

Assessor's Meeting

May 10th, 2022 at 5pm at the Monhegan Memorial Library

Present: Jim Buccheri- First Assessor, Andrew Dalrymple- Second Assessor, Carley Feibusch- Municipal Administrator, Michael Brassard- Third Assessor

Present via Zoom: Danik Farrell, Jessica Stevens, Miki Partridge, Bob and Penny Smith, Richard Farrell, Rebecca FitzPatrick, Lisa Brackett, Jaye Morency, Nan Nelson, Jane, Mary Weber, Cathy Prichard, Mott Feibusch, Tara Hire

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes: Andrew moved to accept the minutes of April 12th as submitted. Jim Seconded. Motion Passed.

Warrant: Andrew moved to accept warrant 05-2022 as submitted. Jim Seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted.

Old Business:Department Reports:

Tax Collector/ Clerk/ Registrar of Voters: Lisa reported that one tax lien has been filed. There is a vote in June, the ballot will be posted soon. Lisa will send out a reminder for vehicle permit fees.

Fire: Jes reported that the Fire Chief position is still vacant. There was discussion about potential purchases.

Michael moved to approve purchase of the Mercedes textile 375 pump as described in the information provided by Jes Stevens. Andrew second. Passed

There was discussion about future trainings. It was noted that the battery for the smoke detector in the South Barn keeps going missing.

Wharf: Michael reported that the replacement diamond plate for the ramp and the chaffing gear project is postponed until the fall. The new sign is on the freight shed. Michael is looking into replacing the light fixture.

CBAC Update:

The committee is still waiting to hear from CCI. The redesign for the tower base is moving forward.

Water Company:

The rate increase was filed with the PUC and should have a decision by next week. There was discussion about the fire hydrants. Andrew stated that the water commissioner is tasked with maintaining the hydrants but there is not a routine inspection. It was suggested numbering the hydrants will help with keeping track of maintenance needs.

Tourism Discussion:

Karen Kuest from Lindblad will be on island June 11th and 12th. There was discussion about holding a public meeting for the community to learn more about the cruise and ask questions. Carley will follow-up with Karen and the assessors.

METF Update:

There will be a public meeting with NEAV on May 19th at the school. It will be posted as soon as an agenda is in hand.

Municipal Administrator Update:

A written report was submitted.

Sea Level Rise Projects Update:

Andrew touched base with Travis Pryor. He is hoping to have a joint presentation with the GOPIF community workshop.

Monhegan COVID-19 Task Force Update:

Lincoln and Knox County are in the high-risk level. Monhegan school is back to masks this week. All of New England is currently in a high-risk category.

COVID-19 tests are available for plantation employees. There was some discussion on obtaining antiviral medication on the island.

Planning Board:

The planning board met to discuss how to move forward with housing issues. Several potential funding avenues were discussed. A public meeting will follow.

Fish Beach Access re: easement:

The assessors will meet with their attorney tomorrow to discuss a solution.

Payroll:

Michael moved to accept the recommended Policy for Treasurers' Disbursement Warrants for Employee Benefits and Wages as submitted by Carley. Andrew second. Motion Passed.

Position Vacancies:

There have been no interested parties in the Fire Chief position. Jes will continue in the Deputy EMA role but asked that a job description is worked on for the EMA Director position. There was much discussion on the structure of the fire department and how to move forward.

Jim moved to appoint Travis Dow as solid waste manager. Andrew second. Motion Passed.

Andrew moved to appoint michael as ACO. Jim second. Motion Passed.

GOPIF Project:

Andrew and Carley will work with Abby Roche from the Island Institute to complete the Community Resilience Self-Evaluation. The next step will be to hold a community workshop, hopefully in conjunction with a presentation on the wharf project, in late June.

New Business:

Internment Request:

The assessors received an internment request from Elise Cundy for her husband, Rick Cundy. Andrew moved to accept interment request for Rick Cundy. Michael Seconded. Passed.

Amazon Film:

Amazon would like to film a 10-minute promotional video. They intend to donate approximately \$25,000 to MISCA. The assessors requested that an itinerary be shared so the public can be notified and asked if there is any sort of legal document ties to the filming. The drone policy was also noted. Carley will follow-up.

Hiring:

The plantation is looking to hire someone to clean the public restroom starting May 20th.

The next assessors meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator