

Assessors' Meeting

December 14th at 5:30pm at the Monhegan Library

Present: Jim Buccheri- First Assessor, Andrew Dalrymple- Second Assessor, Carley Feibusch- Municipal Administrator, Jes Stevens

Present via Zoom: Michael Brassard- Third Assessor, Bob Smith, Tish Miller, Fred Faller, Danik Farrell, Nan Nelson, Jane Vis, Kathryn Driscoll, Richard Farrell, Lisa Brackett, Miki Partridge, Rebecca FitzPatrick, Ben Odom, Sandy Gilbreath, Mattie Thomson

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

Minutes: October 22nd and November 12th minutes were approved as written.

Warrant: Approved in the amount of \$36,513.27

Treasurers Report: None Submitted.

Old Business:Department Reports:

Tax Collector/ Clerk/ Registrar of Voters: Vehicle Permit Fees and dog tags will start in January. Letters were sent to those who still owe taxes with the calculated interest. Lisa will be in the office next week to get caught up and prep for the 2021 audit.

Fire: The LUPC permit for the South Fire Barn is still in progress. The heaters are turned on and some equipment has been swapped out. A FEMA funding request is in the works. FOMVFD is sending their annual appeal letter.

Wharf: Signs are being repainted/ replaced on the freight shed.

Hazard Mitigation:

Sandy Gilbreath from the Lincoln County Planning Commission provided an overview of the hazard mitigation plan that was updated for 2021. This plan will be active for the next 5 years.

MOTION: Accept the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Discussion:** The plan is amendable but not until after January 13th when it becomes effective. Motion passed.

Water Company:

The loan for \$15,000 was on this month's warrant. Sandy discussed the ARPA funds Lincoln County has received and their proposed uses which includes water and sewer needs. Andrew has spoken to Sandy about potential water company infrastructure projects that could use funding, she will be meeting with the commissioner's administrator tomorrow to discuss further. Sandy stated the LCRPC will help with these projects with things such as grant applications and research regardless of how this specific funding pans out.

CBAC Update:

The assessors met December 9th and approved a contract with Tectonic to complete a structural analysis of CCI tower. They are eager to come out and hope to complete by the end of the year.

METF Update:

Meetings have been bi-weekly with the most recent one last Thursday. Not much news related to Monhegan. There have been community meetings in Boothbay where the cable landing site is.

Municipal Administrator Update:

A written update was submitted.

Ferry Advisory Committee Update:

It was confirmed that the Monhegan Boat Line will keep the 3 boats a week schedule this winter with the understanding that both parties will continue to research funding opportunities and reassess for next winter.

Sea Level Rise Project Update:

Baker Designs visited the island to look at the wharf and engaged with several members of the community. Andrew received a summary of their visit. They plan to visit again in the spring.

COVID-19 Taskforce Update:

Rapid test inventory has been replenished. Tests that are about to expire will be transferred to the St. George Ambulance. A community notice will be sent soon.

Traffic Ordinance:

Carley will work on a draft ordinance to share with the assessors and coordinate with Lisa about vehicle permit fees.

National Geographic Cruise:

The cruise is postponed until 2023. The Monhegan Associates have a working group to discuss large tour groups and ultimately come up with a policy. Carley and Jim will join the working group.

Tourism Discussion:

There was much discussion on how to preserve the unique nature of the island and provide support to the sustainability of our culture. The question of what capacity the island can sustain safely was brought up. Carley will work on scanning the documents from the Human Impact Committee survey from 1997.

ARPA Funds:

Monhegan has received the first half of it's ARPA funds. These funds will need to be allocated at town meeting.

2022 Budgeting:

Carley sent the assessors a preliminary schedule of meetings in preparation for town meeting.

New Business:Glass Crusher:

A resident inquired about using and/or purchasing the glass crusher that is in the freight shed. Jes reported that her and Travis had discussed disposing of it. The assessors decided the resident can have the glass crusher pending approval from Travis.

The next Assessors meeting is scheduled for January 11th at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator