

APPROVED

2/14/24

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Janet Anderson,

Via Zoom: Jennifer West, Maggy Willcox, Antony Merck

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

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

**VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS.**

None.

**FERRY SERVICE UPDATE**

S. Conover referred to an email from John King regarding the change of the boats that are in service. It was a combination of issues with other island boats and also trying to solve the crew shortage. We should expect the current boat to be here for the next 8-12 weeks.

**SEA LEVEL RISE**

S. Conover reported that GZA Engineering came out to look at the Narrows, and they are working on plans now. We should have an update in about a month. John King has a meeting next week with Bill Pulver at the Maine DOT regarding flooding at Grindle Point. Hopefully, that will lead to a follow-up discussion about how to address Ferry Road vulnerability.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT**

L. Bruce reported that there is no update since the last SB meeting; the timeline remains the same. We should have a Guaranteed Maximum Price by Feb. 26. The preconstruction permitting, shop drawings, and site mobilization should be happening in early March, and construction should begin March 21.

**HARBOR COMMITTEE**

P. Anderson provided an update. Harbor Committee met on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Ken Smith, Earl MacKenzie, and Dylan Purington had a brief discussion about a regional ambulance

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boat system. Since then, Ken has reached out to Pete and is requesting that the Select Board revive the committee we recently disbanded to explore emergency transportation options. Ken is proposing we put together a team of individuals from the Health Center, EMS, Select Board, and local experts, such as Harbor Masters, and local captains. He would like to see the committee be tasked with agreeing on the needs and requirements of not just a vessel, but also how to staff it and how we contract with individuals to provide services. Dylan, as a business owner, is looking to get a new charter vessel. Although he's having trouble coming up with the funding right now for a boat big enough to fit a gurney, if he gets a new boat, it would be with the idea that it would not just be for himself and charters, but he would also make the boat and himself as captain available to the Town in emergency situations. We have a few local captains available, but how do we ensure that they are available when we need them? The Quicksilver is transitioning out, and we need to step up as a Town to fill that hole. Dylan suggested that if the Town purchases a boat, that perhaps we look into pairing it with the Harbor Masters' duties. Most harbors in the area have a dedicated tender or chase boat for their Harbor Masters, and perhaps that boat can be used to help in an emergency situation. The Harbor Masters and the Chair of the Harbor Committee are concerned that this is an ongoing issue and we can't seem to solve it.

L. Bruce stated that the Quicksilver was a viable business for a long time. It seems we should let someone else take over the business rather than the Town taking it on. P. Anderson clarified that we shouldn't wait for an individual to start a business and solve this problem for us. If the Town maintains other emergency services, this would be a wise one to consider. At one point, there was a municipally controlled boat. If we don't purchase a boat, perhaps we can at least organize the volunteers like we do with the fire department and EMS, by offering basic on-call compensation, and payment when they get called out.

S. Conover stated that she would like to get Fred's perspective on this before we start a new committee. It's a good point well taken, and it's an important service. We don't want to be unprepared. If it looks like we need to have a Town conversation beyond the emergency response, it makes sense to have a broader committee that would include a representative from the school as well.

Discussion about various details to consider. Best to discuss with Fred first for his assessment.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Planning Board: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm.
- Energy Committee: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15pm.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- Packet included Agenda for 1/31/24 and Minutes of 1/17/24 Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes/Correspondence:

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- Handout/mailed report from Islesboro Energy Hub on January activities
  - Maine Comm Foundation H Ctr Endowment Fund statement \$1,578,737.56
  - Draft of “Islesboro Looking Ahead”
  - 1/19/24 email from Peter Anderson regarding request from Harbor Committee on the lack of agreement from Off Island Logistics/Quicksilver.
- Warrant #16
  - Manager Report
    - J. Anderson reported that today she hired Brian Bohanon as Finance Director, to begin 3/1/24. Brian is eager to start. We will sign him up for any available training prior to this date.
    - East Shore Drive
      - Farley is working on it.
    - S. Conover asked if Fred has been talking with FEMA about our road damage.
      - Fred is in touch with MEMA and FEMA. We are gathering information and photos.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussed in Town Manager’s Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Set Winter Information Meeting Date
  - We used to have a Winter Info Meeting in addition to the Summer Info Meeting, but it was dropped during Covid. It seems a good time to reinstate.
  - Town Meeting: June 15.
  - Winter/Spring Info meeting: April 10, 5-6

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. None.

**APPROVE WARRANTS: FY24 #16**

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve Warrant FY24 #16. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

Housing Committee: Cate Blackford.

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to appoint Cate Blackford to the Housing Committee. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

S. Conover: No comments.

**VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS**

L. Bruce: No comments.

**INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

P. Anderson: Taco & Trivia Night was a huge success.

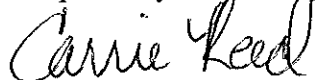
M. Burns: No comments!

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) and 25 MRSA § 2006 to consider concealed weapon permit applications 2024-#1 and 2024-#2

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by M. Burns, to enter into Executive Session at 6:41 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed  
Secretary

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) and 25 MRSA § 2006 to consider concealed weapon permit application 2024-#1 and 2024 -#2.

By: L. Bruce

Seconded: M. Burns

Time in: 6:43pm

**DISCUSSION**

Motion to exit executive session by: P. Anderson seconded: M. Burns Time: 6:47pm

**Back to regular meeting 6:47pm**

**VOTE:**

**I move to approve the concealed weapon permits in case 2024-#1 and #2.**

Shey [ ] Yes [ ] No [X] Abstained

Melissa [X] Yes [ ] No

Lauren [X] Yes [ ] No

Peter [X] Yes [ ] No

**No further business.**

**Adjourned 6:50pm.**

  
Janet Anderson

W: Motion to go into executive session

