

Assessor's Meetings Minutes

June, 2014

6:35 PM start

Present: Tara Hire, Lucas Chioffi, James McDaniel, Jess Stevens, Holden Nelson, Steward Way, Ray Hydusik, Michael Brassard, Jay Morency

The Warrant# For \$ was signed

May minutes were read and approved

Break Water

Matt Schweier is waiting for zero tide to take measurements for the submerged land lease. Jess Stevens is working on an application to get a work permit and needs a signature from the first assessor. She is also waiting for the \$100 check for the fee.

The truck at Eastern Tires is still on the Market. The assessors would like to find a truck much newer with significantly less than 124k miles. Stewart Way has connections in Massachusetts that he will be checking on.

The option of switching to a V-plow was discussed. Some people believe the old system has worked perfectly fine up until the last couple years. The option is still open to debate.

Fire Barn

Discussion ensued about how to prove ownership of the roads. It was suggested that the road be declared "Land in Common" or possibly speaking with Stanley's about some resolution. Ultimately the fire barn needs to be longer to house the new fire truck.

Fire Truck

The fire truck is full of water and running. There was discussion about what to do with the old fire truck. Several people seems to want it.

METF Meeting

Monhegan did not get the DOE grant, so there are talks of changing the memorandum. Tara Hire is no longer co-chair of METF because of possible conflicts of interest.

Re-Evaluation

"Nothing new here"

Website

Jane is meeting with Tara at the end of the month, to teach Tara how to update the website.

Wharf

A more appropriate fuse was placed into the control, seemingly correcting the ongoing problem. Chris Smith spoke to the company about modifying/replacing places where common steel was used with stainless and fiberglass.

The Cheese Grater and diamond plate still need attention.

Flood Maps

“Still haven’t heard back from anyone”

Cemetery

The confusion over whether two cemetery plots that may have over-lapped have been resolved. Ky has recently cleaned, repaired, and made additional improvements. There was also a discussion about repairing fence. James McDaniel is working estimates.

Water Company

Maria Chioffe doesn’t think the water company should become a quasi municipal entity and thinks it would be advantageous to remain the same. Billy Boynton is still pursuing legal advice.

New Business

People have been complaining to Angela Iannicelli about under-age drinking and throwing food off the wharf. The owners of the Island Inn and the Monhegan House/Novelty both explained the policies their establishments have in place to prevent sales to minors. There are no town ordinances against throwing food off the wharf. Angela asked to remind people that she is no longer an assessor and that meetings are the second Tuesday of every month.

Jess Stevens was concerned that because Friends of Monhegan files non-profit under the Monhegan Plantations policy, the MP could be held liable for any actions taken by one of the “Friends of Monhegan” i.e. first responders, volunteer fire fighters.

Assessor Meeting

July, 2014

6:30

Present: Tara Hire, Lucas Chioffi, James McDaniel, Jess Stevens, Ray Hyduk, Stewart Wray, Bob and Penny Smith, Matt Weber

The warrant # For \$ was signed

Town Finances

- Invoices from boat line and wharf maintenance were accounted for.
- The plantation received \$2000 from county, some of the moneys could be used to pay architect. Money needs to be used by Jan 2015.
- The \$200 donated by people rescued from backside will be used to buy batteries for the VFD radios.

Quadricentennial

- Assessors voted to allow Sheriff Deputies to help keep the peace.
- 2 nurses from life flight will be staying on Monhegan Aug 4 thru 7
- 1 Fire Chief and a lower fire officer will be here during this time
- Paul Leaman will bring a team of firefighters the day of the fireworks

Wind Project

- METF mission statement was approved
- Memorandum of understanding needs approval at town meeting

Town Truck

- Stewart Way spoke with his connections in Massachusetts, but was unable to find a truck with the allotted \$25,000
- The Assessors motioned and approved to pay Richard Iris \$500 out of the \$25,000 to purchase a truck for the town

Fire Barn

- Need to speak to senators about exemptions (LURC rules)
- Need to speak to owners of adjacent properties
- Running out of time

Re-Evaluation

- Nothing new

Break Water

- Matt Schweirer is close to finishing application

Website

- Tara needs digital copies of all minutes

- Jane Cullen has updated Tara

Flood Maps

- Haven't finalized rough draft

- Need to send letters to people possibly affected

Foreclosed Land

- Need to check with Donna Cundy about payments

- Jess Stevens was concerned with leaky paint cans.

Cemetery

- A request for interment for Jewell McDonald by Lori McDonald Wheeler was approved

- Doug Boynton and James McDaniel are restoring fallen fence and clearing brush around fence

Investments

- Endowments left for plantation are now moving in positive direction

New Business

- The plantation is currently working with GWI to possibly get some more internet

- Thank you cards need to be sent

- Bob Smith is putting together a time capsule and is looking for ideas for where to put it and what to put in it

- Penny Smith claims there are cock roaches on the island

Assessor's meetings minutes

August 12, 2014

6:30 PM start

Present: Lucas Chioffi, Tara Hire, Jess Stevens, Pam Rollinger, Stew Way, Dori Schweier, Michael Brassard, Ethan Gussow, Matt Weber, Bob Smith, Penny Smith

Minutes read, amended, and approved

UMaine Wind Project update

Mariane Chioffi and Winnie Murdock have asked the community to submit their input on what community benefits they would like to see the town receive from the project. A meeting to get feedback will be scheduled in the Fall. At some point after that there will be a vote.

Town Truck

Stewart Way is still waiting to get feedback from Richard Irish. Richard mentioned keeping the current town truck because of the money that has already been invested. Lucas Chioffi believes that the truck has nothing fundamentally wrong with it, other than age related problems, but still can see the need for a new truck. Stewart Way said the exhaust from the current truck was problematic but would like to keep the current truck as backup instead of using Weber. It was also mentioned that the town could sell the truck to offset the finder's fee. Tara Hire would still like to see the town purchase a new truck.

Breakwater

Jess Stevens has submerged land lease and the application for LUPC. She has also spoken with Mick Devin and Chris Johnson about possibly speeding up the LUPC application as well as the fire barn.

Wharf

Andy Barstow has been putting off welding the grate because the wharf has been so busy. Lucas is possibly going to speak with another welder about doing the job. Dori mentioned that Matt Schweier has recently purchased a welding machine but could not volunteer his services without speaking with him first. The current bid to refit the slip controls is \$18,000. It may be possible instead to have someone from the island to replace just the more critical components.

Fire Barn

Lynn is still working on permits. Chris Johnson and Mick Devin said they would “go to bat” with her helping to get permits. Permit will probably be denied before it can be appealed. Andy Castle raised \$900 for FOMVFD during Quad.

Flood Maps

We now have the flood maps and have asked Sue Baker how to proceed forward. If anyone is buying property near a flood zone, it is recommended to get insurance now so they can be grandfathered in at a lower rate.

Foreclosed Land

Need to investigate lots 21 and 28 to determine ownership

Quadricentennial

Big hit, nobody was hurt. Possibly broke even

New Business

Plantation taxes are almost finished

Need to create agreement between FOMVFD and plantation to store truck. Hopefully, agreeing to a five year lease with automatic renewal. Jess Stevens is concerned with insurance.

Need press release for fire truck

Need to write letters of support to Mick Devin and Chris Johnson, who are both up for re-election.

Several people voiced concern over the misuse of golf carts. Lucas said that the Assessors tried to have regulations put in place but ultimately discovered they had no authority to create vehicle ordinances. Tara spoke with Mick Devin about having some legislation to help regulate the use of the golf carts. It was agreed that there are some people that physically need and deserve to use the carts. The problems, some people complained about, were that people rent carts and allow other family members to use them, some people drive too fast, some allow too many on the cart making it look “like a Mexican highway”, healthy people drive them, and that when others abuse the cart privilege, it sometimes makes people who legitimately need them feel uncomfortable. The option of simply educating people about the proper Monhegan golf cart etiquette and putting up information on some of the boards and on the websites was also an option. There was a similar conversation about fireworks.

Assessor's Meeting

September 9, 2014

Present: Tara Hire, Lucas Chioffi, James McDaniel, Jess Stevens, Ray Hydusik, Stewart Wray

The Warrant # For \$ was signed

Old Business

UMaine

No update

Town Truck

No update from Richard Irish. Need to send old truck in to be fixed Sept. 25. Richard seems to think that the town may get one more year out of it since so much money has been invested such as, lights, exhaust, etc need to be fixed.

Break Water

It has been determined that the breakwater is exempt from needing a conveyance as long as the Plantation is not planning to expand upon the existing footprint of the breakwater below the low water line.

They are going to refund the \$100 application fee

Work on the LURC permit will now begin

FOMVFD building

Fire truck is inside. We have just finalized the letter of permission from MAI. Jess Stevens will follow up with some simple agreement between FOMVD (includes all types of insurance FOMVFD has) to Lucas so he can research cost of building and other insurance through MMA.

Need to check on Liability coverage for volunteers who drive the truck.

Ordinances Legislation

It may not be a priority to work on ordinances involving fire crackers and golf carts at this time. It was mentioned that it would be appropriate to have a town meeting to discuss who exactly is allowed to use golf carts rather than just the few people who attend the assessor's meetings.

Fire Truck

The suction pump on the fire truck is inoperable. A discussion either to send the truck in to be fixed or have the people from Greenwood come out from Brunswick. Stewart Wray mentioned that they should come look at it for free since the town has already paid \$7000 for them to check it out. There is some concern that it may become a "money pit."

Flood Maps

A letter concerning flood maps was sent out with taxes.

Water Company

Ray Hyduski contacted a lawyer who is working parallel with Mick Devin about possible legislation to make the water company a town entity.

Fire Barn

Lynn should be finished with the permit by the end of the week of September 12, 2014.

Foreclosed Land

Quick claim deeds need to be notarized.

No response from Attorney David Soule of Soule and Logan concerning Lots 21 and 28.

New Business

Piling on wharf has diminished, could possibly be fixed along with breakwater.

Need to ask Victor for date to have sewer pipe removed.

Tommy Molten may not need permit for shed.

Gary Stone is coming to next assessors meeting.

Meetings will now be held at 5:30.

Assessor's Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2014

5:30 start

Present: Lucas Chioffi, Tara Hire, James McDaniel, Alison Hill, Billy Boynton, Michael Brassard, Stewart Way, Cole Lord, Pam Rollinger, Norma Caplis

Minutes read and approved

The Warrant # for \$9547.98 was signed

METF

Considering re-writing mission statement to include METF as part of the committee

Town truck update and roads

Richard Iris recommended to Tara, that the town should continue using the old town truck. Matt Weber recommended getting snow fence for top of Horns Hill. He also recommended putting flags around fire hydrants, rocks, etc.

Stewart Way is going to order material. He is going inshore Dec 1 thru March 1 for financial reasons. Need to find people to run snow plow in his absence. Stewart needs to write a basic job description.

Need to bill people for fallen trees

Need to cover wires that cross the road leading to Dead Man's Cove

Breakwater

No update

Wharf

Summer tech is coming November 13 for an evaluation

Fire Barn

Chris Smith gave an estimate for moving pedestals at around \$5000 to \$10,000 depending number of splice kits. FOMVFD agreement was approved for Lucas to sign on behalf of plantation.

Fire Truck

The fire truck that Monhegan received from Summerville has been sent to Brunswick for the second time. When we received the truck it had a bad clutch, a part that is no longer manufactured. Cole believes the truck has become more of a nuisance and recommends getting a newer truck. The truck from Summerville is a 1975 International Cargo.

Ordinances and legislation

Tara believes a committee should be formed and have a larger conversation. Pam Rollinger is working on getting legislation to ban fireworks. Billy Boynton mentioned it may not be wise to get the state involved in our local politics, although it may be necessary for some things. It may be necessary to re-look at a vehicle conversation. Michael suggested having a conversation about how people see Monhegan and key parts of life.

Water Company Update

It was decided to table the idea of spending \$3000 to \$5000 on having a lawyer tell us if we want to become a municipal entity or not. Plantation should lay claim since we are the majority of stockholders, so if we need to insure, we can insure on that basis.

Press Release

Table press release

Life flight

Sent thank you letter, but asked to increase donations

Town Meeting Budgets

Fire Department has had a tough time budgeting the last few years. The people most active with the fire department met last week to discuss fire department issues. Tara suggested that volunteers meet OSHA requirements to avoid being sued by the State. Lucas thinks it's outrageous to go down this road and worries about constant oversight.

New Business

Need to follow up with the Monhegan House about toilets

Need a committee to facilitate postmaster issues