

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Town Office Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

6PM

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Meeting ID: 963 7429 5063
 Passcode: 942416

Amended 9/26/23

1.	Call to Order:	Establish Quorum:
2.	Accept Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.	
3.	Visitor's Comments/ Petitions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ferry Service Update</i> • <i>Sea Level Rise Update</i> • Update on Municipal Building Project
4.	Upcoming Meetings and Subcommittee Reports: Planning Board: October 16	
5.	Town Manager Report:	6. Correspondence:
6.	<u>Old Business:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss Lincolnville Parking. 2. Revised Transfer Station Demolition Debris & Metal Fees Schedule. 3. Transfer Station Jersey Barriers. 4. 	
7.	<u>New Business:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request from Richard and Karen Cilley, d/b/a SandCastle for Permission to Leave the Grill at Grindle Point Year-Round; and for a Three-Year Lease. 2. 	
8.	<u>Other Business:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 	
9.	Approve Warrant: FY24 #7	
10.	Appointments:	
11.	Chair Comments:	Individual Selectmen's Comments:
12.		
13.	Adjourn	

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MEMBERS:

CHAIR Shey Conover 2026	Lauren Bruce 2025	Philip Seymour 2025	Melissa Burns 2026	Peter Anderson 2024
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DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Vice Chair Lauren Bruce, Phil Seymour, Melissa Burns, and Peter Anderson

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Murt Durkee, John King

Via Zoom: Dick DeGrasse, Maggy Willcox, Peter Willcox, Jennifer West, Elizabeth Hayden

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of August 30, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to take the Ferry Service Update and Winter Ferry Schedule discussion together. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE/WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE

Schedule: John King reported that Bill Geary, the new executive director, has been in touch with John about possible changes to the ferry schedule. Last year, John attempted to have then executive director Mark Higgins move the usual date of the change from October to November. Instead, Mark decided to keep 9 trips/day for the entire year. This year, Bill Geary is thinking of going back to 7 trips/day. M. Burns sent John a copy of the letter that Kate Legere had written stating the school prefers to have the full schedule through the winter. John referred to the traffic report from July 2022 – July 2023. The traffic drops off in November; the lowest is in February. They are asking for input. John recommends that if it is reduced, to wait until mid- late-November. Discussion about schedule options and balancing the needs of the crew with service for the island. The crew is out in inclement weather and there's less time to warm up. More truck traffic may be an issue. Possible compromise: 8 runs/day, with the morning run being removed. Another compromise might be to shorten the length of time for the change (November – March). M. Burns pointed out that one of the school requests is to keep the full schedule M-F.

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Fares: No update. Other islands are in favor of putting the majority of the increase on the peak season. They are also in favor of a resident rate. Off-peak is end of September.

S. Conover stated that MDOT will be here at the end of the month to discuss Lincolnville parking options. John King had no additional information on that. We were asked to send a letter in support of a \$17.5 million federal grant to improve parking on both sides, mostly to get the electric charging infrastructure in place for the new boat. John has spoken with Bill Pulver at the MDOT to put a Park & Ride nearby. There is a DOT lot about 10 minutes north of Lincolnville that could make a good Park & Ride. Currently the closest one is in Waldoboro. John will ask **Bill Geary** about the Lincolnville parking meetings and copy Bill Pulver. We would like to **provide** input.

For next agenda: Discuss Lincolnville parking at the September 27th Select Board meeting.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover had no update.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce had no update. Meeting next week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Planning Board:** September 25th – 5pm
- **Planning Board LD 2003 Subcommittee workshop:** September 19th

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- **Packet included** Agenda for 9/13/23 and Minutes of 8/30/23 Regular Meeting.
- **Correspondence:**
 - **Email from Dave Kinney**, Lincolnville Administrator: Heads-up about Hurricane Lee preparations in Lincolnville and a presentation by MDOT Project Manager Mackenzie Kersbergen for the new ferry and terminal upgrades.
 - **Email from Ken Smith** announcing Brothers in Arms beginning museum wall repairs.
 - **Email from Aurele Gorneau** regarding Lincolnville parking lot study. Planning on visiting the site 9/28/23
- Bar Harbor Capital Reserve report 8/31/23
- Minutes of the 8/24/23 Lighthouse Restoration Committee meeting
- Handout from Dick DeGrasse regarding Maine Power Options
- Warrant #6
- Manager Report
 - Town F350 truck is still at the garage in Rockland being worked on.

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- Gartley & Dorsky's 8/30/23 East Shore Drive Shoreline Stabilization plan. They've forwarded it on to three contractors and we've heard back from one. Their plan is to take care of the 155' area adjacent to the road washout. Also getting the quote to do the second phase of riprap (100'). Less expensive to do all at once.
- Fred will hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss Hurricane Lee preparations.
- M. Burns asked if we can request Lincolnville not charge for parking during the hurricane. J. Anderson will email John.
- P. Anderson thanked J. Anderson for looking into the road paint question.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussed in Town Manager's report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Maine Power Options – Dick DeGrasse
 - This topic was **postponed** by the Energy Committee. It's on the agenda for the Energy Committee meeting next month.
 - S. Conover suggests **tabling this for after the next Energy Committee meeting, and discuss on October 11th.**
 - D. DeGrasse recommends we can contract with Maine Power Options for the new ferry charging.
 - S. Conover stated that going through the right process is very important, after the Energy Committee has had a chance to go through it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Winter Ferry Schedule – discussed in Ferry Service Update
2. None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANTS: FY24 #6

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY24 #6. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

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CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: Everyone stay safe. Help our emergency responders stay safe.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce: Thanks in advance to any of the people who remove trees, and help people get food, etc.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

P. Anderson: The school will be an emergency shelter.

M. Burns: She and Kate Legere will be at the emergency preparedness meeting tomorrow. The Sporting Club and the ICC will be warming stations. Home game Saturday will probably be cancelled.

P. Seymour: Everybody be safe. Let's hope it just blows by us.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by M. Burns, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:48 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Reed
Secretary

TOWN OF ISLESBORO

DEMOLITION DEBRIS, METALS FEES

LENGTH	WIDTH	DEPTH	VOLUME cubic yards	COST 11/18	NEW PRICES 9/25/2023
6	4	1	0.889	\$10.00	\$20.00
8	4	1	1.18	\$15.00	\$30.00
6	4	2	1.78	\$20.00	\$40.00
10	6	1	2.22	\$25.00	\$50.00
8	4	2	2.37	\$30.00	\$60.00
8	4	3	3.56	\$35.00	\$70.00
10	6	2	4.44	\$40.00	\$100.00
8	4	4	4.74	\$60.00	\$125.00
6	4	6	5.33	\$65.00	\$160.00
8	4	5	5.93	\$75.00	\$75.00
10	6	3	6.66	\$95.00	\$200.00
8	4	6	7.11	\$97.00	\$225.00
			Per contractor bag: \$5.00 New: \$10.00	Shingles per square: \$20.00 New \$40.00	

Demo fees

Delivered 8/29/23

OLD



Town of Islesboro *Maine*

Transfer Station Phone: 734-6811

POSTED: AUGUST 30



**UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE!!!**
DUE TO LOGISTICAL ISSUES
WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING
RETURNABLE CANS AND
BOTTLES AT THIS TIME



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FOR YOUR SAFETY**
Please do not move any of the barriers.

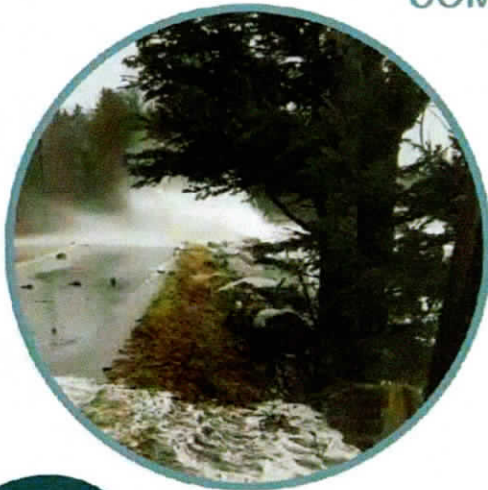
SECURITY CAMERAS ARE UP AND RUNNING

We see you!



THE FUTURE OF FLOODING AT THE NARROWS

AN UPDATE FROM THE SLRC AND OPEN
COMMUNITY Q&A



Please join the
Islesboro Sea Level
Rise Committee on
Saturday September
30th at 10am at APL
for a presentation on
our updates from the
Narrows followed by
an open Q&A
discussion

Saturday September 30th, 2023
10AM @APL Library

Presented by: The Sea Level Rise Committee

Shey Conover, Sue Stafford, Fred Porter, Lauren
Bruce, Peter Willcox, Nancy Alexander, Chloe
Joule, Jennifer West, Donna Leone, Liv Lenfestey
(Island Fellow), Shri Verrill (Project Manager)

6th Islesboro Energy Conference

Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Islesboro Community Center
Islesboro, ME 04848

**"SUSTAINABILITY THAT WORKS - PERSON TO PERSON -
A STEP AT A TIME"**

- **Knowledgeable presenters offer experiences and solutions that lead to successful home and business sustainability.**
- **Attendees share ideas and experiences, and find answers to their energy questions.**
- **Post-conference resources and events provide participants with followup outreach and community programs.**

**For full details about registration and our other key information,
go to the Islesboro Energy Team website:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/islesboroenergyteam>

**try the QR box, or inquire from The Fen Cafe staff
at the Islesboro Community Center on Islesboro.**



Presented by the Islesboro Energy Team

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1/25/23
APPROVED

IMB Committee Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2023

In attendance: Roger Heinen, Laura Graf, Page Clason, John Rex-Waller, Hank Conklin, Janet Anderson, Phil Seymour

Community attendees: Frank Start

Quorum call

- We have a quorum

Approve minutes from prior meeting

- Motion to approve from John, Hank seconded; no questions or discussion – minutes approved

Opening comments

- Just over 700 users
- Working through what happens after October with the GWI contract

Reports

- Standard GWI Reports (details attached)
 - No major changes; some uptick in usage in March
- On Island Contractor Status – Page C (details attached)
 - 2 installs pending, 2 surveys submitted, 2 to complete
 - Inventory in good shape with some need to supplement pole hardware and strand/pole work with expectation of additional installs
 - Assessing work with Chris Whelen at GWI to review some of the concerns and projects, problems, etc. including a few of the items raised by Frank Start under separate cover at the prior Select Board meeting
 - Some breaker issues after power outages and making some adjustments to address that (e.g., avoid tripping breaker in the meantime and ultimately installing larger breakers)
 - Working with GWI on Minot Island that is still on a smaller breaker
 - Expect that all cabinets have the same setup and equipment; have talked about it with Will at GWI
 - Microwave power supply upgrade is something we should discuss and have a timeline for at some point soon; system is aging, and exact model is no longer available so we're investigating replacements
 - PoP building
 - Addressing items like system alerts and maintenance, changing filters to help with this

- Generator approach needs some input from GWI and Page related to testing and batter replacement
 - Goal is for a simple, low maintenance solution vs. anything complex (e.g., switching power supplies every other week, etc.)
 - Make sure we have the right plug to use for an emergency replacement
 - Batteries could cost in the thousands; may be able to plan for that in next year's budget but need a specific quote from GWI
- Truck and future approach to the model is an open question
 - If the current truck fails, Town is responsible for replacement and currently doesn't get reimbursed by GWI for Page's use of it for GWI business
 - We expect that GWI should take the responsibility and ideally this is something we want to discuss and negotiate
- Ongoing topics
 - Poles – 7 known ready transfers; 2 new poles with CMP work pending
 - Working with Zeb to train on lashing repairs and there are 10-15 known
 - Hermit's Point repair done in the winter and needs more work; need pedestal and there are supplier issues but will order; may be responsibility of the landowner given their construction of the conduit
 - No issues with available ports
 - CCI not doing their transfers or maintenance, although they finally did the Oregon Rd repair
- New concerns
 - Sprague's Beach SCA and lashing – SCA was repaired for now; talking to GWI about more complete repair to avoid future weather-related damage
 - Kinked fiber – GWI hasn't gotten any alerts; raised by Frank Start and he indicated it is near Lee Drive
 - Main Rd issues near Growing Things, Gil Rivera's, Reidy's – lower than desired light levels which can affect service and/or burn out devices; users are fine but Page has asked for assistance from GWI
 - Improperly installed SCA's from Page's perspective – outer sleeves not down far enough to be clamped as needed which causes some pulling on fiber, which could present future issues; asked GWI to have one of their guys to come take a look and discuss possible resolutions (need to create a 'case' to compile this into a larger topic to be reviewed)
- GWI business
 - New OSP representative, Tom, and additional OSP field support, Dave Osisek, which has been helpful and provides needed support

- Salesforce portal is used by Tina for billing/account management and for our committee to run reports; it's improving but still problematic
- Other items
 - Page likely to work with GWI on a contract, rates
 - Page working to document and clarify procedures and tasks so we have a resource to rely on for how/when maintenance should happen, etc.

Business

- GWI discussions
 - Roger had initial discussion about early engagement on a potential new contract with them to ultimately waive the need to put things out to bid
 - Roger did a first pass at the contract to identify elements that are out of date, need improvement, etc. but it's turning out to be more complicated
 - Motion to form a sub committee to work on a draft of the proposed contract – moved by John, seconded by Laura; no discussion; all in favor, none opposed
 - We want a clear proposal by the end of the year at the latest before we decide next steps on either finalizing with attorneys or going to bid
- Frank Start's comments to the Select Board on issues/repairs/images
 - From Frank - curious about how maintenance is handled, timeline for repairs, process for tracking and acting on issues that are raised; perspective that there isn't a real plan for checks and balances to ensure things are taken care of in a timely way
 - How does GWI enforce post-storm checks, or is it only based on calls in – could they implement something like this to do more proactive?
 - How do we make sure certain things are done correctly by GWI, e.g., quality checks, or access to the "jump system" to see status?
 - Committee comments
 - Agree things are more reactive than proactive; GWI did do a ride-around w/Page to check in the past, but it hasn't been done more recently nor regularly
 - Nothing in the contract that indicates on a quarterly basis that GWI will direct contractor to do a proactive review
 - When CMP does repairs, they don't mention it and we don't know when we need to do follow-on work so it's a black box of where they've been and what they've done – no direct communication from them that would allow for transparency; the "jump system" doesn't include our poles so we have no confidence that our poles would be able to be tracked (should typically be a GWI responsibility)
 - Weak spot in contract from GWI if there is a specific performance item related to periodic maintenance, ride around, etc. – something for us to request for

future and ideally contract should have that level of detail (e.g., as-built documentation, all procedural parts of the work and maintenance)

- System GWI is on is not sufficient for this kind of tracking (e.g., Vetro), especially if we must move to another provider and need to provide all as-built documentation
 - Request to have any community member submit any issues to Tina or call GWI with service issues so that it can be raised through the proper channel
- Public support on use of broadband services
 - Some participation in town meetings, streaming of school events
 - No other obvious items or suggestions from the committee at this time

Public Comments

- Frank – related to backup generator; if Town has separate generator can that also support the PoP building as a backup? Yes, if we have the right plug and right diameter wire and would need electrician input but it's a possibility; also possible that the generator for the new health center could be an option
- Frank – Page ran into some SCAs where it wasn't properly connected; sometimes not done because the cable is so big and it would bend the fiber and it's a design flaw – hose should be there; For Sprague's beach and other open places, they could swap to a 24" closure to solve the issues to avoid the issues w/lashing and possible fiber cuts and put 'galloping' on the line to avoid some of the wind issues
 - Committee – GWI is responsible for this and we can request to have them installed

Other Business

- No other business

Adjournment motioned by John, seconded by Hank – meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM without objection

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Myra Sinnott called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum was established with over 5 members

Members Present: Myra Sinnott (via phone), Bill Thomas, Dick DeGrasse, Cressica Brazier (via phone), Toby Martin, Josh Leach, Monica Mullins, Harriet Bering and Holly Fields.

Members Absent: Melissa Burns, Ex Officio.

Others Present: Jan Harmen and Janice Leach

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Motion: To approve Minutes of July 11, 2023, as written, B. Thomas, seconded by T. Martin. No further discussion. Motion passed, 8 yes, 0 no, Unanimous.

4. Quick Updates on On-going Projects/Old Business

a. Energy efficiency projects update (Bill)

- Bill reported that the EV charger is still stalled. Waiting for Page to install a WiFi booster.
- LED upgrade at the Municipal building: Bill and Cressica sent a reply to Kayla Millet from Efficiency Maine last week with questions regarding the rebate. Waiting to hear back.
- Invoice for the library work: Bill has been in touch with Brian Robinson, who promised an updated Evergreen invoice. Bill got a message from Brian Schortz, president of Evergreen, who sent a PDF file to look over. Bill will ask Brian Schortz to submit the \$14,190 invoice to the Town so we can get this finalized.

b. ETIPP (Myra)

- Myra reported that we have our slides from ETIPP on the report. We can use them for our community outreach efforts. Those came through last week. Bill asked if the report has been finalized yet. Myra answered that she hasn't seen anything about that yet; it's still going through the government approval process.

c. Energy Prize Update (Cressica)

- Cressica reported that we have received the prize money (\$100,000) and we're ready to do spending planning.

d. Municipal Building Project (Cressica)

- Cressica stated that the project architect is preparing a summary, which Cressica will send out to the group when she receives it.

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- Bill requested the Energy Committee get digital copies of the floor plans for the two buildings.
- Bill asked if the orientation of the hip roof on the Health Center building will still be good for solar panels. Cressica answered that there is a SE-facing roof, and a SW-facing roof, and solar panels will need to go on both of those sides, as the roof design has gotten smaller.

5. Discussion

a. Update on 2023-2024 budget exercise (Myra).

- Myra included information on the budget in the email she sent to the group with tonight's agenda. These are items that the group came up with at the budget workshop on July 29th. The range is \$45,000 - \$55,000.
- Toby asked if we have an invoice for the EV charger. Bill explained that we've paid for the installation of the EV charger. What we need is a booster for the WiFi signal. The signal is too weak at the EV charger box, and it refuses to connect to the existing Town office network. Unsure if there will be a charge for Page to install a booster.
- Toby asked about signage for the EV charger. We had originally discussed a budget of about \$250. Myra agreed that we can add this to this year's budget. Bill will get info from Sara Babbidge at the ICC on where she got signs.
- Bill added that the EV charger at the ICC brought in about \$600 from 7/1 – 8/15. Not sure if that is net profit. The Town will decide how to use funds from the new EV charger. Toby suggested that money received from charging go into an Energy Fund that will go toward energy projects. Myra will discuss this with the Town.
- Bill stated the dimmer switch item for the library is no longer relevant. They may become important if they don't turn the lights off; the electric bill seems a little high. Bill will gather data and share with the committee. Regarding motion sensors at the library: access to wiring is now difficult due to the insulation. Justin will look into wireless controls.
- Harriet asked about the range of the budget. Have we ranked the three items that have a range? We'd have to look at the midpoint on each of those, or some combination, to hit \$50,000. We'd have to rank those three things in terms of priority to guide decisions. Bill said he could help with that. Toby added that he put everything down as a grid and averaged the items. He feels we need discipline in our process for learning exactly what these things are going to cost.
- Myra added that two of the three things are for the library. The Friends of the Library have made it clear that they are interested in financially supporting some of the work we are doing, so we need to engage them to find out how much money they want to spend. If they will help fund some of the studies, that would put us below our budget amount. Toby responded that the Library

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knows about the need for things that might come up. At the next meeting at the end of the month, he will present some thinking about the budget. We should not anticipate a large contribution. Myra will help write up a description of what we might like to do.

- Bill suggested that the electrical engineering study for the library is the most critical item. Other work in the library is contingent upon the outcome of that. We should find an electrical engineer and get a ballpark estimate of what it would cost to do a study. Melissa had previously mentioned the students at UMaine might be able to help with a study. Cressica believes that for this project it would probably be better not to use students. Bill asked if anyone knows who the engineer was who evaluated the municipal building several years ago. Was the Town satisfied with that individual, and can we find out about extending that work to the library? Holly replied that she would have to go back and look at notes. Cressica offered to ask Janet about it. Myra asked Josh if he could ask Janet, and also find out about the cost, and he agreed.
 - Myra asked about finding someone who can do a historical structure survey and let us know what it might cost to install equipment. Bill stated that it may be premature to involve that person at this point. The electrical analysis should come first. Myra will take the Historical Structure Survey out of the budget for this year.
 - Cressica suggested asking Justin what he thinks about doing an upgrade before we hire someone to do an engineering study.
 - Toby asked about funds from the prize and if we could use them for something like this to supplement our budget. Myra answered that the prize money is for a specific purpose and not to supplement our budget.
 - Toby reported that for this fiscal year, we've spent \$1000 for the lighting project in the training room, as well as the cost for recording the minutes. \$1152.88 so far.
 - Josh asked our guest, Jan Harmer, if she would like to address the committee with a presentation, or any questions or concerns. Jan replied that she did not.
- b. Pine Tree Power ballot initiative—Islesboro broadband concerns (Dick)
- Myra stated that Dick mentioned last week that there will be a ballot initiative in November: the decision of whether Pine Tree Power shall buy out CMP and Versant and become the utility in Maine, supplying electricity as well as broadband. Dick has concerns that our broadband contract could be at risk. Myra sent information to the group regarding Pine Tree's campaign.
 - Dick provided a handout which describes Pine Tree Power and Central Maine Power, and Dick's rationale behind keeping CMP in place. Dick feels it's important that the committee vote on the issue to take a position.
 - Pine Tree Power is proposing to buy out all of CMP's assets, including the Town's contract and the cables that provides electricity and broadband on the island.

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- Dick believes that CMP provides reasonable service to Islesboro and responds well to problems. The broadband is a \$25,000/year contract between the Town of Islesboro and CMP. Dick does not want to upset that with a new entity we know nothing about, and is proposing that we vote “no” for any new company to buy the assets of CMP. It would recognize on a policy level that the Town of Islesboro does not want to throw out CMP and bring in an unknown entity to run our utility. Holly pointed out that it’s not up to us; it’s up to the voters of Maine.
 - Discussion about the issue and whether or not the committee should take a position to educate islanders about the choice. Dick has not spoken with the Broadband Committee to get their opinion on this issue.
 - Most members of the committee felt that they did not have enough information to make a decision on the issue at this time, and also do not want the committee to become political.
 - Harriet suggested an article illustrating the pros and cons for the Islesboro Island News. Dick stated he will write something for the IIN.
 - Bill suggested waiting a month and educating ourselves before making a decision. Toby raised the question of whether the Select Board would even consider taking a policy position on this.
 - Myra asked Dick if he’s willing to gather neutral information. Perhaps we could present information to the public neutrally. Dick didn’t think he could be neutral.
 - Holly suggested that it would be more helpful to explain to people how to read the bill, what CMP is responsible for, and what each customer can control.
 - Myra volunteered to help gather neutral information if the committee wants to pursue educating the community on this topic.
 - Cressica stated that we should not be making policy positions, and she doesn’t think we should try to share objective information. The committee attempted that in the past with the Clean Energy Corridor issue. The committee decided not to do it, because it’s difficult to be thorough and completely objective.
 - Bill added that our focus should be on the Energy Prize. We have a lot on our plates. Toby added that we don’t have time to get thorough info out on this topic. It’s beyond our capacity. Most members agreed with this perspective.
 - Jan Harmen stated that the Islesboro population is too small to have much of an effect on this vote. She doesn’t believe it’s worth the time and energy.
 - Myra summarized that the committee is not prepared to vote on this or go any further with this issue right now. Dick is welcome to pursue it personally.
- c. Energy Prize next steps (Cressica)
- Cressica reported that she sent out an email today thanking Harriet for representing the Energy Committee at the Summer Info Meeting last week. We’ve had good feedback from various people about that, and we’ve had an opportunity to do some initial community outreach to get people familiar with

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the idea of us and the Town advocating for clean energy and home energy upgrades. This is part of the first step of familiarizing people with these ideas so they can bring us their own personal interests and ideas.

- The next step is listening and learning from other community organizations. Cressica proposes that we have those initial conversations by the next Energy Committee meeting so we can come back and share what we've learned and decide how to move forward. Cressica asked for feedback on the list of organizations she compiled from the discussion at the workshop.
- Harriet suggested it would be useful to have a one-page list of bullet points, so as each of us go out to talk with different groups, we're giving the same basic message.
- Bill related his experience today at the ICC. He found it a difficult task to talk to the committee. He had to give a lot of background information. It was too long of a presentation, and too complex a message to try to insert into the meeting. He would have needed two hours to discuss it to their satisfaction. Before Bill could finish describing the overall intention of the project, they were asking questions about what we're requesting and what's in it for them. They decided to continue the conversation at a future committee meeting, which is a positive step, but it came to no particular resolution today.
- Bill summarized what he presented to the ICC. Myra asked what in particular he asked of them. Bill answered: popularizing information for the public, forums in which to hold events, and to show themselves as an exemplar for the community.
- Monica added that the Sporting Club had their monthly board meeting last Wednesday, and she was able to speak with a few officers and board members. The Sporting Club is happy to join in, work together with the Energy Committee, and be a learning place for this. They would be a positive partner.
- Cressica stated she had prepared a bullet-point introduction to the prize and potential opportunities for interacting with the Sporting Club. Now that we're going forward with this, she's happy to work with Monica on adapting the bullet points, so it can be a better communication tool for going to other groups.
- Harriet asked if there's a budget for the prize. Cressica answered that she sent a workshop outline with the breakdown, and she will send a link to the Google drive documents. The budget falls into four buckets: Community Energy Coordinator, the consulting or technical assistance, and stipends to additional community members who would be able to help with more involved outreach. This prize helps us apply for grants and low interest loans. Cressica sent an outline for the next steps and a list of talking points.
- Discussion about how to approach presenting information to groups.
- Holly pointed out that each group is different. We could focus on those groups who are willing to be partners.

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- Bill reported on the yearly meeting for the Islesboro Community Fund. There was no opportunity to present at that meeting. They have to resolve a few things before we can try to talk with them again.
- Bill stated that he talked with John Kauer and Joshua Kauer from Sustainable Housing and Development Foundation (SHADF), and they are enthusiastic about working with us. They are flexible. They are interested in the opportunity to set the solar array, and how to weatherize and insulate buildings on the island.
- Holly suggested keeping a list of who we can partner with. We need to be kind of selfish in where we spend our time at this point. Discussion about different groups.

Josh Leach had to leave the meeting at 7:06.

- Bill stated that he, Cressica, and Myra will be having a conversation tomorrow morning with the new director of Efficiency Maine; they will be a big partner.
- Harriet reported she had spoken with John King regarding the new ferry. They are moving ahead with plans for a hybrid design of the ferry with an all-electric operation. Bill added that the challenge will be how to structure the electrical supply and storage on both sides. Cressica added that EV charging stations at the ferry terminals and how to work with the ferry service on implementing them are also on the list of concerns. Dick added that he would like CMP to be involved in implementing Time-of-Use rates for charging the ferry.
- Cressica will follow up in an email with other items of that we can be planning for now.
- Tomorrow is a prize partnership introduction meeting with Jesse Remillard, Senior Program Manager at Efficiency Maine Trust, on Zoom. We will be meeting with other prize members.

6. Coordination/Communication with Other Groups

a. Coordination with Islesboro Energy Team on community outreach (Toby)

- Toby stated that what the Energy Team is up to is pretty well summarized in the Islesboro Island News. There are some overlaps with the Energy Team and the Energy Committee goals. We can coordinate, collaborate, and amplify the efforts.
- The Energy Conference is on October 14th.
- Holly asked Toby if the Energy Team would be a good partner for the Energy Prize list, and if he would talk to the other members about it.
- Cressica stated she hopes we can collaborate with the Energy Team and participate in the Energy Conference as an opportunity to organize action groups.
- Cressica added that there are ongoing educational activities at the library, and those will be important for ongoing education for the public, and we would like

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to support those through the prize. If the goal of those educational groups is to form collective purchasing groups who take action to install different home energy upgrades or solar arrays, we want to support those groups as well. That's an important role of the community energy coordinator.

7. Homework for next meeting

- Dick handed out information on establishing a Municipal entity for power. Members will read and discuss at next meeting.

8. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 12th, at 5:15pm.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:23pm, H. Fields, seconded by B. Thomas. No discussion. Motion passed, 9 yes, 0 no, Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Reed, Secretary