

6/21/23

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Phil Seymour, Melissa Burns, and Pete Anderson

Members Absent: Vice Chair Lauren Bruce

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, John King, Murt Durkee

Via Zoom: Maggy Willcox, Peter Willcox

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

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

John King addressed the Board and stated that he attended a Ferry Service Advisory Board meeting a couple weeks ago. John also met with Bill Geary, the new director of the Ferry Service, on his second official day on the job, to discuss the EMS issues that arose last fall, and also to discuss the concept design for the new ferry. The boat will be about 40' longer, but the first drawings show it carrying the same number of vehicles as the M.C. Smith. It has an open deck, and they put the emergency life raft on the deck level, taking up several vehicle spaces. The drawings allow seating for 54 passengers. John advised Bill Geary that there should be enough seating for the busiest run, which is the first boat of the day from the mainland. Bill followed up and said that boat is running about 100 passengers. John believes Bill will take his feedback and make changes to the design, and keep us apprised. Gilbert & Associates of Braintree are doing the design work. They are working within the constraints of the current pens. The beam is only 1 foot wider than the MCS. One of the objectives from the survey is to have seating at the deck level for people who can't go up the stairs.

Regarding the naming of the boat, John brought a report on the voting for the name. There were 9 different suggestions. The George Mitchell got 17 votes, The Donald Shand got 3 votes, The Stanwood Hinkley got 2 votes, and everything else got 1 vote. John asked the Select Board how he should proceed. The Town makes a recommendation to the Commissioner of the DOT, Bruce Van Note. P. Seymour asked J. Anderson to put it on the next agenda.

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At the Advisory Board meeting, John brought up the weekend terminal opening issues. Holly told John that the first weekend went okay. The problem is that some people can't buy tickets online, and may end up waiting for hours. There may be a way to upgrade the online ticketing to include larger vehicles and reservations.

John reported that there's an upcoming Emergency Transportation Committee meeting on the 14th. He's been talking with Maine Maritime Academy about keeping an emergency boat in Castine and having the cadets maintain and operate it. He also spoke with Bill Pulver at the DOT in Augusta. A composite boat would cost about \$2.5 – \$2.8 million. Building the boat will require a public bid. MMA has the crewing requirements in their curriculum, but they don't have a boat. This could be mutually beneficial. P. Seymour asked if the DOT has offered to pay for the boat. John stated he thinks they want to have a capital expense to pay for the boat in return for not being responsible for the transport of emergency patients. John thinks the best result for the Town would be that the DOT buys the boat, and we get MMA to man it and maintain it. Then the ferry would be a potential backup if necessary.

Murt Durkee asked the Board if they've taken any action on the public request for a passenger shelter at the Islesboro terminal. J. Anderson answered that it was discussed, but there has been no action taken yet. S. Conover added that the Board discussed that the new ticketing system, having people wait outside longer, is one of the reasons a shelter has become more of a necessity. This may be a conversation that we could have with Bill Geary. We need to think about what new infrastructure may be required now, and perhaps there's a procedural solution as well.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the next Committee meeting will be June 15.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

J. Anderson reported that there will be a meeting on Friday with the Construction Manager, Christine Kendall of H.E. Callahan, along with the architects. They will look at both sites.

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 6/7/23 and Minutes of 5/24/23 Regular Meeting
- List of current committee ex-officios
- Request from the Friends of the Fire Department to recognize former Fire Chief George Durkee with a memorial plaque at the new public safety garage

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- Maine Community Foundation Statement from 1/1/23-6/1/23 totaling \$1,475,364 (Health Center Endowment)
- Bar Harbor/Capital Reserves sub accounting ending May 31, 2023
- Minutes of the May 11 Lighthouse Restoration Committee. The ell is being shingled now.
- Save the Date—August 17, 50th Anniversary of the Dark Harbor Shop (Amanda O'Bannon)
- Proposed Summer Info Date: August 10 at GHK, 5:30pm
- MDOT Project, Ferry Terminal improvements re: upgrading electrical panels for future electric ferry construction in 2025—immediate response requested.
- Warrant #25

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Transfer Station Demo Bins
 - Melissa and Janet got together this afternoon to discuss the problem of the bins filling up frequently. Janet is going to ask the Town Attorney about drafting some amendments to the Ordinance and the Manual about restricting our Transfer Station to non-commercial use (prioritizing residential use).
 - We need to define “commercial.” Melissa is proposing that anything that requires a permit from the Planning Board—remodels, demolitions, rebuilds—we encourage contractors to have a demo bin on site.
 - Pete asked if this proposal includes off-island or on-island commercial contractors. Melissa stated both, but agreed it would be tricky.
 - Discussion about possible solutions. If we can't change the Ordinance, we could increase fees for commercial dumping.
 - We will have an open evening workshop after we hear back from the attorney.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to take the agenda out of order. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from the Friends of the Islesboro Fire Department
 - The Select Board received a letter from the Friends of the Fire Department to recognize former Fire Chief George Durkee with a memorial plaque at the new public safety garage. Current Chief Murt Durkee was present to answer questions.
 - Janet stated that she thought it would be nice to have George's name on the building, along with a plaque.

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- Murt shared examples of other departments' ways of honoring past chiefs.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Seymour, to honor George Durkee at the new facility, with the Fire Department making a recommendation to the Municipal Building Committee about the best way to implement that. Discussion about the possible location of the plaque. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Seymour, to go back in order of agenda. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Review/Update Ex-Officios on Committees

- Library: L. Bruce
- Airport: J. Anderson
- Cemetery: None
- Grindle Point Parking: P. Anderson
- Groundwater Protection: P. Seymour
- Harbor: P. Anderson
- Lighthouse: P. Seymour
- Shellfish: F. Porter
- Recreation: S. Conover
- Energy: M. Burns
- Broadband: P. Seymour
- Pesticide Safety: L. Bruce
- IESC: P. Anderson
- Sea Level Rise: S. Conover
- Safe Roads: P. Seymour
- Housing: M. Burns
- Municipal Building: L. Bruce
- Waldo County Budget Committee: **Table for later meeting**

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANT: FY23 #25

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY23 #25. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

Select Board Members: Harbor Committee, Islesboro Economic Sustainability Committee, Waldo County Budget Committee

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Energy Committee: Monica Mullins and Harriet Bering

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Seymour, to appoint Select Board member seats as discussed, and Monica Mullins and Harriet Bering to the Energy Committee. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover had no comment.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce was absent.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

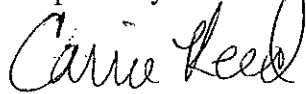
M. Burns: Islesboro Track did very well. Field day is the 13th. Last day of school is June 14th.

P. Seymour had no comment.

P. Anderson: Congratulations to the ICS graduates. Excited for the last day of the school year. Junior class auction is this Saturday, June 10th.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to Adjourn Meeting at 7:04 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

