

Assessor's Meeting April 13th 2014

In attendance: Assessors Tara Hire and Lucas Chioffi, Fire Chief Kole Lord, Winnie Murdock, John Murdock, Bill Boynton, Jess Stevens, and Road Commissioner Stewart Way.

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm EST

Tara hire reviewed minutes from last meeting written by Third Assessor Travis Dow who has formally resigned. Minutes were accepted as written.

Old Business-

University of Maine Wind Project- Presently, Maine Aqua Ventus (MAV) is waiting for the Federal Department of Energy to make a selection for their Energy Stimulation Grant. Monhegan Energy Task Force is meanwhile reaching out to Maine State and supplementary

Revaluation- Questioned and reviewed current and projected Land Tax Valuation process; present method is a blind acreage value disregarding location (waterfront, waterview, etc.). Completing the Revaluation will mean applying a three tiered system of value taking location into account. The three tiered system is in process, the specifics being studied by Nancy Weeks at Maine State Revenue Services.

Town Truck- More discussion about the merits of new or leased versus used; concern was expressed that the current article to raise \$25,000 to replace the Town Truck would not be enough, especially if all new equipment was to be purchased. After a lengthy discussion the Assessors agreed to suggest an increase of the article at Town Meeting leaving those in attendance to decide the 'new or used' question.

Breakwater- Jess Steven provided an update of the Breakwater project(s). The contractor, Prock Industries, has provided an update cost estimate which will mean amending related articles in the Warrant at Town Meeting. Projected costs have gone up and down, meaning little net change in the money to be raised at Town Meeting.

Website- Tara stated that the Plantation website is now operational and that Jane Cullen will show a few of us Plantation officials how to update and add information to the site.

Wharf- Lucas explained that the slip hoist system was functional, but that the safety (too high or low) had been by-passed to make it so. When it can be properly repaired is unknown. Further Kole and Stewart pointed out that not only is the cheese grater worn, but the diamond plate in the center is both worn and detached in several spots.

Fire Barn- Jess and Tar applied for a grant from Lincoln County on behalf of the Plantation last month. The selection process should have been completed by this point. Tara will find out just who was awarded the funds. No further progress on the potential reconstruction of the Fire Barn. In order to move forward with the building permit the LUPC wants the Plantation to demonstrate legal ownership of the roads (especially the one abutting the Fire Barn). While most parties present had some ideas as

to how and why the Plantation owned the roads, no one knew if a legal claim had been filed. Tara is to follow up with Karen Bolstridge at LUPC.

Town Meeting- Discussed potential amendments of articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting: Muskrats, truck, and breakwater.

Muskrats- Tara stated that the trappers (having just been at work here) had no intention of returning in the Fall. There was some discussion as to whether or not the expense of their services for 60 muskrats is worth it.

Cemetery- Discussed Nelson family request to inter Nick Nelsons ashes in Monhegan Cemetery. Assessors agreed to request, Tara will write a formal letter of acceptance get them in touch with the Clerk regarding placement etc.

Flood Maps- Lucas once again promised to compile a list of all property owners in the flood zone. The letter of explanation is almost ready.

Warrant total- \$6,089.28

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 EST

Respectfully submitted

Lucas Chioffi

2nd Assessor