

Monhegan Plantation Assessor's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, **March 17th at 5:30pm**

Present: Mott Feibusch, Andrew Dalrymple, Joan Brady, Jane Vis, Paul, Amy Barstow, 207-594-2739, 207-691-1536, Tara Hire, Kathie Ianicelli, Bob Smith, Penny Smith, Chris Smith, Mary Weber, Dylan Metrano, Holden, Greg, "ubergroup", Richard Farrell, Dan DeBord, Michael Brassard, Steve Carvallo (Carballo?), and other participants VIA ZOOM*

*To meet a quorum for any motions that need to be voted on and the signing the warrant for this month, Mott and Andrew met briefly at the town office after signing off of zoom.

Agenda:

- Minutes of January 14, 2020 and February 11, 2020, read.

Motion to accept minutes of January 14, 2020 and February 11, 2020. Passed.

- Warrant tabled until later in the day
- Treasurer's Report Mott reported that it looks like some numbers need adjusted under undesignated funds. Assessors and Treasurer will discuss later today.

Old Business:

CBAC Update

- Review of Broadband grant next steps from March 4 meeting
 - Dan DeBord said most pressing matter is to sign the contract for the grant with connect maine 75 k matching grand must be signed.
 - Dallas grant workshop cancelled.
 - Next month's visit positioning of new tower placement postponed.

New Business:

COVID-19 Preparedness and Actions

COVID-19 Task Force has been formed. Members listed below. Mott acknowledged the newly formed Task Force Committee.

Contact Info of Leadership & ROLES:

Mott Feibusch (First Assessor), (207) 975-1117 cell

Andrew Dalrymple (Second Assessor), (207) 844-4465 cell

Greg Rollins (Fire Chief), (207) 542-2804 cell

**Jes Stevens (EMA Deputy Director & Sch. Comm. Chair.),
207-691-7390 cell**

Tara Hire (Public Health Officer), (207) 210-2544 cell

Matt Weber (constable), (207) 975-3958 cell

**Tonya Arnold (Superintendent), (207) 256-9027 cell,
supermonhegan@gmail.com**

**Mary Weber (School Committee Treasurer), (207) 542-3619
cell, 596-7289 home**

Joan Brady (School Committee Secretary), (410) 227-1674

Restricted Travel to Monhegan during the National State of
Emergency, and Maine's Civil Emergency.

Budget and Town Warrant Articles (if time allows).

- Review of best practices as has been posted earlier today:
Avoid touching other peoples' pets, social distancing of 6'
between people, only go inshore for emergency medical and
essential needs.
- When considering coming to island, consider potential risk to
residents.
- Task force has communicated with L. Brackett & Son and
USPO to reinforce safety.
- **Re: L. Brackett & Son:**
 - Lisa reported that the store will be unlocked and available
for shopping. She will be there early in the morning and
late afternoon.
 - Delivery of groceries and mail is available. If you order
groceries in advance, Lisa will place it outside store at
your request. Lisa will deliver in afternoons and will
happily add mail to the delivery with advance notice.
 - Mott suggested that the Plantation offer to cover Lisa's
freight for the next couple weeks here. Lisa discussed
with Jes and Tara that she will report if her costs start

- jumping up but as of now she doesn't need assistance.
- Requests are due by Sunday in order to arrive on Wednesday's boat.
- Contact Jes Stevens if you aren't feeling well. (contact info above)
- Those who are not on island are strongly urged to heed advice about staying in place Can't stress enough please stay where you are.
- Restricted travel to Monhegan are in discussion- No formalized plan as of yet.
- Andrew will place all pertinent material on **www.monheganplantation.com** It is up to date.
 - Links will be posted to any meetings.
 - Resources for islanders, regarding financial support, medical support, directives to act most responsibly.
- Community Blast email method will be sent to alert of meetings and Zoom links.
- **Island is in a state of self-quarantine.** Essential roles are being thoughtfully and carefully handled by residents.
 - Self Quarantine if you are exhibiting symptoms dry cough, fever.
- If you are having monetary challenges meeting food needs, confidentiality will be followed if you approach Jes and Tara to get needs met.
- **School Department** News: School is currently closed. It is not yet official but School will most likely be going into remote learning they should know tomorrow.
- Keep school safe and available in case of emergency.
 - School staff is cleaning the school.
- **Please do not enter North Barn of Fire Department** unless you first check with most personal protective equipt. And first Aid supplies.

- **Waste Department** will pick up trash at roadside as per Travis' email as opposed to the usual procedure.
- Jes has submitted questions to EMA to negotiate testing situation Penbay directed us to Director of Lincoln County EMA for advice. Mott and Jes will report with any news as it occurs.
- Please share any questions concerns with Task Force and/or go to CDC website
- **Monhegan Boat Line** discussion. representative Amy Barstow spoke about the position of the boat line.
 - **Restricted travel to Monhegan.** Amy reported they are considering reducing boat trips to once per week.
 - It has not been established how the boat line would be able to police not allowing non-residents to take the boat to Monhegan.
 - Mott expressed concern that limiting trips might crowd the boat. Another suggestion would be freight only trips as opposed to freight and passenger trips.
 - Another possible suggestion would be to have a one day turn around trip to limit amount of time residents would be forced to stay on the mainland.
 - Limit number of passengers coming back and forth. One passenger trip on Elizabeth Ann and two freight only trips would be ideal.
 - Jes said Plantation has funds available to help Boatline absorb added costs. Understanding that we don't expect the burden to be placed solely on the boatline. Amy reported that it is not a financial decision. Staffing is a major concern. Boatline is more interested in limiting trips to the island.
 - Limit amount of people to allow for social distancing? Less than 10 people. Crew included? 7 passengers.

Discussion ensued. Participants are encouraged to privately contact Leadership with private or specific questions, concerns. Opinions were shared including:

- Wording in statement from bulk email is too gently and politically worded. It would be perfectly appropriate to say short and firm & post on website. Recommends at least for a couple months. “If you are not a year round resident- Do not come”.
- Additionally, we should discourage year-round residents from traveling back and forth.
- Difficult to police but a current list of on island residents could be provided to boatline. Making advanced boat reservations would be key for this plan of action.
- Jes will pursue answering a question about Life Flight’s current protocol. She will research and respond when she gets information.
- Review of recommended treatment if you have symptoms.
 - Call healthcare provider. If you don’t have one, you can go to Penbay, Miles, Midcoast. For example, Miles Memorial recommends calling their hotline first. Recommended going to their website.

It was decided that Task force will hold daily update meetings in the short term. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 1:30 via zoom.

Part 2 of this Assessor’s meeting scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2020 at 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Brady