

Before we go any further, I'd like to propose that we familiarize ourselves with this list of properties. I'm going to suggest that Rick, Irene, myself and anyone else who wants to join in, go through this list and summarize the action plan that we're going to recommend. I think some of them will be a lot clearer, than others. It may entail

getting somebody to work with a payment plan if someone is living there, and they're just having trouble budgeting. I think we're going to have a spectrum of solutions to these cases. Tonight, I'd like us to familiarize ourselves with the list of properties so that we have a general sense of what's going on and then I'd like to propose that at the end of the month we meet on November 28th and have the subgroups who have reviewed them come up with proposals.

**Erb**

I think it's standard procedure for most towns to go through the list and review the potential options based on the value of the land to the town, the potential for using the property in other ways, and any extenuating circumstances for the owner who is falling behind in taxes.

**Bates**

I think the approach is not making firm conclusions tonight but to review the list and look for insights as a group as there may be some complications that that we don't know about. It's an opportunity to bring all of the information we can to the surface.

**Bates**

After reviewing the list, there is a wide range of situations. Some look to be fairly straightforward. At the other extreme, we've got cases where owners have been basically scofflaws. If everyone is okay, let's come back on November 28<sup>th</sup> with proposals.

**Erb**

There are people we have agreements with now that need to live up to them but if they do, then the problem is solved.

**Cartwright**

Is there any parcel large enough, and not in the process of being paid off, that would be suitable for a housing project?

**Irene Ames**

I believe there is.

**Bates**

Irene, thank you for putting this together.

## **Island Institute – Regional Broadband Program**

**Van Thompson**

The Island Institute approached Jeff Boulet of the Broadband Committee requesting letters of support as they're trying to apply for this Regional Partners Program with the Maine Connectivity Authority. They are looking to coordinate between us and the islands, Knox and Waldo counties, and the Midcoast Council of Government, as well as Hancock County and the Planning Commission to coordinate and help all of these entities with anything related to programming, but in particular broadband. They have worked with us extensively regarding the CDC

on the Broadband Committees and the Select Board contributed money to make things go forward. It's a straightforward letter and it's based on a template that they provided.

**Bates**

You did personalize it with our specifics. It's not just a form letter. It's a good letter.

On a motion from Elwell, seconded by Thompson, The Select Board recommended that the Town of St. George support the Island Institute application, and by unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**State Municipal Evaluation**

**Bates**

The state municipal valuation was one of the items added to the agenda. Back in September, Rick sent out the memo about the state's valuation representing the full equalized value of all taxable properties in each municipality as of April 1, 2021. In our case, it was \$1.078 billion. We have no grounds to argue against it and so tonight we need to approve it.

**Van Thompson**

Was that as of September of 2021?

**Bates**

No. The valuation date is April 1, 2021.

**Van Thompson**

Don't we have some extenuating circumstances that would modify that because of the large change we have had due to Allen and Benner Islands?

**Bates**

It's not that they've made a mistake.

**Erb**

For the time period noted, it is accurate.

**Bates**

This is calculated on an assessment and then they adjust based on the sales that we've had in St. George. When Allen and Benner Islands went off the rolls, that would represent a decrease in total valuation. It will translate eventually.

On a motion from Thompson, seconded by Cartwright, the Select Board recommended to approve the state municipal valuation, and by a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Supplemental Tax Bill Warrant**

**Bates**

The next agenda item is the issue of a supplemental tax bill warrant as it relates to some land of Dan and Kristin Falla. There was a mistake in the town office and so they will receive an abatement

**Erb**

We will abate one and there's two forms for supplements. I understand they end up paying \$23.23 more in tax, but they're fine with that.

On a motion by Elwell, seconded by Thompson, for the Select Board to approve the abatement for Kristin and Dan Falla at Lot 218024A and assign a new assessed value of \$43,632, and by unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Speed Zone Review**

**Erb**

There have been concerns about the rate of speed people drive on Glenmere Rd. and originally it was not marked; there was no set speed limit, which has to be approved by Maine DOT. At the request of residents of that area, we asked the DOT to set speed limits so that we could post them, and they did. Some were set at 35 miles an hour and some at 45 miles an hour, which made some people unhappy. Some people felt it encouraged faster driving so I spoke to Dave Allen at Maine DOT and asked him to take another look at this because I think 45 is too fast for that area. He requested we use our speed monitor to take some readings. He requested we use it on stealth mode, so that it doesn't give a readout to the driver. We did that and his approach was if people are driving at 35 miles an hour, consistently, we should set the speed limit at 35 miles an hour. If they were driving at 45, then we should set it at 45, etc, as people drive at the rate that is comfortable and therefore a safe speed.

**Van Thompson**

You're talking about the majority of people?

**Erb**

Absolutely. We took the data and people were driving at a slower speed than 45 miles an hour and so he advised we should reevaluate that. He also advised that it would help him to have a resolution from the Select Board so that's my request.

A motion was made by Elwell, seconded by Thompson, for the Select Board to establish a resolution to request the DOT reevaluate the speed limits on Glenmere Rd., and by unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Code of Ethics and Protocols**

**Bates**

The last thing on the agenda is the Code of Ethics and Protocols. I suggest that you send me comments on this, and I'll combine them into this document, and we can review it when we next meet on November 14th. I printed out what we have in the town charter and in the Select Board Policy Manual, which may be interesting.

I think it sends a good message to the taxpayers that we have thought about this, and we adhere to this. I think it would be a good thing to look through this list of guidelines annually and sign off. I learned that the school started doing this. People do not always do the right thing, so it seems much better that we have a written policy that we all agree to, and then you hopefully don't run into these sorts of ethical issues. Let me know your thoughts and then let's talk about in the next meeting.

A motion was made by Cartwright, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the Select Board meeting, and by unanimous vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Taylor

Recording Secretary

Town of St. George