

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Memorial Town Hall**  
**Third Floor Meeting Room**  
**10/10/06**  
**6:00 PM**

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**Selectmen Present:** Richard Clough, Chairman; Lonnie Brennan, Clerk; Matthew Vincent

**Others Present:** Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:**

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Clough opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

Mr. Clough stated that the board would look at the presented articles for the STM Warrant tonight.

Mr. Delaney read the articles presented to the office:

**ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2006 operating budget**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY07 budget, and, as necessary, to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2: Fire Truck**

(Possible acquisition of ladder truck. Financing plan to be determined)

**ARTICLE 3: Citizen Petition School Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Fiscal Year 2007 Georgetown School Department Budget appropriation, as voted under Article 3 of the May 1, 2006, Annual Town Meeting and as increased \$77,402.00 by vote under Article 2 of the July, 17, 2006 Special Town Meeting, by the sum of up to \$77,402.00, or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 4: Adoption of MGL 39, Section 23D**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt MGL chapter 39, Section 23D (Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2006)

Section 23D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section.

**ARTICLE 5: Increase Spending Cap/Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison**

To see if the Town will vote to continue a Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by program fees, facility use charges and outside vendor charges to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the support of the land and facilities including, but not limited to utilities, seasonal staff, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies. The Conservation Commission may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$ 7,000.00 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: Planning Board, Street Acceptance: Forest Street**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Forest Street as a town way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on layout plans on file with the Town Clerk: and to see if the Town will further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said roadways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, and all associated easements; or act or transact anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: Planning Board, Street Acceptance: Acorn Way**

To see if the town will vote to accept Acorn Way as a town way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on layout plans on file with the Town Clerk: and to see if the Town will further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said roadways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, and all associated easements; or act or transact anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 8: Highway, Chapter 90**

(Adjust authorized spending limit)

**ARTICLE 9: Highway, Vehicle**

(Possible acquisition of Highway vehicle. Financing plan to be determined)

**ARTICLE 10: Taking Pride in Georgetown-Multi-Use Facility**

(Request for \$40,000)

**ARTICLE 11: Citizen Petition, National Ave re-zoning**

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Map of Georgetown by rezoning portions of three parcels of land situated off National Avenue to Industrial B by extending the Industrial B zone line for that portion of the parcels presently zoned Residential B from the present Industrial B zone line to the Georgetown/Rowley town boundary line, Said parcels of land are identified as "Remaining Land of Parcels Map 14 Lot 7, Map 14 Lot 8 and Map 14, Lot 6A" as shown on plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN" dated August 23, 2006 and prepared by MHF Design Consultants, Inc., Salem, New Hampshire, a copy of said plan being on file in the office of the Planning Board and in the office of the Town Clerk and are the three parcels are identified on the Town of Georgetown's Assessor's records as Map 14 Lot 6A, Map 14 Lot 7, and Map 14 Lot 8; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Discussion on where funds for Article 10 Taking Pride in Georgetown would come from. Mr. Delaney stated that there is no funding source identified in the article or request.

Mr. Vincent asked about free cash funds. Mr. Delaney stated that he does not have numbers yet. He asked when they would have the final wording. Mr. Delaney stated that he plans to have a draft for the FinCom meeting next week.

Mr. Vincent stated that they should have the Fire Department at the FinCom and CIP meeting next Wednesday. He stated that they may want to discuss new vs. a used fire truck.

Mr. Clough stated that they have to accept the citizen petition articles. Discussion on the order of the articles. Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to get as much information to the public on the articles as soon as possible. He stated that getting this information out may alleviate some questions at Town Meeting. Mr. Delaney stated at a STM there is more time to present the information.

**Mr. Brennan moved to approve the STM Warrant for November 13, 2006 as presented with the order of Articles to be determined. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Brennan moved to close the STM Warrant for November 13, 2006. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Brennan stated that they could check with the moderator on the order of articles. He stated that she may want to group together articles that will be using power point presentations.

Mr. Vincent asked who would talk to Heather Hartford regarding the funding for Article 10. Mr. Delaney stated that he would talk with Ms. Hartford.

**Mr. Brennan moved to adjourn. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved October 16, 2006.