

**A meeting of The Assessors of Monhegan Plantation was held at The School on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**

**Attendees:** Tara Hire, James McDaniel, Mott Feibusch, Angela Iannicelli, Travis Dow, Stew Way, Melanie Greateaux., Kathie Krause, Barbara Hitchcock, Jes Stevens, Billy Boynton, Matt Weber, Emily Morse, Pam Rollinger, Richard Farrell, Danik Farrell, Carley Mayhew, Bob Smith, Penny Smith, Paige Norris. Bill Hidell, Winnie Murdock *Phone* Fred Faller, Jackie Boegel

**Minutes** were read from the June 13<sup>th</sup>, and June 22<sup>nd</sup> Assessor Meetings and accepted as adjusted.

**Warrant #072017** was signed for **\$43,539.38**

**Old business**

- **CBAC Update:** Updated Technical Expert reports will be finalized and released in the next 2 weeks. These experts were hired to help inform a counterproposal by putting values on a cable benefit, and what the cash alternative should look like in lieu of a cable. The committee's focus is now on a counterproposal. Please see attached for the letter sent to the community.
  - Discussion ensued on the lobstermen's negotiations, and others, bringing to question Laura Singer. She is not involved with the town negotiation process.
- **NEPA Process Update**
  - Pamela Rollinger Kathie Krause and Tara Hire wrote and sent a letter to the Department of Energy accepting an offer to be a consulting party in regard to the National Historic Preservation Act on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The assessors have received a response from DOE acknowledging that they have received our acceptance to be a consulting party.
  - A visualization study is being conducted through the NEPA process tentatively available by September. Fred Faller and Mott Feibusch helped identify significant view points for the study, including a possible cable landing location near Deadman's Cove and the view from the Light House, the Coast Guard Station on Manana, other historic locations, and other scenic viewpoints along the trails.
- **Wharf Committee Update:**
  - A ladder needs to be reattached to the Dock, Caution Tape should be put up until that project happens.
  - Sherm Stanley reported that one of the hydraulic housings for the lifts on the wharf needs repair as well.
  - Chafing gear for the front of the wharf should be installed. It is currently in the Freight Shed
  - Forklift will arrive when the tide is right
  - No update on the copper cap project.
- **Property Tax Assessment:** Nancy Weeks visit has been postponed until July 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - There is \$2,400 in the Reevaluation Fund with no intent assigned to it.
    - This money could be used to pay for the Digitization of Tax Maps.
- **Digitizing Tax Maps**
  - Past evaluations will be scanned for each house in addition to the tax maps
  - James McDaniel can receive a wage to do work for the town and would like an assistant as well
  - A motion was made to use the Reevaluation Dedicated Fund to for James McDaniel to digitize the tax maps and associated records and he can also hire an assistant. The wage will be \$20/hr for 35 hours and will reassess as the project goes on.
  - Motion passed.

- **University of Maine Visit**
  - Tara Hire received a letter from UMaine President Susan Hunter thanking us for our time and reassured that UMaine is not just the wind project, and the point of the visit was not about the wind project, but partnerships outside the project. She also acknowledged the controversy of the MAV project.
  - The Community Benefits Advisory Committee Framework did however lead to this conversation, as we made a clear point to include a very broad picture of Monhegan's assets and needs.
- **Fees Assessed for personal use of town arranged barge runs**
  - Tara Hire made a motion to accept the Barge Price Sheet as written by Travis Dow in his email from June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for all town Barge runs as attached.
  - Motion passed
  - This letter should be posted in the town office and other areas where it can be made publicly accessible.

## **New business**

- **Address letter received by the Plantation from Travis Dow**
  - **“Who supports the project?”** Protect Monhegan provided a list of every registered voter that is in support of trying to move the test site. As far as I am aware, there has not been a list generated of those in support of the project. Could you please provide a list by the next assessor meeting? We would like to write a letter to Susan Hunter explaining exactly who is, and who isn't in support of the project.
    - The plantation is not able to process a FOAA request for a document that does not exist.
  - **What are the steps needed for the plantation to take a stand against the project?** Could you please explain to us what steps need to be taken for the town to acknowledge those that want to move the project?
    - The plantation gave Travis Dow Chapter 5 of the Town Meetings and Elections Manual, a 22 page document explaining how to petition the Plantation as per MMA and the State of Maine Guidelines.
- Discussion ensued
- **Rodent Control**
  - A trapper will be contracted for Next Spring
- **Dory on Swim Beach**
  - It is unclear whether or not this is a plantation problem.
- **Cemetery**
  - Flat Stones are sinking into earth
  - Kay Gregory is now on the cemetery committee
  - Cemetery records need to be updated
- **Assistant to Digitization**
  - It was suggested that Paige Norris be the assistant to the digitization of the tax maps and she should inventory the records building.
  - Tara Hire moved to make a budget of 15 hours to Paige Norris for inventory at the town records building.

- Motion was not seconded.

- **Local Health Officer**

- Jes Stevens gave us an update on the Midcoast Medical Reserve Corps meeting.
- Tara Hire is currently our Local Health Officer.

**Meeting adjourned 7:30**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Mott Feibusch**  
**Third Assessor**

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**Date of approval**

From: **Travis Dow** tgdown@hotmail.com  
Subject:  
Date: June 5, 2017 at 7:23 AM  
To:



Hello Everyone -

If you are interested in getting a vehicle to or from the island, or would like to order firewood, please contact me.

Thanks  
Travis  
SW Manager

#### 2017 - Solid Waste Barge Price Sheet

Small Pick-up truck	\$225
Full-size pick-up truck	\$275
Kabota or similar	\$175
Golf Cart	\$100
Cord Wood	\$75/cord

#### Firewood:

1 Cord	\$350 + \$75(barge)
2 Cord	\$600 + \$150(barge)
3 Cord	\$850 + \$225(barge)

A check for the wood must be made out to Central Maine Disposal

A check for the barge must be made out to Monhegan Plantation

Both checks are due on or before delivery.

Once delivered, you have 4 days to remove it from the ball field.

Additional Charges may be added if additional time is required at a rate of \$150/15 min.