

**A meeting of The Assessors of Monhegan Plantation was held at The School on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendees:** Tara Hire, Mott Feibusch, Jes Stevens, Pam Rollinger, James McDaniel (phone).

**Meeting called to order 5:38 pm**

**Minutes** were approved as read

**Warrant #112017** was signed in the amount of \$52,516.54

**Treasurers Report:** N/A

**CBAC Update:** At a Special Town Meeting held November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 a roll of 31 voters showed unanimous support for:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting. Marian Chioffi

Art. 2. To see if the voters of Monhegan approve the "Fund Option" community benefit package as detailed in the Final Community Benefits Advisory Committee ("CBAC") Report to the Assessors dated October 2, 2017, and authorize the Assessors to sign and take such reasonably necessary and appropriate actions to implement the Community Benefit Agreement(s) on behalf of Monhegan Plantation consistent with the Fund Option and in substantial conformance to the Community Benefit Agreement(s) attached to this Warrant.

A copy of the Final CBAC Report to the Assessors dated October 2, 2017, and a copy of the form of the Community Benefit Agreement(s) are on file at the municipal office and made available at the Post Office, L. Brackett & Son, Monhegan Energy Task Force (METF) Facebook page, METF newsletter, and [www.monheganplantation.com](http://www.monheganplantation.com).

Art. 3. To see if the voters of Monhegan will authorize and direct the Community Benefits Advisory Committee to monitor and provide advisory assistance to the Board of Assessors in implementing a Fund Option Community Benefit Package and Agreement.

There was a hand vote to allow John Pottle and Fred Faller to speak via a Zoom Link at said meeting.

The assessors made these motions at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. Move that the Board of Assessors sign the Community Benefits Agreement as presented consistent with the Plantation vote of November 2, 2017.
2. Move that the Board of Assessors direct the Monhegan CBAC to provide support in implementation of the Community Benefit Agreement consistent with the Plantation vote of November 2, 2017.
3. Move that the Board of Assessors request that the Monhegan CBAC undertake all necessary and appropriate steps regarding the Community Benefit Agreement to:
  - A. Coordinate with UMaine and MPPD regarding broadband grant opportunities;

- B. Coordinate with UMaine and the School Committee regarding logistics and administration of tuition scholarships;
- C. Coordinate with MPPD regarding logistics and administration of the energy/broadband fund; and
- D. Keep the Board of Assessors updated on these efforts.

Motion Passed.

Discussion ensued about restructuring both the Monhegan Energy Task Force and the Community Benefits Advisory Committee to be determined at a joint meeting.

**Wharf Maintenance and Repair:** The new hoist has been installed and is functional. The old manual backup was taken off due to lack of functionality and should be replaced. An alternative to the current control cover should be pursued as well, as it requires a screw driver to take the cover on and off. Mott Feibusch will be in touch with Somatex to see if they can cover any of these expenses, as they do not currently work for our situation.

**Inventory of Town Records Building:** Pam Rollinger completed an inventory of the records building with Mia Boynton, and will come up with some estimates for work that still needs to be done, prioritize items, and start preserving. Tara and Pam will get together to talk about next steps and come up with a proposed budget for next year.

**Increase Town Email Account Storage:** Motion to provide unlimited email storage for 7 town email addresses at a rate of \$168. Motion passes.

**Call for bids:** All calls for bids for work to be done for the plantation will be resubmitted as there has been no response so far.

#### **New Business:**

**NEPA Update:** From November 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> Representatives from the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL), Inc., a cultural resource management company, will be on Monhegan Island beginning on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to conduct an historic property assessment, a requirement of Maine Aqua Ventus' National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and Environmental Assessment.

This process will be used to assess any potential effects of the MAV project on properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The results of the assessment will be used to inform consultation among the U.S. Department of Energy, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and other consulting parties and to resolve any potential effects that the Project may have on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 regulations from the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The survey will be conducted according to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission's (MHPC) *Aboveground Cultural Resource Survey Manual, Guidelines for Identification: Architecture and Cultural Landscapes, Federal and State Regulatory Project Review Specific* (MHPC 2013).

**Budgets:** Department Heads need to start working on budgets with rough drafts to be submitted by January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Cemetery:** Jes has updated the maps for the cemetery

Move to adjourn 6:50

Respectfully submitted,

Mott Feibusch