

A meeting of The Assessors of Monhegan Plantation was held at The School on Tuesday February 12 at 5:30 pm

Attendees: Tara Hire, Mott Feibusch, James McDaniel (phone), Jes Stevens, Stewart Way, Travis Dow, Winnie Murdock

Meeting called to order 5:37pm

Minutes approved as read

Warrant #022018 was signed in the amount of \$11,725.55

Treasurers Report: N/A

Old Business

CBAC Update: A scholarship committee was formed. Members include Carley Mayhew, Mary Weber, and Billy Boynton.

Broadband: Axiom Technologies will be coming out to the island on February 28th to start the process of estimating and forming a plan going forward. Tara Hire suggested applying for an island fellow to help facilitate the broadband buildout.

Inventory of Town Records Building: Inventory is complete. Tara Hire digitized the oldest records and uploaded all the pdf's to the website. Pam is continuing to get Archival boxes. The museum applied for another grant to do more work preserving our records.

Boardwalk Review: repairs and maintenance of the boardwalk is under the purview of the Roads Department. A budget of \$3500 was suggested.

New Business

Roads Budget: Less budget surplus was recommended by the Assessors. It is unclear if surplus was handled correctly in the past with the changing of hands of treasurers. Discussion ensued on the handling of this account for 2018. Projected Budget \$52,050.

Solid Waste Budget: Solid Waste proposed a price increase for purple bags from \$10 to \$12 starting in 2019. Solid Waste Manager increase in salary from \$20 to \$25 in 2018. Projected budget is \$52,000.

Officers Compensation: remains the same.

Tax Evaluations: Discussion ensued on second assessors job description, reevaluation schedule, how we evaluate houses and properties, if we should change to fair market value, and how that would be implemented. The idea of applying for an island fellow from the Island Institute to do research and come up with a plan around assessment, what it will cost, etc. James McDaniel suggested forming a committee to come up with a new formula to assess land values vs. house

size. An Article with a dedicated account for an outside tax professional to start the conversation around re-evaluation was suggested.

Vehicle Permit Fees: Increase in vehicle permit fees is proposed for 2018 from \$50 to \$100. Discussion ensued on lost revenue and how to account for all vehicles coming and going and how to implement a visual on permits.

Plantation Expenses: Proposed budget of \$36,000 with just under \$14,000 dollars leftover from 2017. \$8,000 additional suggested for an Island Fellow to help with implementation of Broadband and other tasks in the town office. \$1,000 budgeted for Town Records archive and digitization.

Building and Maintenance: have \$6,928 currently. Fire Barn Doors need to be fixed. \$9,000 was suggested to replace. Fixing instead of replacing was suggested. An additional \$3,000 dollars was suggested to add to this account. Storm windows for the town records building would cost approximately \$1300 for the project.

Wharf: Maintenance account: Manager is waiting on an estimate from the boatline to replace one piling in the north corner. If the town were to hire Prock Marine we should replace all pilings which still have considerably more life left in them. Total for all other work proposed for 2018 is \$6,100 without accounting for the piling project. Wharf Operating account proposed budget is \$8,000. Discussion ensued on mooring fees.

Fire Department: proposed budget for 2018 is \$20,093. Fire Barn Dedicated Account: funds for a proposed Fire Truck Dedicated Account instead of the Barn was suggested. It should be noted that Fire Engine 1 in the South Barn currently is not functioning.

Rodent Control: Butch Tripp will come out in April for trapping. An extra \$500 was suggested to add to the \$1500 for

MISCA: \$15,000 is proposed to donate to MISCA

All other accounts: stay the same.

PUC Comments: Motion was made for Tara Hire to submit comments on behalf of the Assessors to the PUC highlighting that the Community Benefit Agreement should be a provision of the Term Sheet. Motion Passes.

BOEM Comments: There is a comment period open for Offshore Drilling in the Gulf of Maine. Motion was made for Mott Feibusch to draft comments on behalf of the municipality to BOEM regarding offshore oil drilling in a 30 mile radius of Monhegan.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mott Feibusch

