

Assessors' Meeting

February 8th at 5:00pm at the Monhegan Library

Present: Jim Buccheri- First Assessor, Andrew Dalrymple- Second Assessor, Carley Feibusch- Municipal Administrator, Maura Conley

Present via Zoom: Michael Brassard- Third Assessor, Miki Partridge, Danik Farrell, Jennifer Marr, Richard Farrell, Lisa Brackett, Kathie Krause, Fred Faller, Bob Smith, Tara Hire, Matt Weber, Jane Vis, Ben Vis, Rebecca FitzPatrick, Jes Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

Minutes: January 11th and January 19th minutes were approved as written.

Warrant: Approved in the amount of \$ 25,319.41

Treasurers Report: Submitted.

Old Business:Department Reports:

Tax Collector/ Clerk/ Registrar of Voters: Lisa is off-island but has nothing new to report.

Fire: Jes noted that people from the Maine Crisis hotline were on island recently. Work has been focused on 2022 budgeting, feedback is welcome.

Wharf: Michael is still gathering prices for replacing the diamond plate, chaffing gear, and sealing the tops of the pilings.

CBAC Update:

Tectonic Engineering assessed the tower and reported that in order to house both the broadband and CCI equipment it would need improvements. Otherwise, it is in solid shape. The consensus is that improving the CCI tower is the better option. CCI is working on an MOU. The committee is hoping to break ground in the spring.

Water Company:

No update.

Traffic Ordinance:

Carley shared a draft application and updated ordinance for the assessors to review.

MOTION: Accept Monhegan plantation vehicle permit application and traffic ordinance with suggested edits to be sent out by the clerk for collection. Passed.

It was suggested to create a form that people can fill out to let the office know when a truck leaves the island.

Tourism Discussion:

The survey received roughly 100 results. The next step is to organize into categories and create a trend pattern. Michael has been working with Nan and Tish from MAI to help estimate the number of visitors to the island.

2022 Budgeting:

There was a budget meeting on February 4th and the next one is scheduled for February 22nd at 4pm.

The assessors stated they are all willing to continue for another term if they are reelected. Jim will email all officers to ask how they feel about their positions.

The Island Institute is interested in sponsoring Monhegan for the GOPIF Funding Opportunity. MOTION: Accept and submit a letter of support for the Island Institute to become a sponsor for the GOPIF program at the state house on behalf of the assessors. Passed.

METF Update:

Not much activity. The presentation videos from the summer meetings have been received and will be shared soon.

Municipal Administrator Update:

A written update was submitted.

Ferry Advisory Committee Update:

No Update. Carley will follow-up with the committee again.

Sea Level Rise Project Update:

The engineers for the wharf assessment are looking for historical photos of the wharf, especially when the recent work was done. They are also interested in seeing photos of the wharf during weather events.

COVID-19 Taskforce Update:

The FEMA application for 2021 expenses is in progress. Jes is looking for feedback for 2022 budgeting.

New Business:Housing:

There was a lot of discussion about the need for housing and how the Plantation might help. The idea of a bed tax for short term rentals and ordinances other communities have in place were shared. There are currently 15 year-round residents that do not have permanent housing. Maura will share her research with the assessors as well as a letter her and Kathie drafted that could potentially be sent to the community to help convey how big the problem is.

Town Truck/ Snow Plowing:

The town truck broke down in a recent storm but is back up and running. There was some discussion about potential alternatives to the plow truck.

The next Assessors meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator