

9/27/23

MINUTES

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Murt Durkee, John King

Via Zoom: Dick DeGrasse, Maggy Willcox, Peter Willcox, Jennifer West, Elizabeth Hayden

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

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of August 30, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

**VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None

**MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to take the Ferry Service Update and Winter Ferry Schedule discussion together. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

**FERRY SERVICE UPDATE/WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE**

Schedule: John King reported that Bill Geary, the new executive director, has been in touch with John about possible changes to the ferry schedule. Last year, John attempted to have then executive director Mark Higgins move the usual date of the change from October to November. Instead, Mark decided to keep 9 trips/day for the entire year. This year, Bill Geary is thinking of going back to 7 trips/day. M. Burns sent John a copy of the letter that Kate Legere had written stating the school prefers to have the full schedule through the winter. John referred to the traffic report from July 2022 – July 2023. The traffic drops off in November; the lowest is in February. They are asking for input. John recommends that if it is reduced, to wait until mid- late-November. Discussion about schedule options and balancing the needs of the crew with service for the island. The crew is out in inclement weather and there's less time to warm up. More truck traffic may be an issue. Possible compromise: 8 runs/day, with the morning run being removed. Another compromise might be to shorten the length of time for the change (November – March). M. Burns pointed out that one of the school requests is to keep the full schedule M-F.

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Fares: No update. Other islands are in favor of putting the majority of the increase on the peak season. They are also in favor of a resident rate. Off-peak is end of September.

S. Conover stated that MDOT will be here at the end of the month to discuss Lincolnville parking options. John King had no additional information on that. We were asked to send a letter in support of a \$17.5 million federal grant to improve parking on both sides, mostly to get the electric charging infrastructure in place for the new boat. John has spoken with Bill Pulver at the MDOT to put a Park & Ride nearby. There is a DOT lot about 10 minutes north of Lincolnville that could make a good Park & Ride. Currently the closest one is in Waldoboro. John will ask Bill Geary about the Lincolnville parking meetings and copy Bill Pulver. We would like to provide input.

For next agenda: Discuss Lincolnville parking at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting.

### **SEA LEVEL RISE**

S. Conover had no update.

### **MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT**

L. Bruce had no update. Meeting next week.

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

- Planning Board: September 25<sup>th</sup> – 5pm
- Planning Board LD 2003 Subcommittee workshop: September 19<sup>th</sup>

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- Packet included Agenda for 9/13/23 and Minutes of 8/30/23 Regular Meeting.
- Correspondence:
  - Email from Dave Kinney, Lincolnville Administrator: Heads-up about Hurricane Lee preparations in Lincolnville and a presentation by MDOT Project Manager Mackenzie Kersbergen for the new ferry and terminal upgrades.
  - Email from Ken Smith announcing Brothers in Arms beginning museum wall repairs.
  - Email from Aurele Gorneau regarding Lincolnville parking lot study. Planning on visiting the site 9/28/23
- Bar Harbor Capital Reserve report 8/31/23
- Minutes of the 8/24/23 Lighthouse Restoration Committee meeting
- Handout from Dick DeGrasse regarding Maine Power Options
- Warrant #6
- Manager Report
  - Town F350 truck is still at the garage in Rockland being worked on.

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- Gartley & Dorsky's 8/30/23 East Shore Drive Shoreline Stabilization plan. They've forwarded it on to three contractors and we've heard back from one. Their plan is to take care of the 155' area adjacent to the road washout. Also getting the quote to do the second phase of riprap (100'). Less expensive to do all at once.
- Fred will hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss Hurricane Lee preparations.
- M. Burns asked if we can request Lincolnville not charge for parking during the hurricane. J. Anderson will email John.
- P. Anderson thanked J. Anderson for looking into the road paint question.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussed in Town Manager's report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Maine Power Options – Dick DeGrasse
  - This topic was postponed by the Energy Committee. It's on the agenda for the Energy Committee meeting next month.
  - S. Conover suggests tabling this for after the next Energy Committee meeting, and discuss on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. DeGrasse recommends we can contract with Maine Power Options for the new ferry charging.
  - S. Conover stated that going through the right process is very important, after the Energy Committee has had a chance to go through it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Winter Ferry Schedule – discussed in Ferry Service Update
2. None

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. None

### **APPROVE WARRANTS: FY24 #6**

**MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY24 #6. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

None

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**CHAIR COMMENTS**

S. Conover: Everyone stay safe. Help our emergency responders stay safe.

**VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS**

L. Bruce: Thanks in advance to any of the people who remove trees, and help people get food, etc.

**INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**


P. Anderson: The school will be an emergency shelter.

M. Burns: She and Kate Legere will be at the emergency preparedness meeting tomorrow. The Sporting Club and the ICC will be warming stations. Home game Saturday will probably be cancelled.

P. Seymour: Everybody be safe. Let's hope it just blows by us.

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by M. Burns, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:48 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed  
Secretary