

8/3/23

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Cressica Brazier, Bill Thomas, and Myra Sinnott

Via Zoom: Fred Porter, 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 L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of July 5, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

S. Conover referred to a Letter of Support in the packet, that John King revised and Shey signed, to the Honorable Pete Buttigieg, supporting the Maine DOT's \$17.5 million application for the US Dept. of Transportation's Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the next meeting is tomorrow, July 20, at 5:30, with a small group discussion for folks who live near the Narrows. The public is welcome. The committee has a series of small group meetings scheduled for this summer, and this will be the first of the series.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce reported that the Planning Board has the application for the permit to build the Health Center building. There is one item left on the Up-Island Public Safety Garage application: a site visit, which will probably happen next week. P. Seymour asked about an update on contributions. L. Bruce answered that there are some new donations, but she is unable to share any further news.

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SUMMER INFORMATION MEETING 8/10/23

One item under consideration to be added is a 2-minute video for encouraging folks to volunteer for EMS. P. Seymour explained that it was created by the Ambulance Association and is the video that was shown at the May 13th Town Meeting. The Summer Info meeting will last about one hour. L. Bruce stated architects Steve Blatt & Mark Ouellette, as well as Construction Manager Wendy Collette, will be at the meeting. S. Conover stated that Shri Verrill will also be there to talk about the Sea Level Rise project. S. Conover and L. Bruce will work on an outline for timing of the presentations. J. Anderson will send a flyer with the August newsletter. Agenda should include updates on Municipal Building Project, Sea Level Rise, Ferry update, and general questions. We should have copies of the Town Report available. Perhaps make an announcement regarding the Energy Committee prize, have handouts available.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: July 24th – 5pm

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 7/19/23 and Minutes of 7/5/23 Regular Meeting
- Copy of 7/12 letter to the Honorable Pete Buttigieg supporting the Maine DOT's \$17.5 million application for the US Dept. of Transportation's Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program.
- Minutes of the 6/8 Lighthouse Restoration Committee meeting.
- Minutes of the 4/5 Emergency Transportation Ad Hoc Committee meeting.
- 7/15 email from the Quicksilver Team announcing a new captain, Sean, and notice that they will no longer be making any runs after 10pm, which will affect the ambulance service. Fred Porter spoke via Zoom and stated he is working with private boat operators now to see if they can help with late-night runs. Janet suggested he contact the Ferry Service as well.
- New Business: Energy Committee: Energizing Rural Communities Prize Partnership Plan
- Marge Hall, Auditor from Berry/Talbot/Royer was here July 12 & 13, and at the School July 11. Marge hopes to send preliminary audit this week.
- Tina is working on IMB billing to go out at end of week, due Aug. 31. Delinquent accounts after October 1 will result in discontinuance of service and be subject to reactivation fee of \$50.
- Dan Ward of the DOT stopped by today. They will be replacing two culverts late August, hopefully before school starts (8/31): Mill Creek by the Rolersons' house, and West Bay Road before the Mills' driveway heading north. This will involve road closures, and notices will be sent out as soon as we are notified of the schedule. P. Anderson added that there are some areas on West Bay Road where the shoulders need repair. He said he will get specific locations.

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- Waldo County Budget Committee vacancy.
- Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee Ballot.
- Warrant FY24 #2, and A/P #27-3

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from the Quicksilver Team announcing a new captain, Sean, and notice that they will no longer be making any runs after 10pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Energy Committee: Energizing Rural Communities Prize Partnership Plan
 - Myra Sinnott, Bill Thomas, and Cressica Brazier from the Energy Committee were present to announce the \$100,000 prize that the Committee had applied for and received on behalf of the Town.
 - Cressica explained that the Island Institute encouraged the Energy Committee to apply for the Prize, which is held by the US Dept. of Energy to support small towns to develop partnerships that will lead to clean energy projects.
 - The Energy Committee proposed a partnership plan in the application, and would like to start implementing the this or a similar plan, allowing them to work with community groups like the ICF, the IESC, and the Community Center, to figure out how to make solar power and home energy efficiency upgrades more affordable and more accessible.
 - Implementation partners are currently Revision Energy and Evergreen, and we hope to expand to more partners.
 - This is an opportunity to bring resources and ideas together, and come up with a strategic plan to start implementing what the committee has been working on for the past two years: Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) with the National Labs.
 - This could lead to lower electricity costs for island residents.
 - Discussion about solar options and opportunities, and recommendations from the ETIPP report.
 - As part of the long-term plan, the committee would like to make a proposal that the Town adopt building energy codes. This would involve working with the Planning Board and adapting the Ordinance.
 - Part of the prize will be used to set up a communications strategy, including hiring an organizer, similar to what the Sea Level Rise Committee is doing.
 - This project can be combined with the Time of Use rates that Dick DeGrasse is exploring.
 - Cressica's video might work well at the Summer Info Meeting. This idea should be on the Agenda for the next SB meeting.

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MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Anderson, to accept the US Department of Energy Energizing Rural Communities Prize. No further discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

L. Bruce had to leave the meeting early, at 6:44pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANT: FY24 #2

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve Warrant FY24 #2. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover stated that her discussion with the auditor included questions about how we go through our standard bookkeeping and oversight. It's an important part of making sure we're looking at the details.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce was not present.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

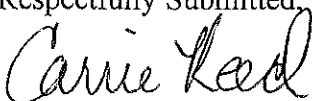
P. Seymour: Congratulations to the Energy Committee for their outstanding vision. It's quite an accomplishment, and we look forward to their success.

M. Burns stated she attended the Lighthouse Dedication Reopening Ceremony. The Island Fellow Liv Lenfestey did a fantastic job. Thank you to the Lighthouse Committee for all they are doing.

P. Anderson had no comment.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:46 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary