

A Meeting of The Assessors of Monhegan Plantation was held at The School on September 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm

Attendees: Mott Feibusch, Andrew Dalrymple, Jes Stevens, Tara Hire, Jaye Morency, Michael Brassard,

Minutes: Approved as Read

Warrant: Approved as submitted for \$20,491.02 (incl. 3,000.00 software - plantation expenses)

Treasurers Report: Submitted

Old Business:

Departmental Updates:

Fire Dept: Is there an overpayment on previous warrant for Fire Dept.? Jes will follow up with Mott. Funding for 911 radio upgrade has been secured including Installation of repeater system and replacement of new digital radio models for approx. \$20,000.00. RCM will be on island in the next week to check installation site for repeater system. New fire ladders are also en route.

Wharf Committee: Michael spoke with Andy about traction options on slip. Andy's recommendation is to cover ramp with wooden planks covered in "all-grip." Michael recommends discussing pros/cons of various solutions with regular users of wharf and slip, esp. for fishing/lobersting needs in winter. Avoiding welding/reliance on off-island labor is preferred.

Michael confirms that PROCK is not bringing out barge to do work on Wick-Wack in the fall.

Andy has made request for four higher pilings installed at either corner of wharf.

Copper caps are bending outward and pose a hazard as they are very sharp. Recommendation made to tack them to the pilings to prevent hazardous bending.

METF Update: No update

Sea Level Rise Update: The Plantation has been awarded \$39,240.00 through the Coastal Communities Grant Program via the Maine Department of Marine Resources. This is in addition to the \$10,000.00 received from the Island Institute's Shore Up Maine Grant Program and \$5,000.00 cash match from the Monhegan Water Company for a total project budget of \$54,240.00 for the Monhegan Island Aquifer Study and Alternative Water Supply Feasibility Study.

Maine Assessment Agents Update: Property tax bills have been mailed. The Plantation will need to file an abatement for the "little teacher house" and the Parsonage cottage. The Fitzgerald Studio is also planning to file an abatement.

Question raised over whether Museum/School received a new property card.

Fish Beach MGMT. update: The Plantation will contact Jon Pottle to review best practice next steps towards establishing a public easement for use of Fish Beach.

New Business:

AV Equipment: \$100.00 has been issued to reimburse Fred Faller for purchase of the Meeting Owl.

Animal Control Enforcement: MMA has sent a letter outlining Plantation's capacity for issuing citations/fines for violations of leash law on island. Suggestions were made for increased signage on island and on ferry boats. The issue of consistency with enforcement was raised in relation to dealing with on-island dogs being off-leash. Is there an on-island exemption? Recommendation made to clarify how to deal with "incidents" - not just leash-law violations or wandering dogs, but enforcement of fees for incidents involving biting, etc.

Rodent Trapping: Does the plantation want to contract with outside rodent trapping? Will follow up with Solid Waste in order to determine whether rodent activity is up or down and whether rat cafes are being maintained.

Rory has stated his intention to resign as third assessor. Recommend having Rory send a letter stating his resignation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm