

Emergency Meeting Minutes

**Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Board of Selectmen Meeting
October 28, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Emergency Management Center
Georgetown Public Safety Building**

**Members Present: David Surface, Stuart Egenberg, Phil Trapani, Steve Smith
Members Absent: Gary Fowler
Others Present: Mike Farrell, Chief James Mulligan, Town Moderator Beverly Enos, Town Counsel Thomas McEnaney, Town Clerk Janice McGrane, Admin. Asst. Janet Pantano.**

Mr. Surface called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Surface, based on advice from Town Counsel, suggested the BOS should vote to cancel the STM on Monday, October 29th, and repost it for November 13th.

Ms. Enos feels the correct procedure is to call the meeting to order at the posted time, and assuming a lack of quorum, entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting to a future date, place, and time certain. By doing so you avoid the necessity of reposting the STM with another 14 days notification period.

The concern in waiting to Monday night is if a quorum is present the meeting will have to proceed and many citizens will be deprived of having a say on the items in the warrant.

Atty McEnaney joined the meeting via telephone. He stated, in his opinion, that he could not find anywhere in the statutes where, once posted, the Selectmen have the authority to cancel a Town Meeting. The only option is to have three people, the Moderator, Town Clerk, and a Selectman, attend the meeting; the Moderator declare a lack of a quorum; entertain a motion to postpone the meeting to a date, place, and time certain.

A brief discussion on utilizing Ch 39 Sec.10 in the event a quorum was present was held. The Moderator could postpone a meeting under that law if necessary.

The general consensus of the BOS was to follow Legal Counsel's advice by having the Moderator, Clerk, and BOS member meet Monday at 7:00 and motion to postpone the STM until Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m.

A very brief discussion of Halloween Trick or Treat hours was held, with no action taken.

Motion to adjourn by Sel Trapani; seconded by Sel Egenberg, voted 4 aye, 0 nay.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38
Minutes submitted by Mike Farrell.