

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

### **St. George Town Office MEETING MINUTES**

July 8, 2019 – 7 p.m.

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Members present were: Richard Bates, Chair; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, and Tammy Willey. (Wayne Sawyer was absent.) Also present: Tim Polky, Terri-Lynn Baines, Alane Kennedy, Van Thompson, Jeff Boulet, Susan Bates, John Maltais, Alan B. Lord and Scott Lord, John Falla, and Joss Coggeshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (edited and nonverbatim) Alan B. Lord introduced himself. He said, "I have lived here for almost 40 years. We have a situation with climate in our country right now where our Federal government and our State government has given substantial rebates to people of the working class of the world who have the kind of the (unintelligible), should we say to make the investment to solar power. Now, it seems a little bizarre to me and I have to preface what I am about to say because it may seem that there be a little nepotism here because this is my son sitting beside me. I am not going to throw any punches here. He's a hard-core dude. He went through school here. He is hard-core fisherman. He carpenters. He has his 100-ton US Master's license. He is a relief mate and crewman on the tugboats that tow the cement barge to Portland to Boston. He is a member of this community. He is a member of the sailing community – the sailing club for the kids. It seems very bizarre that he does things very well. Invests over \$10,000 in solar panels. Gets a rebate from the Federal government (a tax rebate). A rebate from the state. Does it the right way. Comes to the town. Pays so much for a building permit and then the town increases the value of his property, so it costs him more money in town property tax to put them on his house. We have been a forerunner in this state as far as recycling. As far as a community who is ecologically concerned. This is not right folks. This is not right. The few bucks that are coming into the coffers with taxation on this system are making some real sour grapes. I know another young man in this town who I consider my surrogate son. He is a great kid. He was thinking about following in Scott's footsteps and (pardon my blasphemy) 'Why the hell would I do that if they are going to tax me on it for the next x-number of years?' Now if our Federal government and our State government can give abatements and incentives, we have, all of us, every one of us, we have been buying energy for years from people who want to kill us. I am sorry folks. It's cruel and it is a hard thing to say, but it is the truth, isn't it? Anybody disagree with me? Maybe. Maybe not."

Chair Bates said, "I think, Alan, your point and I think it is a very fair point, and it is the first time I have actually heard it made but it is very cogent and it makes a lot of sense to me. I don't know if other Board members have heard this said. I think what you are talking about is the way the assessment rules are set up right now. We are not incentivizing people to do what they should be doing. What many of us think, they think they should be doing."

A. Lord said, "Exactly. (unintelligible) it is the right thing to do."

Chair Bates said, "Absolutely. We are not going to fix things in the Middle East but at least we can try here. (Lord said he did not mean to go off on that.)"

A. Lord said, "We need to think forward to our grandkids and (unintelligible).

Chair Bates said, "I think what you say makes a lot of sense and Scott thank you on behalf all of us, right? For putting solar panels on your roof because you are going to help. That's good. I think what we can do as Assessors, as part of our role, is to go back and look at this. I can say this is the first time I've heard anyone say why is it we penalize people for reducing their carbon footprint? It makes a whole lot of sense that we should change that."

S. Lord said, "I have talked to two separate people who were considering doing it and then said, 'Well, this is pointless then because my payback is not going to be what it should be because now it is just on my tax bill.' I am trading apples for oranges, here. It is not saving me any money, now."

Chair Bates said, "All I can say is it is something we should look at and things move slowly. Don't expect to see the bill that you get this year, to be appreciably (lower), okay? But it does make sense. We should incentivize people to be using heat pumps. We should incentivize people to reduce their carbon footprint. Thank you for bringing it up. I think it is a really good point. So we should do that. Look at this."

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT: (edited and nonverbatim) Joss Coggeshall said, "It is really nice to see that Officer Friendly, the speed thing down in Port Clyde is already displaying speeding. Just a couple of weeks ago there was car accident there. One was totaled. The other was towed away. That is hard to do in a 35 mph or a 25 mph on a straight road. He said, 'I was late for the boat.' So, that is why that set sign really does work. We are really happy to see that. Thank you."

Selectpersons Hall, Sawyer and Elwell noted the speed sign was set up in Tenants Harbor. Chair Bates asked Mr. Polky if his policy was to move it around like he did last summer. Mr. Polky said yes, and they put the sign by Juniper Street. But, he said, he had some competition. The speed sign coming into Tenants Harbor belonged to the Knox County Sheriff's Department, so over the weekend, he hauled the town's sign to Port Clyde.

#### REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda: The following adjustments were made:

- Connect St. George Status Report was moved from Old Business to Regular Session
- Draft Cemetery Ordinance was moved from New Business to Regular Session

- Connect St. George: Jeff Boulet spoke on behalf of the Connect St. George committee. Mr. Boulet gave a status report on what the committee had been working on. He said, "For those of you who do not know, we are a group of concerned residents and we think all homes and businesses should have access to high speed, reliable internet. Currently, a large percentage of homes in St. George do not and that puts those people and businesses at a disadvantage."

Why is high speed internet important for our community? It helps school children participate in course work. Do research. Complete assignments in all subjects as well as connect and be on a level playing field with peers. Helps local businesses be successful. Encourages people to work

from home. It helps an aging in place community connect with family doctors and emergency services.

With the Select Board's help, these are some of the things we have done recently. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we had a community discussion which was co-hosted by the Select Board and Rep. Ann Matlack. The key takeaway of that community meeting is many of the residents in attendance have high speed internet, but we are interested in seeing what we were doing to help those residents who don't have high speed internet. So, there is a general interest in the community which we thought was great. We heard one good example. The cost of hiring Spectrum to install service on private roads is expensive. In one case, the price has doubled in over a year. It went from \$35,000 last year to around \$70,000. We saw people from the community who we had never spoken with before about their poor internet service. For us, this means that outreach is effective.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, we had another community conversation with Spectrum and that was also co-hosted by Rep. Ann Matlack and the Select Board. The key takeaways from that (meeting): Spectrum confirmed that a large percentage of our population does not have access to high speed internet. They seemed open to working with us to fill some of the gaps in service, but I think a lot of the responsibility falls on us as a community to figure out who doesn't have service. The meeting overall came up positive and at the very least we have a good contact at Spectrum who we can hopefully get answers from in the future.

Our next steps. First as a committee, we need to meet and digest some of what we learned at these committee meetings. The general consensus so far is that we need to perform an audit to fully understand exactly which homes do and do not have high speed internet. We expect that will be a pretty big project for us to undertake. Second, Jerry Hall's involvement has been invaluable to our group. He has been generous with his time. He has attended meetings, taken phone calls, has been involved in all of our correspondence, and we would like to invite Jerry to continue his involvement as a Select Board representative. Are there any questions for us? For me?"

Chair Bates said, "First of all. Thank you to the Connect St. George group because you are the expertise in the town, right now on this subject. Jeff, you know a few years ago, we looked at some of this and I think what you learned already has far eclipsed where we got to, so I think this is great, and I am thrilled that you've had these meetings with the community and with Spectrum. You are rapidly accumulating knowledge and this audit makes all the sense. That's a great plan. Jerry is still nodding, so I assume that Jerry's agreeable to what you were saying. As for going forward, the audit is the first step and I do not know how the board feels about this, and let's talk about this, but our goal should be to have the cables or the fibers or whatever the medium is, going past every house in town. It's not that it will be cabled into their basement because that's an individual cost that the homeowner is going to have to pay but it seems to me that is something that we should have. Just like the water company going past everyone in the villages. That seems to be the goal we should all be working for. The sooner, the better. The way the technology is going, it's not like 5G is going to sweep in and solve that problem. It may in the cities but it is unlikely ever to do that (here). Sooner or later we are going to need this and in fact it gives us competitive advantage to neighboring towns and other parts of the state, if we have a

properly cabled town where everyone can have these services. Thank you for this group and we should encourage them and do all that we can to have you press on. What does the board feel about this?"

Select Board members felt the committee was doing a great job. Chair Bates asked hypothetically, should the town have a bond issue in May of 2020, what was the most aggressive thing they could be thinking to do?

Mr. Boulet said to Chair Bates that this issue was very important and there were two different ways to go about it. Go very slowly; go very methodically. Or, have some consensus within the town about doing something a little more aggressive. Chair Bates also noted there were intermediate steps. He said there could be a five-year plan which would say that by the end of the five years, cable would pass every house in town on all private and public roads. He said there were factors such as the state. If the state had all the bond issues come up in November 2019, then Connect ME should have a lot more money to assign to the underserved rural areas.

Mr. Boulet said St. George was like a last mile gap issue. Chair Bates said it was possible if the bond appeared in November and it is voted on by the State, there could be more money for exploratory studies. Mr. Boulet said there was money available through the Island Institute where they would match, for instance, \$10,000 for some type of planning or assessment. Chair Bates said the town had not appropriated any money for this project for the coming year; but there were generous people in town, there was the Island Institute, and maybe sufficient funds could be raised.

Selectperson Hall thought the committee now needed to meet as a group to discuss the results of the two meetings. Mr. Hall said having an audit seemed like a clear, obvious next step. He said then there had been some discussion about what the next steps were beyond the audit. How do you make it go faster? Mr. Hall thought there was an understanding to move this quickly, if possible, but people who have been involved with these projects (the Island Institute meeting that Jeff Boulet and he attended) cautioned this was a marathon. This was something very difficult to accomplish quickly, there needed to be buy in from the community, funding would need to be in place and information gathered.

Selectperson Hall thought once the committee had met as a group and considered what would come after the audit - does the committee get help to do that, and how much would that cost and those kinds of things - then there would be additional recommendations. Mr. Hall said but having everyone in town access to a connection, he thought, was a good goal.

Members of the Select Board endorsed a general statement to the Connect St. George group as follows: The Select Board appreciates what Connect St. George is doing and recognizes the value of this for the future of the town, as one of the many important things that makes this the town it is. We need to have this.

Mr. Boulet asked Selectperson Hall if he would continue on the Connect St. George Committee and Mr. Hall said yes, he would.

- Minutes: The minutes of June 24, 2019 were amended as follows:

Page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, line 3, period after the word contract and delete remainder of sentence.

Page 6, under SW&RC, paragraph 3, line 1, change to read: ...at the **current** rate or close to **that** rate, it...

Page 6, paragraph 6, line 1, change to single **use** plastic bags

Page 7 corrections, under Connect St. George:

line 2, correct to: The **committee** and Kendra Jo Grindle

line 6, change to read: ...does not look for such areas themselves...

line 7, change to read: ...to take a look **and do a survey**.

Paragraph 2, line 1, change to read: ...Spectrum said **a** big part of the cost increase to extend the lines was **the cost to buy the rights and make these poles ready to receive their lines. Their cost** was now a little over \$50,000 a mile (previously \$35,000 a mile), so their cost of extending service had increased drastically.

Paragraph 4, line 1, change to read: ...another surprising takeaway **for him** from the meeting...

Page 9, under Notes from Boards, Paragraph 3, line 2, change to read: so in the **on** months,...

Page 10, under Draft Sign Ordinance, paragraph 2, line 3, change to read: .....draft ordinance, **and he** liked this draft, ...

Page 11, last paragraph, correct time to **8:52** p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, it was voted 4-0 (Sawyer abstained) to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019, as corrected.

- Communications: The following communications were received.

- A thank you letter from Brooke Post thanking the town for receiving the Wilson Scholarship. Her note stated she was greatly honored and the scholarship was greatly appreciated.
- A letter from the Meredith Batley, Executive Director of the Knox Clinic, inviting the Select Board to their 20<sup>th</sup> annual celebration on Saturday, July 20 at 4 p.m. in Rockland.

- Warrant: The warrant for the week of July 8, 2019 was reviewed and signed. The total expenses were \$143,911.29 and included a payment to Hoppe's Tree Service of \$6,890, Cayouette Flooring, Inc. of \$7,000, and Maine Municipal Insurance of \$13,959.00.

Ms. Baines responded to Chair Bates written questions regarding expenses paid. The tree work was done on Church Street, Kinney Woods Road and Lighthouse Road. The expense to Hedgerow was for flowers for the Seaside Cemetery which was reimbursed by the Rawley Ernest Cemetery Trust.

Mr. Falla explained that the George Rawley Trust (Bank of America is the trustee) requires that each year flowers be placed on several graves at Seaside Cemetery. Before the town took over the responsibilities of the Seaside Cemetery, the Seaside Cemetery Association was responsible for the flowers and the town got reimbursed from the Rawley Trust.

The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens expense was for the Senior Citizen's field trip.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- New Fiscal Year: Mr. Polky said the new fiscal year started on July 1, 2019, and they had experienced problems with TRIO. Ms. Baines said the backup went fine and the new year started fine, but the Accounts Payable update that TRIO did at the end of the year was not going so well and had led to difficulties. She said Harris Computer Systems was working on the issues. Mr. Polky apologized for not getting the Select Board minutes out sooner as the office experienced issues with TRIO, and there was a staff shortage around the 4th of July holiday.

- Fence at Marshall Point: Mr. Polky reported the fence at Marshall Point Lighthouse had blown down in a storm two years ago. He recently had Tom Fence down to look at the fence. Mr. Polky said the bill for the fence would be approximately \$4,000.00. (Half of the cost had been received through a FEMA grant.) Mr. Polky said he also had them look at the rest of the fence because some parts needed to come out or be replaced. He felt Tom Fence would properly install it so the town should not have to worry about the fence blowing over for a while.

Selectperson Elwell asked if fixing the other part of the fence was the responsibility of the Lighthouse Committee. Mr. Polky said the town owns the Lighthouse and maintains the grounds. The committee is responsible for the building and the maintenance of the building. Mr. Polky said FEMA would not pay any funds if there was a third party involved and was told if the town filed a claim with the insurance company, they probably would not be eligible for FEMA funds.

Mr. Polky said he thought the Dalrymples would continue to help some with the fence and that Hoppe Tree Service took the trees down.

- Waste Management Contract: Mr. Polky said he received the new contract with Waste Management. He stated, "As per our contract, waste management rates went up 3.5% because that was the COLA. We are at \$59.70 a ton. This is still less than what we were paying five (5) years ago."

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Harbor Committee: Selectperson Elwell said the Harbor Committee will meet on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Cemetery Committee – The following is a summary of Selectperson Hall's email to the Select Board: The Cemetery Committee recently reviewed and agreed to support a draft cemetery ordinance prepared by John Falla for cemeteries owned by the Town.

As a next step, we'd like to submit it to an attorney for legal review, so would like to have this subject placed on the agenda of the July 8th Select Board meeting to see if the Select Board will approve this action.

The draft is based on the guidelines that the Committee prepared for all cemeteries in Town, so one item of importance is for the attorney to agree that it is clear that this ordinance applies only to cemeteries owned by the Town. There has also been discussion of keeping the ordinance fairly general and dealing with specifics in a new Select Board Policy. If the attorney has concerns on the Committee's approach as it relates to this point, that would also be helpful to understand.

John Falla will also attend the meeting on July 8th to answer any questions the Board might have.

Connect St. George: Selectperson Hall noted the Committee provided an update earlier in the meeting.

- Planning Board: Chair Bates reported the Planning Board met on June 25, 2019 at 7 p.m.

- The building permit application to stabilize the shoreland at 127 Hawthorn Point Road with rip rap was voted complete and, meeting the stabilization standards of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance and being already approved by the DEP and Army Corps, was approved.
- The building permit application for a structure on Caldwell Island to improve the drainage and rebuild part of the structure was voted complete and meeting the non-conforming structure standards of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, was approved.
- The building permit application at 23 Cottage Road to replace the foundation was voted complete and meeting the non-conforming structure standards (12C2) of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, was approved.
- The application at 16 Main Street (Tenants Harbor General Store), to add two air conditioners next to the existing unit was assessed for its compliance with the performance standards of the Site Plan Review ordinance and, satisfying these, it was approved.
- An onsite visit was scheduled for Monday July 15 at 5:00pm to view a building permit application for a pile supported pier, ramp, and float at Teel Island.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 38 Main Street Proposals and Discussions with the Historical Society: John Falla represented the Historical Society trustees. The trustees met Tuesday, July 2 and the 38 Main Street property was one of their agenda items. He said the trustees voted to pursue a lease agreement with the town for 38 Main Street (the old library property) similar to the same lease agreement that the town has with the Historical Society for Marshall Point and for the Schoolhouse. The trustees will meet on July 11 at 10 a.m. to work out the details. Mr. Falla told the trustees that it was his understanding this item would be back on the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Select Board agenda. He said they are hoping to come back to the Select Board then with a written proposal, with the plan, i.e., how they will pay for it, how they will carry out the plan.

Chair Bates said he liked the similarities with the lease the town has with the Lighthouse in as much as it is the entirety of the property (on 38 Main Street) would be the responsibility of the Historical Society. Mr. Falla said if he understood the Marshall Point Lighthouse agreement, the town is responsible for the grounds and the town pays for the plowing and the mowing. He said he discussed with the trustees that one of the first things they would have to do was to replace the

roof. Mr. Falla noted they also discussed initial maintenance issues for the building, what the annual operating expenses might be, and how would they fund it.

Selectperson Hall asked if the septic tank issues would be the responsibility of the leasee. Mr. Polky and Falla said yes. Chair Bates thought the Historical Society would be responsible if the septic system failed. Mr. Polky told Falla what he had told others about the septic system, "It does not seem to be malfunctioning but they pump it once in a while." Mr. Falla thought they would continue the process of at least pumping the tank annually.

Chair Bates thought the idea for 38 Main Street was to try to reduce the town's obligations to noncritical functions and did not think the town should be in the business of renting commercial building space. He felt it was important if the town were to end up going that route, that it was clear the roof would be responsibility of the Historical Society. Mr. Falla said he presumed the Select Board would want to have this discussion in an open meeting. He said the trustees planned to come to the Select Board meeting on July 22, give the Select Board a proposal, and work out the details.

Mr. Polky thought it would be a good idea to take it to the public after the trustees had hammered out the details. Chair Bates said he talked with Maury Klapfish on Friday, and Mr. Klapfish proposed coming in to talk with he and Mr. Polky later in the week. Chair Bates said the lease agreement with Anne Klapfish reverted to her heirs and he thought they should wait to see what Mr. Klapfish planned to do, because he could continue to operate the store until March 2021.

Mr. Falla noted if the lease was extended to March 2021, the Historical Society was not in a desperate situation where they needed to be in there at the end of the month.

Selectperson Hall said should Mr. Klapfish continue to operate through the lease, it would give the Historical Society more time to prepare a financial approach and that might not necessarily be a bad thing if they were interested in going that way.

- Approve Ancho Honey: Ms. Baines said she had no further information on the on this request for a victualer's license. Town clerk, Patricia Sinclair, tried to reach Malcom Bedell but was unable to leave a message on his voice mail, and he has not called the office to check on the status of his application. Chair Bates noted that Mr. Bedell's application is on the Planning Board's, July 9th agenda. The Select Board was unable to sign the victualer's license for lack of information.

- Approve Signing the HGACBuy Contract: The Select Board reviewed the HGACBuy contract. Chair Bates said the value of paying the fee and having a contract is the town becomes part of the cooperative buying group. Mr. Polky said he learned of this cooperative when talking with the owner of Lakes Region Fire Equipment, and he has since learned that there are about 30 towns in the State of Maine who are members of this group.

Ms. Willey asked about the length of the membership. Mr. Polky said the contract was for a year and it got automatically renewed unless HGAC was notified in writing to cancel the membership.

A motion was made by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, for the Town of St. George to join the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Buy Cooperative, providing the membership fee is not more than \$200 a year and to allow the Town Manager to sign the Interlocal H-GAC Cooperative contract. The vote was 5-0. The motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Draft Cemetery Ordinance: Mr. Falla gave a follow-up regarding the Draft Cemetery Ordinance for the Town of St. George. He said he had not spoken to the committee yet but did forward the draft to them, the Select Board, and the Town Manager. He said he did have a chance to speak to the committee last week about the ordinance.

Mr. Falla said the Town Manager posed a question to him, "If you have guidelines and the ordinance says what the guidelines are, do you really need an ordinance?" Mr. Falla said one of the things they discussed in the committee was, here's the draft ordinance. Give it to the Board to send off for a legal review, and Mr. Falla thought that was a question that should be posed to the town's legal as, "This is a draft ordinance. These are our guidelines that we have approved. Do we need to have an ordinance?"

Mr. Falla followed up on that statement. This was something he and Polky had talked about. The difference between guidelines, ordinances, etc. Mr. Falla said, "In the land use, there used to be land use guidelines. They were able to be adopted at the town level by either the Planning Board or the Select Board. So guidelines can be amended, etc., at that point. If you take it as an ordinance, it has to go to the voters. Once it goes to that level of the voters, it can never be returned to guidelines." Mr. Polky said unless there is a vote of the people to allow the modification of an ordinance.

Mr. Falla said, "As far as comments to the Board, in sending this for a legal review, raise the question to the attorney is, do we need to have an ordinance? What are the pros and cons (of an ordinance and guidelines)? Do they have the same weight? Is one better than the other?"

Selectperson Hall said there are two issues. "I couldn't argue with this ordinance because it so closely reflected the guidelines and I am supportive of the guidelines. I was concerned that it was too specific and went into too much detail but my view was let the attorneys, Select Board and Town Management be the judge of that.

The other issue is that if it is an ordinance or if it is a guideline or a Select Board policy, it should be clear that it applies specifically to the cemetery or cemeteries owned by the town, I think. We had produced the guidelines as a suggestion for all cemeteries which we (the committee) understood would be the mandate for Seaside but would be suggestions for the other cemeteries in town. So how do we make this clear that the specifics of the ordinance applied to Seaside and other cemeteries that may be owned by the town? But these are not mandates for the other cemeteries."

Mr. Falla said following along Hall's statement, "If you have guidelines and then you have the ordinance, the ordinance can't apply to all the cemeteries. It can only apply to the town owned cemeteries. Then you would have a Select Board policy addressing the administration of each

town owned cemetery. So, is the ordinance a middle piece that is not necessary? If you have general guidelines that are not binding, the guidelines then guide the policy that the Board has for the specific cemeteries."

Selectperson Hall thought they should not hurry in doing an ordinance because he was concerned it was too detailed and once it was an ordinance, it would be hard to change.

Mr. Polky said if this ordinance dealt with all the cemeteries, he would say yes, go with an ordinance. But, it did not; it just dealt with Seaside. Mr. Polky said, "So we are going to introduce a cumbersome piece of legislation just for Seaside Cemetery which we can make rules, anyway. The ordinance can affect all the cemeteries. It very well can. (For instance) The town could up come up an ordinance that all gravestones be black from now on. I don't think it would pass, but if it passed at the town meeting, that would be the ordinance. So, it can affect all of them, but I don't think the cemeteries want that. So, do we need an ordinance for Seaside Cemetery?"

Selectperson Hall said, "My feeling is no, I don't think we do." Mr. Falla thought it would be good to have the town manager talk with an attorney - present the situation and discuss some of the issues: guidelines, ordinance, policy. Mr. Falla did not think there would be any hard feelings if an ordinance was not done and Selectperson Hall thought the guidelines were the hard work.

Members of the Select Board discussed having Mr. Polky contact an attorney to discuss the need for a Cemetery Ordinance. The Board discussed the pros of contacting a local attorney. Mr. Polky said if a member of the cemetery committee talked to a local attorney such as James Brannan, they might get a quicker answer than contacting the town attorney.

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, it was voted 5-0 to approve the expenditure of funds to allow a member of the Cemetery Committee and a representative chosen by the committee to consult a local attorney for legal review and discussion of the Cemetery Ordinance for the Town of St. George.

- Board of Appeals: Selectperson Willey noted that Fred Carey said he would continue as a volunteer on the Board of Appeals.

- Sign Administrative Appointments: Ms. Baines presented the Select Board with Certificates of Appointments for Board and Committee Appointments, Title 30, M.R.S.A 2253, for signing. These appointments had been approved at the June 24, 2019 Select Board meeting.

- Approve 2019 Knox County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Chair Bates referred to page 11 of the plan and noted the plan had changed very little since 2012, but the priorities for St. George were severe summer storms and severe winter storms. Mr. Polky reported that Knox County had received more grants through FEMA than any other county in the State of Maine.

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Sawyer, it was voted 5-0 to approve the 2019 Knox County Hazard Mitigation Plan and all Select Board members signed the Plan.

Selectperson Elwell reported he would not be able to attend the July 22, 2019 Select Board meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

At 8:35 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson  
Select Board Recording Secretary