

Assessors' Meeting

March 9th, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom

Present via Zoom: Jim Buccheri, Andrew Dalrymple, Carley Feibusch, Miki Partridge, Lisa Brackett, Steve Carvahlo, Maura Conley, Danik Farrell, Jennifer Marr, Tara Hire, Bob and Penny Smith, Kathryn Driscoll, Michael Brassard, Kole Lord

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm.

Minutes: Approved as read.

Warrant: Amended to include \$76.82 for an abatement for a total of \$20,745.81.

Treasurers Report: Submitted. Jennifer noted that everything has been submitted to the auditor. It was also mentioned that the plantation will be changing payroll services.

Old Business:Department Reports:

Tax Collector/ Town Clerk- Dog licenses have been completed. Letters were sent out to people who owed interest on property taxes, some checks have already been received. Letters for boat stickers have been sent out.

Fire Department- Jes is still working on getting the 911 repeater equipment installed, hopefully by May 15th. Andrew has been in touch about completing the fire hydrant inventory. Kole is getting quotes for new portable pumps. Jes is interested in pursuing a 2:1 match grant for fire proof cabinets.

Wharf- Prock estimates the piling replacement project will take 6-8 days. It will either happen before Memorial Day or after October. Michael clarified that boats will be able to land while they are working on the pilings, they can move their equipment out of the way. There was discussion about the future of the wharf with sea level rise.

CBAC Update:

The LUPC permit for the tower has not been received yet. LUPC asked the committee to investigate Inland fisheries and wildlife's request to consider using a different kind of tower prior to approving the permit. Soil samples also need to be taken which will happen this week. The engineer is scheduled to visit on Monday. Jim asked that the road commissioner be kept in the loop with work done for broadband lines so that needed repairs can coincide.

METF Update:

The cable survey will be underway soon. Daily vessel location updates will be available on the NEAV website.

Sunken Boat in Harbor:

Jim has been in touch with a diver who would be able to float the vessel. He has also been in communication with the island transporter about getting it inshore. Jim is working to determine how to best dispose of it.

Municipal Administrator Update:

A written report was submitted to the assessors.

Ferry Advisory Committee Update:

The survey received 54 responses. The committee is working to set-up it's first meeting with MBL.

Sea Level Rise Project Update:

The report is mostly complete. Andrew proposed pursuing grants for a wharf specific design. A warrant article for town meeting was suggested to raise \$5,000 for the shore planning account to help with matching grant funds.

Monhegan COVID-19 Taskforce Update:

Recent discussion have mostly involved a budget for COVID-19 related expenses. Vaccination has expanded across the State and many islanders participated in the Maine Seacoast Mission vaccine clinic. Guidance is starting to adjust now that more people have been vaccinated. The Taskforce will meet tomorrow.

Investment Committee Update:

No update.

Town Meeting:

Town meeting is scheduled for April 10th at 3pm on the Schoolhouse lawn. If weather is inclement the meeting will be moved to the church. All documents for the annual report should be submitted on Monday. The assessors will meet on Friday, March 12th at 3:30pm to approve the warrant articles.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for public restrooms on Monhegan. Andrew proposed modifying the freight shed with a sliding barn door on the north wall (parallel to the road) to accommodate portable toilets.

New Business:Caretaker:

Discussion ensued regarding whether the plantation should consider hiring a caretaker and whether it should be an article at town meeting. Jes shared how having a caretaker works for the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator