

**Town of Islesboro
Sea Level Rise Committee (SLRC)
July 23, 2024**

Minutes

Members: Shey Conover, Nancy Alexander, Lauren Bruce, Peter Willcox, Peter Rothschild, Chloe Joule, Donna Leone, Sue Stafford, Jennifer West, Fred Porter (Zoom)

By Zoom: Paul Mickey, Terry Cowan

Quorum: Met

Minutes of July 12, 2024 approved.

Shore Up Grant, Island Institute:

- \$10,000 awarded to pay for the Narrows video and outreach.
- Some dollars may be open for use for a consultant. Island Institute has asked for clarification by August 1 on use of funds. Approximately \$6,700 remains for hiring a consultant. Shey will submit letter to the Island Institute.

Questions on tracking of costs for the present grants.

- Need to understand what has already been spent on Shore Up before Liv departs • Quarterly reports are needed for the present grants. Brian Bohannon, Town Finance Director, is tracking expenses and provides reports.
- Should we look to use money for further grant writing?
 - Suggestion that grant writer should also be grant manager.
 - Request Shri submit a proposal for this work if she is interested.

Motion by Shey: Request Shri Verrill provide the committee with a proposal for Sunrise Ecologic to provide grant writer/manager/grant finder resources and use funding remaining from Shore Up Grant and other sources. Seconded by Donna. Unanimous approval

Liv Lenfestey, SLRC Island Fellow

- Liv's 2-year term ends on August 30th.
- She is working on her transition, completing a portfolio for the Island Institute. • Need to confirm that the SLRC has access to all files, google docs, etc. • It is possible she will be available to work on additional grants with Shri to continue to support Islesboro

University Project

- Lauren Ross has been collecting data on salinity and temperature at several locations on the island.

- Unfortunately, the reference point keeps changing due to monitor movement.
- SLRC does not have any of the data. Nancy is going with Lauren to collect data from the Town dock and a residents pier. Meeting currently set for August 20th.

Going away party for Liv, August 27th at 5:00 pm at ICC (to be confirmed).

GZA Change Order request for \$15,000 to get to 30% design.

- Rationale provided in their letter (attached).
- Town has funds in the Resilience Capital Account

Motion by Peter to approve the paying of the GZA Change Order. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Additional comments

- Note: 60% design is required for permitting with the Agencies.
- Discussed requesting GZA to look at alternatives to reef balls or types of concrete used for construction.

Motion to adjourn, unanimous.

Respectively Submitted,

Jennifer West