

APPROVED

7/5/23

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, John King, Ken Smith, Fred Porter

Via Zoom: Jim Mitchell, Maggy Willcox, Terry Cowan

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 June 7, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

John King addressed the Board and stated that he checked with Holly Fields, and she felt the new weekend situation is going well so far. No other updates.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the Committee met last week. They have developed a strong communications plan. There will be a series of small group meetings this summer to gather information on peoples' concerns, which will help inform the plan for the Narrows. L. Bruce added that members of the Sea Level Rise Committee are available to do short presentations and updates for any organizations on the island. Next meeting will be July 13.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce reported that Team Meetings have begun. Mark Ouellette is representing S. B. Architects, and there will be representatives from Bennett HVAC & Electrical, and Gartley & Dorsky, who will be preparing the application for the Planning Board. Pete (Andrew) Anderson and Lauren Bruce sit in, as well as the Construction Manager from H.E. Callahan. Construction on the Health Center will start October 1 and go until the end of May 2024. They are hoping to go before the Planning Board July 24. H. E.

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Callahan is looking for housing on the island for construction workers. We just got a redesign of Health Center. The size has been decreased but the function is the same.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: June 26th – 5pm

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Anderson provided a copy of her Notes & Correspondence Report.

- Packet included Agenda for 6/21/23 and Minutes of 6/7/23 Regular Meeting
- Letter of resignation from Carole Nichter for the Cemetery Committee
- Old Business: Recommend a name for the new ferry
- New Business: Sign 2023 Emergency Medical Service Mutual Aid Agreement
- Other: Museum Restoration Committee/Grindle Point Light Station restoration prices
- Minutes of the June 8 Lighthouse Restoration Committee meeting
- Minutes of the April 18 Housing Committee meeting
- Minutes of the May 9 Energy Committee meeting
- Warrant #26

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of resignation from Carole Nichter for the Cemetery Committee, effective June 30.

- P. Seymour recommended the Select Board send a letter of appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recommend Name for New Maine State Ferry
 - John King reviewed the results of the survey/voting. The “George Mitchell” received the most votes by far.
 - The name is not completely without controversy; there was some objection.
 - John will take the Select Board’s recommendation to the next Advisory Board meeting. The recommendation will then be forwarded to DOT Commissioner Bruce Van Note in Augusta.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to recommend the name “George J. Mitchell” to the Commissioner. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sign Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Agreement
 - Fred Porter stated that the last agreement was signed 4 or 5 years ago.

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- There are many changes happening in EMS at the County level, some because of staffing issues. Last year, Maine EMS required Mutual Aid Agreements because calls were going unanswered in some parts of the State. We took our County Mutual Aid Agreement and use that as the document we submit to the State each year. At a recent Chiefs' meeting, Fred recommended redefining some items to better fit our need. There were some services in past Agreements that are not in the current Agreement.
- Belfast and Stockton Springs have been doing all calls for mutual aid in the County, and will start charging mutual aid fees. They will send letters to the communities this will affect.
- We have a good relationship with Belfast.
- S. Conover asked if it makes sense, as we think about budget time next year, to give a gesture of thanks and goodwill to Belfast.
- M. Burns stated it makes sense to start budgeting for it in case the situation changes in future years.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Museum Committee: Grindle Point Light Station Fundraising Request
 - Ken Smith addressed the Board representing the Lighthouse Committee, and asked for permission to have a fundraising campaign. He provided a spreadsheet of estimated costs for five different parts of Grindle Point Light Station.
 - There was a submission for a grant through the King Foundation that was not successful.
 - They have submitted an application for the Belvedere Grant of \$18,500, which would restore the lantern room of the tower.
 - The restoration consists of five buildings: Tower, Annex, Keeper's House, Boat House, and Fuel House.
 - The Annex is the original part of the old lighthouse, and is the reason the lighthouse is on the National Register of Historic Buildings.
 - Ken clarified that they would like people to donate, and not go through taxation.
 - As they raise funds, they will take care of the most critical things first: such as the foundation in Keeper's House, which will cost an estimated \$47,000.
 - Janet Anderson suggested the Town tackle some of these items in the next budget season if not enough money is raised.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by M. Burns, to approve the Grindle Point Light Station fundraising request. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY23 #26

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MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve Warrant FY23 #26. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

Cemetery Committee: Bruce Frank

- P. Seymour asked how many members are on the Cemetery Committee. J. Anderson answered that there are 7 members. They will be discussing Ordinance changes and will have a Public Hearing for that in the near future.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to appoint Bruce Frank to the Cemetery Committee. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover had no comment.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce said it was nicer to be with all of you than in post-op.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

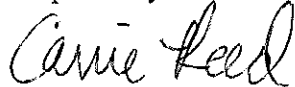
P. Anderson: Thanks to the Fire Department and CMP for their quick response to the tree down on Ruthie James Rd.

P. Seymour had no comment.

M. Burns had no comment.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:35 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary