

## **Assessor's Meeting**

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5pm at the Monhegan Library

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

*Present via zoom:* Michael Brassard- Third Assessor, Danik Farrell, Jon Bogdonave, Matt Weber, Miki Partridge, Lisa Brackett, Rebecca FitzPatrick, Tara Hire, SDS, Ben Odom, Joan Brady, Jennifer Marr, Bob Smith, Cathy's iPad, Kathryn Driscoll, Mathew Thompson, Frederick Faller, Richard Farrell, Mandy Metrano

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

**Minutes:** Michael Brassard moved to accept the minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> as submitted. Andrew seconded. Motion passed.

**Warrant:** Andrew moved to accept warrant 03-2022. Michael seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted.

### **Old Business:**

#### Department Reports:

*Tax Collector/ Clerk/ Registrar of Voters:* Lisa reported that boat registrations can be done online now, she will work on getting that set-up. Bills went out for vehicle permit fees and everything is caught up now. Dog tags were all issued. One dog is still out because of paperwork.

*Fire:* Fire Chief Kole Lord has stepped down from his position effective last week. Other members of MVFD have stepped up as they can. Thank you to Kole for the time her served. A more detailed written update was submitted.

*Wharf:* Michael is waiting for the repainted Monhegan sign, no further updates.

#### CBAC Update:

The monthly CBAC meeting was last week. CBAC is moving forward with solutions to the tower situation and will continue to report back when more information is available. CBAC would like to hire Hayley Ward to do a redesign of the foundation of the tower in hopes of lower construction costs.

Andrew moves to sign the contract with Hayley Ward in the amount of \$5,500 for broadband tower development. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

#### 2022 Budgeting Schedule:

Town meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Monhegan School.

Andrew moved to accept the warrant articles as read with changes noted. Michael seconded. Motion passed.

#### Water Company:

A public hearing is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> via zoom to discuss a rate increase effective May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The rate would go from \$140 to \$280 a year. The loan was returned to plantation, Carley is working with the investment committee to return the funds.

#### Traffic Ordinance:

Lisa and Carley worked together to mail out a notice of the ordinance, an application, and request for permit fees for vehicles.

#### Tourism Discussion:

Michael and Carley participated in a meeting with Cruise Maine and the Maine Office of Tourism to discuss what options are available for cruise ship destination communities. MAI was also on the meeting and has been working on a policy for large groups. MAI has made it clear they will not make any decisions about their land use without consulting the plantation. Michael went through the survey results and gathered them into a document. The results raised some fundamental issues that go beyond docking and cruise lines.

#### METF Update:

NEAV is still going through the permitting process and are planning a visit in May visit to talk about the permit and get input from the Monhegan community. There will likely be a public engagement opportunity with the NEPA process in mid-June

#### Municipal Administrator Update:

A written update was submitted.

#### Sea Level Rise Projects Update:

Andrew has been in contact with GEI (formerly Baker Designs) to discuss historical documents. More to come next month with spring visit.

#### Monhegan COVID-19 Task Force Update:

Masks are still required at the school. Mask mandates are starting to change across the state. The plantation is making a request to FEMA for reimbursements.

#### Housing:

Trustees of MISCA and FOMVFD had a meeting with Carley to discuss potential collaborations, raising the housing issue to a new level of priority. Housing is a major concern when it comes to tourism. The consensus is that MISCA cannot handle the need alone and that the plantation itself should make more of a contribution. There was discussion about sending out a survey to assess housing needs and bring more awareness to the issue.

**New Business:**

Fish Beach Access (re: easement):

Andrew reported that this agenda item was last discussed in 2019. There is a general question about the public's right to use fish beach as well as the landowners right to control the beach. The assessors will pursue seeking legal aid to clarify the rights of the community and rights of the property owners. An update expected by next meeting.

The next assessors meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator