

Assessor's Meeting

April 12th, 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: Fred Faller, Miki Partridge, Carvahlo, Mott Feibusch, Candis Kerns, Danik Farrell, Bob Smith, Lisa Brackett, Mattie Thompson, Richard Farrell, Jes Stevens, Tara Hire, Matt Weber, Penny Smith

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes: Andrew moved to accept the minutes of February 22nd and March 8th as submitted. Jim Seconded. Motion Passed. (Michael was not present for this vote)

Warrant: Andrew moved to accept warrant 04-2022 as submitted. Jim Seconded. Motion Passed. (Michael was not present for this vote)

Treasurer's Report: Submitted.

Old Business:

Department Reports:

Tax Collector/ Clerk/ Registrar of Voters: Lisa reported that there is a vote in June and that there is one new registered voter. 30- Day notices have been sent for 2021 tax liens. Vehicle permit fees have been trickling in and there is only one dog license left.

Fire: Jes reported that bills for fire total \$2,471. The fire chief position is vacant, there are several people carrying pagers but no one person is in charge yet. Wilderness first aid scheduled for April 30 and May 1. There was discussion about holding a fire department meeting soon.

Wharf: Michael needs to be in touch with Andy about replacing diamond plate and chaffing gear. He is not optimistic about when the work will be done, not likely to happen in the short term. The freight shed sign has been repainted and is ready to be installed.

CBAC Update:

The committee met last Tuesday and talked about tower status. They are still pursuing 2 tracks with the tower solution. CCI has not supplied the MOU yet. There was discussion about the arrival of Starlink and how it impacts the project.

Water Company:

The public hearing for the rate increase took place last month. Water should be turned on for the season by Monday.

Tourism Discussion:

Michael identified patterns within responses to the survey and then identified themes. There was a clear message that the lupine field was not the preferred location for the portapotty and so it will be moved to the wharf this year. There were mixed feelings in the survey results about the national geographic cruise specifically. There was discussion about how the assessors would like to move forward with National Geographic.

METF Update:

NEAV plans to come out in May to update the community on progress.

Municipal Administrator Update:

A written update was submitted. The town office hours have changed to Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5pm and by appointment.

Sea Level Rise Projects Update:

No update.

Monhegan COVID-19 Task Force Update:

There will be a second booster shot clinic on April 25th (Moderna) at boat time for 50+ and immunocompromised. Forms will be available to fill out in advance. The plantation bought covid tests for plantation employees (which will be reimbursed by FEMA) Let Jes or Carley know if you want them. There was discussion for longer term testing availability on island.

Housing:

It was suggested that the Planning Board take on housing as a discussion topic.

Fish Beach Access re: easement:

Andrew is working towards having a dedicated meeting to discuss the matter with assessors and stakeholders with the attorney to help aid the conversation about access to the beach and come to a resolution. Hopefully will schedule a meeting prior to the next monthly meeting. There is a memo from attorney with recommended action plans, looking to a mutually agreed upon solution.

New Business:Internment Request:

Michael moved to approve the internment of Jack Bell into the Monhegan cemetery. Andrew seconded. Motion passed.

Payroll:

A policy that will allow for payroll to be submitted outside of an assessors meeting will be drafted for approval at the next meeting.

Appointments:

Andrew moved to appoint Jim Buccheri as the local health officer. Michael Seconded. Motion passed.

The Fire chief position is vacant. Assessors will review the job description and follow up with an email to fire department members to coordinate a meeting.

A School board member and a trustee of the power company are still needed. There are no known interested parties at this time.

LPI:

A resident shared a letter they received from the Local Plumbing Inspector about a malfunctioning septic system. There were questions about the action of the inspector and what they are legally allowed to do. Carley will reach out to the State Plumbing Inspector for advice.

The next assessors meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator