

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Georgetown Middle/High School**  
**Cooking Class Room**  
**7/17/06**  
**6:00 PM**

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**Selectmen Present:** Lonnie Brennan, Clerk; Matthew Vincent

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

**Absent:** Richard Clough, Chairman

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Brennan opened the meeting at 6:14PM.

Mr. Delaney stated that he talked with Deborah Eliason regarding Mr. Epstein's issue with the wording of Article 2. He stated that there is no issue and Mr. Epstein's position is without merit. He stated that Ms. Eliason had talked with the Department of Revenue and that they would like to have the word Chapter 70 in the article.

Mr. Brennan gave a quick update on the FinCom meeting held July 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there were two police officers present and that this set the tone of the meeting. He stated that Mr. Tardiff was reappointed as Chairman.

Mr. Vincent stated that he has had a request from Bob Dillon to be appointed to the Library Building Committee. Mr. Brennan stated that he has talked to Nancy Aberman and she is in favor of the appointment.

**Mr. Vincent moved to appoint *Bob Dillon to the Library Building Committee* term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Vincent stated that there has been a request to appoint Peter Dion to the Government Study Committee. Mr. Brennan recommended appointment of Peter Sarno to the Government Study Committee.

**Mr. Vincent moved to appoint *Peter Dion and Peter Sarno to the Government Study Committee* term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Beverly Enos and Deborah Eliason entered the meeting.

Ms. Enos asked if the Selectmen would be reading the motions for the two articles. Mr. Vincent would read Article 1 and Mr. Brennan would read Article 2.

Mr. Brennan stated that he had four issues that he would like to discuss.

1. Training Sessions-He stated that he would like to see training for board members on running a meeting, etc. Mr. Delaney stated that he has talked to Kopelman & Paige and they have sent him some information and he will set up some training times. Mr. Brennan stated that training on the process of Town Meeting would also be helpful for departments. Ms. Enos stated that she would be able to do a training on the process of Town Meeting.
2. Trees-Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to see a bylaw on tree cutting. He stated that we have had two incidents recently and he has received numerous phone calls on the issue. He stated that he would like to see a 30-day demolition delay on a tree with diameter of 8 1/2 inches posted with at 8 x 11 brightly colored paper tacked onto the tree before demolition stating when to be removed and why and for more information to contact the BoS or Tree Warden. Mr. Delaney stated that there may be a State Statute on tree cutting. Ms. Eliason stated that there is a State Statute and that she could provide information to the board so that they so not conflict with the State Law.
3. Library-Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to see a session set up for the neighbors of the Library and the Library Building Committee. He stated that the neighbors want to know what is going on. Mr. Delaney stated that a meeting could be set up for the beginning of August.
4. FinCom-Mr. Brennan stated that the FinCom does not have line item control over the school budget but they are an advisory board. He stated that they could ask them to review the School Budget and make recommendations on cost saving measures and performance issues. Mr. Vincent stated that the FinCom does not advise the Schools but they should request them to. He stated that they could ask the FinCom to form a subcommittee to work with the School Committee on performance and line item expenses. He stated that they can justify why and where funds are spent. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to see all departments show the minimum they need and the level of performance they need to work.

**Mr. Brennan moved that the Finance & Advisory Committee be requested to undertake an analysis of the School Department Budget. Further, that as a result of such analysis the Finance and Advisory Committee offer advice for any financial improvements, cost savings or other financial management issues, as may be appropriate. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.  
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