

A Meeting of The Assessors of Monhegan Plantation was held via Zoom on April 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Attendees: Mott Feibusch, Andrew Dalrymple, Jon Pottle, Chris Smith, Jaye Morency, Dan Debord, Matt Weber, Tara Hire, Jes Stevens, Lisa Bracket, Marlene Arvan, Bob Smith

Minutes: Approved as amended

Warrant: Approved as submitted for \$7, 655.17

Treasurers Report: Submitted.

Department Reports:

Fire Dept./EMA Update:

Fire Dept. updates to be submitted via e-mail from Jes
Updated Fire Dept. Budget has been submitted reflecting COVID-19 needs

COVID-19 Task Force Meetings and related planning steps have been underway since March 15

CBAC Update: Initiation of Environmental Review Process is underway.
Connect ME funding grant has been signed
A meeting will be scheduled for later in the week.

Municipal Admin. Role:

Position Budget with FICA figures has been submitted to Assessors

Town Meeting and Annual Warrant Articles:

Town meeting date is set for June 2
Voters must have published Annual Report in hand one week before Town Meeting date.

New Business:

Broadband Easement Procurement:

Question raised:
Has the option of attaching broadband fiber to telephone poles been explored?

Jon Pottle outlines two approaches: landowner by landowner easement, or exercise eminent domain authority. Concept of eminent domain would be to establish public easement for the specific purpose of installing broadband network along existing waterline utility lines.

Knowing where the broadband trunkline infrastructure will be is a key factor in knowing where precisely public easement rights necessary. This knowledge would be delivered in the form of a design map of the network, which would be included with letter to property owners with condemnation order.

Assessors can initiate process, but the voters approve the exercise of eminent domain authority.

Recommendation for developing an inventory of where network would cross specific properties is made, in order to bring as much detail to the table as possible.

Decision to initiate eminent domain authority is tabled in order to allow for “inventory” building and for CBAC to hold a meeting to explore all options.

COVID-19 Task Force:

John Murdoch is appointed to COVID-19 Task Force
Fire Chief Rollins has removed himself from the COVID-19 Task Force.

Next assessors meeting will be April 30 at 5:30 via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned 8:45