

**ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 13, 2017**

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Members present were: Richard Bates, Chairman; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. Also present: Tim Polky, Elizabeth Curtis, Sandra Dickson Coggeshall, Wendy Carr, Gerry Cushman, Evelyn Blum and Nat Lyon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sandra Dickson Coggeshall presented a two-part petition to the Select Board. She said, "After that fatal accident in Port Clyde in 2013, that began the process of improving road safety, but much still remains to be done. Drivers in our town need to be convinced that St. George is serious about traffic and pedestrian safety.

'We, the undersigned, on that petition are voters and or taxpayers (and there were maybe three exceptions), hereby petition the Select Board, Town Manager and Maine Department of Transportation to take appropriate action to ensure the safety of residents and visitors to St. George by promptly implementing the best available methods to promote vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.'

You have the petition, and you have the signatures and there are eight parts. It would take too long to read them all, but I would first of all like to thank Tim (and Chairperson Bates) for bringing this road safety issue tonight, onto the agenda. I have presented to you a petition that addresses eight safety measures that 'We, the undersigned, believe will help make St. George roads safer for drivers and pedestrians.' The petition was suggested to me by the town as proof that safety measures I have asked for in recent years are a town-wide concern affecting more than just Port Clyde. The signatures from every village area on the peninsula, I believe you will find, I have satisfied the town's request to hear the voice of the people. Of the 300 signatures, 289 are from voting residents. I highlighted in red the 11 signatures from non-residents, no taxpayers, long term workers frequent often related visitors or in the case of the young French teacher, a short-term visitor who wanted to participate in our democratic process for a good cause.

Our requests do not cover every concern; we did not request lighting in the town office parking lot which the library did with solar lights. We did not include a bike lane on Rt. 131 because numerous hurdles still remain on that issue. We did not ask the town to address the dangers from texting or driving under the influence. Our petition only repeats or expands on requests made numerous times since 2013. While a handful of residents may believe that current road safety is adequate, it is obvious from the avid support of the undersigned that the majority of our people want more action and accountability, starting now.

In recent years, I have met with Tim Polky and spoken with authorities at the MDOT several times to discuss safety regulations and guidelines at the local and state levels. Our petition requests are not unreasonable, and they are not unworkable. The costs are minimal, especially when compared to the value of a life. When you have had the opportunity to review this petition items, compare them with the update Tim will present regarding the ad hoc safety committee's recommendations from 2013, I trust that you will feel justified without further delay to authorize creative and workable solutions that will finally make it clear to drivers, bike riders, and pedestrians that St. George is serious about road safety. Thank you. If you have any questions, I could answer now or later."

Chairperson Bates: "I am scanning this very briefly, Sandra. I can see that this quite possibly satisfies the legal requirement for a petition, and if it is to be a legal petition, you need to stop by the town office soon and swear an affidavit that you personally witnessed all these people and you believe them to be registered voters. That would make it a legal petition."

Coggeshall: "Happy to do that."

Chairperson Bates: "I looked through this list and we were going to talk about this item tonight. My immediate reaction as the Board has not seen this is we probably should postpone talking about this at our meeting, since this is an additional requirement. I think the Board needs to consider this, along with our other plans and make sure we address the issues that the residents have come forward with. My thoughts are when we talk about adjustments to the agenda; we postpone the discussion of it."

Selectperson Hall: "It makes sense to me and we need to look at it." Selectpersons Sawyer and Willey agreed.

Chairperson Bates: "I do not want you to think our first reaction is to sweep this under the carpet since we are deleting from the agenda, tonight. We were going to talk about it tonight, but it doesn't make sense to talk about this until the Select Board has had a chance to read it. Otherwise we may come to conclusions which are contrary or superfluous or insufficient."

Coggeshall said she understood, thought that was a brilliant idea and thanked Bates for the explanation.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS: Evelyn Blum - "On October 17th, I presented a petition urging you to take all steps necessary to prevent the landing of offshore wind electric cables onto any property owned by the town of St. George. The petition also urged you and the Planning Board to enact amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance that mirror provisions enacted by the town of Bristol, governing the permit process for Shoreland Zone utility installations. Three hundred twenty taxpayers in St. George signed this request and are still waiting for your response. When will they get it?"

Chairperson Bates: "This is a public comment session. You have made your comment. We will talk about it in the meeting." There were no further public comments.

REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda:

Under Old Business: Review of Road Safety Survey Committee Recommendations was removed from the agenda. Under New Business: Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee to study Potential Impact of MAV cable on Commercial Fishing was moved to Regular Session. Under New Business: Request from Marshall Point Lighthouse for Town donation to Barn project was moved to Regular Session.

- Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee to study Potential Impact of MAV cable on Commercial Fishing:

At the last meeting, Chairperson Bates suggested that a small ad hoc committee be formed to look at the potential impact of the Maine Aqua Ventus cable on commercial fishing. He had recommended having members from the PORT group, Selectperson Hall, Tim Polky and another member of the public-at-large sit on the committee. The purpose of the committee would be to establish indisputable facts about the impact of the MAV cable. He said as a Select Board, they had the town's reputation to uphold (including the county and the state) and it was vital that when a statement was made, whatever it is, for or against, the Select Board was absolutely sure of their facts. Chairperson Bates said he reached out privately to some members of PORT, Inc. who he knew were extremely qualified, very knowledgeable and could help the town a great deal. He said he was unsuccessful and disappointed that they chose not to participate; therefore not much progress had been made. Chairperson Bates then asked members of the PORT group publicly to join the committee and help guide the issue, as the Select Board would like to move forward and make a statement that everyone agreed on. He said it was not to co-opt and distort but to establish the indisputable facts on the issue.

Chairperson Bates responded to Blum's public comment. She asked why had the Planning Board not created an ordinance and he explained that Chair Cox had talked with the Bristol attorney. The Bristol attorney had advised them on the issue. The Planning Board also needed to understand the impact of an electrical cable coming on the shoreland zone. He said there was the issue of the connection box where the cable comes from the submarine to the terrestrial. There was the issue of the transformer, the issue of conditioning equipment and the issue of the noise that some of the electrical equipment may generate the issues of electromagnetic fields. Chair Bates said, logically, the Planning Board must understand the overall concepts such as field issues, what type of cable and size of the equipment, etc., before writing an ordinance about constraining the impacts of these. Chairperson Bates said there were two professional electrical engineers who could meet with the Planning Board and members of the public on Tuesday, December 5 to address the issues.

Selectperson Hall wanted to know more regarding the anchoring system. He said there were questions that had not been satisfactorily answered with documentation, and he would like to get factual information. Another question was regarding the conservation zone and would it stretch outside of the zone. He did not feel that issue had been adequately and factually addressed. He recommended that everyone understand the questions, get answers to the questions and then discuss further. He also felt it would be better if members of the PORT group were involved.

Coggeshall said she had experience in journalism, editing jobs, in other areas and volunteered to be on the committee. Chair Bates thought she should get the consensus of PORT, Inc. Carr said there were only three people in the PORT group – Scott Sullivan, Evelyn Blum and herself, and said they are not a membership organization. She said there are people who they have relationships with, there are people they talk with, there are people who are like minded but there are only three people who sit on the PORT Board.

Chairperson Bates said he, Selectperson Hall and Tim Polky felt it would be valuable to have two representatives from the PORT group. Bates said he did not know about the PORT, Inc. membership issue.

G. Cushman, "I have two questions. The first one was, the people coming to speak to the Planning Board, the electricians, do they have any ties to Aqua Ventus in this project?"

Chairperson Bates: "The office has connections."

G. Cushman: "The anchoring system is going to the three-mile line. What the guy insinuated here is, the anchoring system, they are not going to allow fishing next to it. He is not going to be permitted to fish, even though the anchoring system may not go outside the three-mile line - which it should not, because they would be breaking the law - it still doesn't prohibit them from fishing. They will still be prohibited from fishing in that area."

Chairperson Bates: "Gerry you are one of many knowledgeable people about this and if the PORT group are unwilling to get involved in this, then I hope for the sake of the town (unintelligible)."

G. Cushman: "I personally do not feel like I should be on a committee. I am pretty biased about this project, so I don't think I am the right fit for the committee. I will answer questions, but I don't want to be on a committee because I am pretty set on how my thoughts are about this project. I have made it very clear. I think my brother, Randy, would be in the same shoes as mine. I would go in and I would answer any question you would want to know that I think that I know, but to go on a committee wouldn't be right for the town and it wouldn't be right for you guys. If you are looking for a (un)biased opinion."

Chairperson Bates: "I see this as you have strong feelings. You have your set of facts as you understand it. There are other people in town who come up with other facts. Now, they cannot both be right, and it may get a bit rough, but the purpose of the ad hoc committee is to straighten out which facts are the ones that the Board should act on. Faced with differing opinions/facts, someone (I will speak for myself) who knows nothing about this, I have a high regard for the fishermen. Randy, I do."

R. Cushman: "I have read the minutes. You don't, Richard. You have very little regard for us. You have us thrown under the bus. I read the minutes of June 26th. In 10 or 15 years, this town is just going to be a town about tourism. You eliminated fishing in 10 to 15 years, right there. The impression I am given is fishing is going to be all done in 10 to 15 years, and it isn't."

Chairperson Bates: "Randy, if I said that, I think it was taken out of context because."

R. Cushman, "No, I read the minutes. I don't know if you can play them back or not. Go back and read what you said. Gerry belongs to MLA and MCFA and I belong to MCFA. We already belong to fishing committees. We belong to organizations, associations for fishing. If you need to, we can bring them on board and talk to you, if you need that. That is what you really need at the end of the day. Realistically, what Aqua Ventus has been trying to sell you guys, if you guys do your research on the Bureau of Energy Management, it says it all. Just take 8 to 10 hours and read one third of what is there, and it will scare the sh..t out of you. Direct 156 gigawatts in the Gulf of Maine. That is 26,000 windmills. (unintelligible) That is going to put everybody out of business. Anything to do with fishing. It may not be in the near future but that is the plan. That is the plan."

Chairperson Bates: "I would like a reputational issue on record. If it says in the minutes that I described the future of Port Clyde as that, I was repeating a remark that I had heard from an associate of the PORT group who explained to me that was his vision of Port Clyde in 15 years."

G. Cushman: "I would gladly come. I don't know who these people are that are giving you different facts. I have been in contact with DMR all week and DMR finally came out and made the stance that they are voting against this project. They are going to make an announcement, and they are against because there are too many uncertainties about this project that they know about. I will come to this table and debate anybody that you can bring that is giving you a different answer than what I am giving you."

Chairperson Bates: "That is what we need."

G. Cushman: "I will gladly do that at a table, but I don't want to be on a committee. But I will sit here at a meeting, you can bring them to this table, and I will sit at this meeting."

R. Cushman: "I will do the same thing. That is what I said to you."

Chairperson Bates: "That is great. So rather than looking to the public and making a public request, we will see this ad hoc committee as Selectperson Hall, Tim Polky and a member of the public-at-large."

G. Cushman: "I just want to throw this out. There are some questions that I can't answer, and they can't answer and that scares me more than if I could answer it. Say, no I don't have a fact and I can't give you a fact that it is going to really affect the fishing, but they can't give you a piece of paper saying that it is not going to."

Selectperson Sawyer: "When you say they, it is Aqua Ventus?"

G. Cushman: "The islands draw power, but they draw such, after talking with CMP, a minimal amount of power they are drawing versus it is going to be the total opposite now. It is going to be taking it from the windmills and drawing it to the mainland. At times when the wind is really blowing, there is going high voltage power going through there. No one even in this world can answer the question, is it going to impact the alewives because this it is at the mouth of a river and 20 years restoring it. Is that going to impact the alewives runs? Is it going to impact sturgeons, lobsters, scallops? We don't know, and they said we have to do this project to find out if it is going to and that is what scares me. Because I am not willing to gamble my livelihood and that is just what I am trying to throw out there for an example of questions that sometimes neither one of us are going to be able to answer."

Chairperson Bates asked Cushman when DMR would be making the announcement against the turbines. Cushman said once the Commissioner makes it clear that he is against the project, the governor wants to meet with the fishermen, probably around the first of December. Cushman said there would be quite a few fishermen at that meeting. After that, DMR should be making an announcement.

Selectperson Elwell: "I wanted to make a statement tonight, and I do agree we have to, as a town, we have to get our facts together before we make a decision. But after listening to Randy last week, I have already been talking (unintelligible). I have a lot of family in the fishing business. I stand with the fishermen that the uncertainty of this and how it is going to affect their livelihoods. I have thought long and hard, and I have not been for it or against it, but I just did not know where I wanted to go. After listening to Randy last week and talking to different fishermen and to people I know, I stand with them when it comes to not having this (the Aqua Ventus project), the windmills in the Gulf of Maine. I agree that we have to cross our t's and dot our i's, so they do not stand up and say that fact is wrong but that we have the facts right. I am glad that Gerry can help with that. I just wanted that known that I agree with Randy."

Chairperson Bates: "Last week when Randy spoke and some of the other fishermen spoke, it was (unintelligible)."

Selectperson Hall: "My comment was it was a much more constructive approach."

Selectperson Sawyer: "You guys did a great job last week."

Selectperson Elwell: "All the fishermen that were here, I have known all my life in one form or another and that made more of an impact on me that some of the other discussions that has come into the room."

- Request from Marshall Point Lighthouse for Town donation to Barn project: The Select Board reviewed the letter received from Diane Bolton and Nat Lyon. Chairperson Bates said the association would like to raise all the money for the project before starting construction. The dilemma was that no money had been appropriated for this project at last year's town meeting.

Lyon read the following statement. "As you know, I am the museum director of Marshall Point Lighthouse and Museum and my purpose tonight is two-fold – to bring the Select Board up to date on the faceless project that has just been completed and other projects undertaken by our committee and to discuss the town's financial participation in the keeper's barn and workshop restoration project. As you know, as stewards of this town property, we are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the campus and pay for all costs from income from our operation. We have noticed increased paint peeling, flaking, rust on the metal surfaces, a buildup of lichen and mold and general deterioration of the lighthouse due to the extreme weather condition it is subjected to, yearly. We removed the lichen and mold, flaking paint and rust by sand and water blasting all areas, repointing and caulking all the bricks and granite base where needed and repainting all surfaces, some with epoxy. All this was done by

licensed and qualified professional contractors and should last us for at least another fifty years. This process was chronicled on the November 11th addition of Village Soup by Beth Birmingham, a photojournalist. This project cost close to \$19,000. Over the past three years, we have had a mason come in and repair a large hole in the base of the lighthouse, undermined by wave and storm action. Have replaced the wooden shingled roof on the summer kitchen, never ending yearly painting and small repair projects; and this year, we replaced three picnic tables and now the (unintelligible). The cost of all these maintenance projects have not cost the town one cent. They are paid for by donations, rent, a bequest to the museum, and shop sales which by the way advertises local artists' shows, local dining places, beaches, local and Maine made crafts and products. Over the years, the committee being prudent and financially responsible, has built up enough assets to continue to be able to meet its responsibilities, having enough in reserve to handle any emergencies and also give back to our community. In 2005, the committee voted to establish a scholarship program. We award two, four-year scholarships and one two-year scholarship to St. George graduates, every year. These awards are \$1,000 for the first year of college and \$500 for each year afterwards, up to \$2,500.

The barn restoration. Hopefully you have received our fund-raising letter asking for your generous financial support by highlighting our ambitious undertaking of reproducing the historic 18' x 25' keeper's barn and workshop which was part of the lighthouse complex of 74 years and then taken down by the Coast Guard. As a National landmark, we have worked with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to ensure the authenticity of the barn and use materials which reflect the area in which it was originally constructed. They have given their approval for the project, leading us to responsibly satisfy all town requirements. In addition to restoring it back to the campus, the barn will provide a critically needed storage area for our many artifacts and displays materials as well as administrative space. I cannot stress this storage need enough. For example, I have in my house and garage the mast to our weather tower, an original storm warning flag, uniforms and documents chronicling the career of one of our keepers that was donated by his widowed, boxes of important papers, articles, all pertaining to the history of the Marshall Point Lighthouse. My assistant has at his house, our entire postcard collection that has been shared with the Penobscot Marine Museum for their archives. The person who I took over from still has materials stored at his house in Clark Island. There are a number of boxes stored in the town vault, and in the dank basement of the keeper's house there are artifacts that need to be taken out or we will lose them. We have pledged \$20,000 of our own money to start this fundraising campaign. To date, we have raised \$56,000 towards our goal of \$150,000, including the \$10,000 grant from the Borman Family Foundation. The project was offered to five local contractors and Paul Gill of Gill Timber Frame was awarded the contract, thus keeping the job local. The project will not begin until funding is in place. Please take a moment to reflect on what Marshall Point Lighthouse and Museum, a town owned property, means to you. What does it mean to our residents? What does it mean to all the committee members and the people who donate and volunteer their time to make this operation a success and finally, what is its importance to the town? And, when was the last time you visited there? What better place to bring your visitors? Admission to the museum is free as well as use of the grounds. This year and past years, we had between 14,000 and this year 15,000 people from all the states and over 20 foreign countries come through our museum and another estimated 10,000 people visit our grounds. Think of the positive economic impact this has on our many town businesses. While donations are still coming in, I am disappointed by the lack of response from any townspeople. So, if you have not contributed yet, please feel free to do us. As mentioned, Marshall Point Lighthouse and Museum committee has pledged \$20,000 of its own money to start the fund-raising campaign. I am asking the Select Board to consider no less than one-quarter of Marshall Point's committee's pledge or \$5,000 to show the town's support for its valuable asset and this important project. We are grateful for the support of those for making it possible to preserve the Marshall Point Lighthouse and Museum for generations to come.

If there are any questions, I would be glad to try to answer them."

Selectperson Hall said the Board had a request for a charitable contribution from an existing organization last year. They wanted to increase the amount by approximately \$800 and the Board deferred it.

Chairperson Bates explained to Lyon that there could possibly be unexpended monies by the end of the year, but the Select Board did not have the authority/power to give money, grants or a donation to organizations, arbitrarily. A formal appropriation request would have to be made to the town, and then voted on by the people at the town meeting in May. Chairperson Bates suggested they review the lease to see what was covered, such as painting and removing lichen. Lyon said the association was not considering renegotiating the lease as they were responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the property (which is owned by the town).

Selectperson Sawyer asked if there was a formal request and the Budget Committee agreed, could a Special Town Meeting be held? Polky said it could be done, but there would have to be enough money in surplus to do that. Polky said he would be concerned about doing it mid-year, as tight as the budget currently was. He said he and Curtis had been working on avoiding a special town meeting. Polky asked Lyon if the funds were needed now or if it was something they could wait on until July. Lyon said they have defrayed from starting a project this year and they still have not heard from the Wyeths. Grant requests were being written but Gill wanted to buy some of the materials, to get them dried out. The association was hoping to break ground in the spring of 2018 and have the project completed by the start of tourist season.

Polky explained that the town's budget was fairly tight as the town currently had many lawyers engaged on staff for numerous issues, and they know they will be overbudget. He felt it was going to be very difficult to get to the end of this fiscal year with any surplus. Polky said they may have to look into having a Special Town Meeting to cover the already appropriated items. Polky recommended the association make a request for funding to be placed on the warrant.

Selectperson Hall why the keeper's building would cost \$150,000. Lyon said because of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and their requirements; the building had to be built exactly as before. Marshall Point Lighthouse is a National Landmark and the MHPC had to give the association approval before coming to the town to ask the Board for permission to go ahead.

Selectperson Sawyer suggested the association put a request in the warrant for May's town meeting. Lyon said he wished the public would start donating to the building fund, now. Lyon reiterated the importance of Marshall Point Lighthouse to town businesses, to the tourism industry and to the community and to the town of St. George, and the Select Board agreed.

- Minutes: The minutes of November 6, 2017 were amended as follows:

Page 3, paragraph 7, under McLellan, line 5, change to read...and every mountain ridge
windmills are there.

Page 6, paragraph 4, line 5, correct name to The Gertrude Andree Fund

Page 8, paragraph 6, line 7, change sentence to read: Ten days ago, Chairperson Bates, Jim Wotton from Friendship, Randy and Gerry Cushman, Tim Polky and Dave Schmanska met with Chris Rector.

Page 8, paragraph 7, line 2, change to read ...to prevent the landing of offshore wind...

Page 9, paragraph 1, line 2 and 3, change to read ...the Select Board next Monday.

Page 9, paragraph 1, line 3, delete: as well as, the five people who agreed to be on the ad hoc committee.

Page 9, under Communications, bullet 2, correct name to Jim Wotton

Page 9, under Warrant, second paragraph, line 4, correct name to Director Vail

Page 9, under Updates on Roads, line 1, correct name to Kinney Woods Road

Page 11, under Ad hoc committee: line 2, delete the word **are**. He said there were other sites...

On a motion by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Selectperson Elwell, it was voted 5-0 to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes, as amended.

- Communications:

- An email from Kevin Lipson, Esq. Selectperson Hall acknowledged that Lipson did not use the word nitwits, himself, but it was implied and read the following from the minutes: "Chair Bates said excuse me, Kevin, please do not assume we are a bunch of nitwits, here." The record shows that Lipson said, "I don't have to assume it, you just kind of proved it." Selectperson Hall said Lipson's email reflected a different view on what was said. Hall submitted that many people would interpret that as calling "us" nitwits, me included. The Select Board agreed to let the record stand.
- An email letter dated November 14, 2017 was received from Karol and Jack McGee, stating they were dismayed by what appeared to be an adversarial tone in response to the "petition" signed by over 300 people opposing the Aqua Ventus project, and gave their thoughts on why so many were opposing the MAV proposal. The McGee's concerns included property values decreasing due to additional electric cables, ugliness created by over-size utility poles, and possible loss of the historic look of the villages. Chairperson Bates read the letter into the record and it will be placed on file.
- A letter from Meredith Batley, Executive Director, Knox Clinic, thanking the Select Board and Budget Committee for their support and for the \$2,000 donation from the town. The Knox Clinic provides medical, dental, prescription assistance and mental health services to families in the town.

- Warrant: The warrant for the week of November 13, 2017 was reviewed and signed. The total expenses were \$442,247.26 and included one week of payroll, the November school payment, and an October payment of \$652 to Allison Meader, Esq. Curtis noted Maine Hosting Solution's submits their expense bill, annually.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- CEO Terry Brackett update: Polky said that Brackett was in Maine Medical Center due to a fall from his house roof. It is expected he will be in the hospital for several days before returning home to convalesce. Polky thought Brackett would be out of work for some time.

- Updates on Road Paving: Polky said the remainder of the paving to be done was the parking lot in front of the salt shed and a section of road on Wallston Road and Turkey Road. He said most of the shoulders on the road should be completed by the end of next week, and Howard's Head still needed to be done.

- Committee Meetings:

- Planning Board, November 14; Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and regular meeting at 7 p.m.
- Solid Waste & Recycling Committee, November 15 at 7:30 am.
- Town Office Staff meeting on November 15 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The office will be closed in order to take care of a number of business issues.
- Board of Appeals Executive Session on November 16 at 6 p.m. and Appeals Hearing at 7 p.m. Polky said there would be six appeals heard and taken up all at once.
- Budget Committee, November 16 at 6 p.m.

Polky said the town received another application today for a different appeal and would try to get that on the calendar in order to meet the deadline.

- Town office and Transfer Station will be closed November 23 and 24th for Thanksgiving and the day after. The Transfer Station will be open on November 25.
- Harbor Committee meeting on November 28 at 6 pm.
- Planning Board meeting on November 28 at 7 p.m.
- Comprehensive Plan meeting on November 30 at 6 p.m.

The Select Board discussed a request from the Town Manager and the staff that the office be closed the day after Christmas. A motion was made by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Willey, for the staff to take a personal day on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 and the town office be closed on that date. The vote was 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Shellfish Committee: Selectperson Sawyer said the committee met and they are now exploring the issue where to lease for clam conservation. They are considering the upper cove or upper bay of Thomaston owned by Georges River Land Trust. The area is currently closed to clamming and the committee felt this would be a great area to start reseeding clams. Permission would be needed from GRLT.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Select Board Policy Manual Review of pages 27-53. Chair Bates said he reviewed page 31, Section 2, the definition of the role for town manager, boards and committees again. The Select Board discussed and agreed to use the title Town Meeting Select Board Manager. The change will be further discussed at December's Select Board meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall it was voted 5-0 to approve Select Board Policy Manual pages 27-53, with the exception of page 31 under Section 2, Definition of Town Manager Plan Form of Government.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Select Board Policy Manual Review of pages 54-77.

The following updates were suggested and other were discussed:

- Page 54 – retitle page to Town Fund Investment Policy
- Page 54, under Definition, line 1, insert word town. Change to read Town of St. George to invest town funds in a manner...
- Page 60, under Introduction, line 1, delete name Andree. Change to ... the will of Franklin Trussell, who died...
- Page 60, paragraph 2, between line 10 and 12, after the word following, delete the single space line.
- Page 61, 1st paragraph, line 5, delete spaces between the words ...of the court structure...
- Page 65, under Policy, 1st paragraph, line 3 change whose to who is
- Page 65, under Development, line 5, delete words beyond one year and change to read ... short term. After annual appointments...
- Page 65, under Implementation. Lines 1 and 2, remove the wording during the month of August,
- Page 67, under Definition, paragraph 2, line 1, put a space between the word St. George
- Page 70, In the title and under bullets 2 and 3, put a period and space after the word St. George
- Page 77, under Appendix B - Revoked Policies, update last line of Posting of Town Ways – revoked July 24, 2017

Chairperson Bates said the suggested changes may be voted on at the December meeting. The Trust Fund Policy will be reviewed at a later date. Curtis will forward to the Select Board the MMA link on Trust Fund Investment Policy.

- Planning Board Member Appointment: Anne Cox, Chair of the Planning Board, submitted the name of Brandon Chase as a person who would be willing to serve on the Planning Board. Chase is a long-time resident of St. George.

- Comprehensive Planning Committee Appointment: The committee submitted the name of Penney Read, as a person willing to serve on the committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Hall it was voted 5-0 to approve the appointments of Brandon Chase as a full voting member to the Planning Board Committee and Penney Read as an alternate member to the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Chairperson Bates said at the December 4, 2017, Select Board meeting, they will approve the Policy Manual and review Road Safety issues.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Willey, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson
Select Board Recording Secretary