

1/4/23

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson and John King

Via Zoom: Jennifer West, Terry Sanderson, Doug Welldon, and Fred Porter

Absent: Chair Gabe Pendleton

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

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

John King reported that following the last meeting, he had discussions with Mark Higgins and Fred Porter. Mark and Fred also got together and had a long discussion. Things are back on an even keel. The ultimate discretion rests with the ferry captain as to whether or not the ferry will run. Communication issues have been rectified, and everyone is on the same page. The line of communication is now directly to the captain.

John received an email from Bill Pulver, COO of the Maine DOT. The DOT is interested in working with any of the four islands that may want to partner in moving forward with an emergency boat, under the concept that Maine DOT would cover the capital cost of the boat, and then someone else would be responsible for the operations.

John spoke with Fred and Earl MacKenzie. Discussions about a shared boat have happened before with not much success. There are still many questions and permutations. We would still want to negotiate with the DOT regarding the current ferry and say that this can't run as a last resort. John thinks it's probably worth following up on. John would like to propose forming a small committee of just three people, possibly John, Phil, and Earl. One possible permutation: if all the islands got together and created a non-profit, the most central location would be Stonington. Two people could be on call to man a shared boat, paid for by all the islands. There will be personnel and operational costs. At the recent annual EMS meeting at the Samoset, there was discussion about maybe having it kept in Castine and manned by MMA people. John will reach out to a

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contact at MMA, as well as people on the other islands, to explore the idea. John will also reach out to Earl to see if he's interested in being on such a committee to explore viable options.

Doug Welldon asked about how emergencies are triaged, Lifeflight vs. Ferry. John answered that the triaging will be done by Fred and the Health Center, who will decide the best methodology depending on the circumstances.

Fred Porter explained the procedure. The ferry will run for critical patients. However, if a patient is ambulatory and able to walk down the ramp to the Quicksilver, or if we can't get the ferry boat, we will use them. If the patient is really critical and the helicopter can fly, we call Lifeflight. It is determined upon the patient's condition and available crew. Unfortunately, the ferry will not run for every patient. We don't want to stop progress by overcalling them. We have run ferry trips since the last meeting. Fred had a long discussion with Mark Higgins. There's a new call tree that's going into place. We do have to call the Coast Guard, and we give them the level of care that's required for the patient. Fred has never found the Coast Guard to refuse a trip thus far. Fred feels it is a working system, and is in hopes that by working diligently with the ferry captains, we will be able to maintain getting the ferry when we really need it.

Doug Welldon asked if Mark Higgins has said anything about the ferry continuing to be on the summer schedule. John answered that Mark has stated that nine trips a day, Mon – Sat, is what the current need of service is. This is based on the dramatic increase in truck traffic. They have done a good job recently of listening to our concerns. They feel that the need for service right now is greater than the former winter schedule.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the Sea Level Rise Committee met last Thursday and approved the job description for the Resilience Planner Contract position. This will be posted this week, and hopefully by the 3rd week in January we can review some applications. The committee will review the applicant, make a recommendation to Janet, and Janet will extend the offer. This will be a two-year contract. It's a two-year grant, designed to be task based. The timeline is going to be in flux based on when we have someone on board. It could also be faster than 24 months, or if it were to go longer, we'd have to amend the tasks.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce stated she had no update. We're waiting to see if people pick up the bid package.

P. Seymour asked if the charges in the warrant only cover Steve Blatt's work so far or for work into the future. J. Anderson answered that it's for what he's done to date.

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J. Anderson also reported that Bill Boardman handed out three bid packets today. He will contact more contractors and have them pick up packets from the Town Office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: January 9th
- Harbor Committee: January 19th
- Health Center Advisory Board: February 16th

TOWN MANAGER REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Town Manager Janet Anderson shared:

- Minutes from 12/7/22 Select Board Regular Meeting
- Minutes from the 11/16/22 Sea Level Rise Meeting
- 12/14/22 Notice from the Islesboro Post Office re: correct address procedures
- Documents relating to the Town's 2023 Bond Anticipation Note, up to \$1.75 million, signed by Gabe Pendleton and Town Manager. Janet will mail Thursday to Attorney, Alyssa Tibbetts.
- Correspondence:
- FY23 Warrant #13
- July-November Expense Report
- Farewell reception this afternoon for Linda Wentworth, about 50 attended.
- Copy of framed resolution presented to Linda by HCAB chair Michael Kerr, prepared by Linda Gillies.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sign Documents Relating to Town's 2023 Bond Anticipation Note.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANT: FY23 #13

S. Conover amended the warrant to \$347,313.30, which removes the \$1500 charge for Haley-Ward.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve Warrant FY23 #13, as amended. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

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APPOINTMENTS:

Board of Appeals: Susan West, Patrick O'Bannon, Peter Willcox

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to appoint Susan West, Patrick O'Bannon, and Peter Willcox to the Board of Appeals. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

G. Pendleton was absent.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover said, "Happy Holidays and Happy New Year."

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Melissa Burns said, "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Stay safe on Friday!"

Lauren Bruce said, "Happy Solstice."

Phil Seymour had no comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) and 25 MRSA § 2006 to consider concealed weapon permit renewals 2022-#1 and 2022-#2.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to enter into Executive Session. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

See attached Executive Session Notes by Janet Anderson.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

Executive Session 12/21/22

ENTERED at: 6:43PM

Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) and 25 MRSA § 2006 to consider concealed weapon permits applications #2022-1; #2022-2; and #2022-3.

MOTION by P. Seymour, Seconded by M. Burns

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

EXIT at: 6:48pm

MOTION by M. Burns Seconded L. Bruce

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Return to regular meeting: 6:48pm

ACTION: Upon a motion by M. Burns and seconded by L. Bruce it was voted to approved the concealed weapon permits in cases #2022-1; #2022-2; and #2022-3.

VOTE: P. Seymour – Abstained

S. Conover - YES

L. Bruce - YES

M. Burns - YES

Meeting adjourned at: 6:50pm

Janet R. Anderson

