

Assessors' Meeting

November 12th at 5:30pm at the Monhegan Library

Present: Jim Buccheri- First Assessor, Andrew Dalrymple- Second Assessor, Michael Brassard- Third Assessor, Carley Feibusch- Municipal Administrator

Present via Zoom: Miki Partridge, Bob and Penny Smith, Kathie Iannicelli, Richard and Danik Farrell, Matt Weber, Jes Stevens, Lisa Brackett, Karen Kuest, Sarah Flink, Cyn Jensen, Kole Lord

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

Minutes: The minutes of September 14th and October 13th were approved as submitted.

Warrant: Approved in the amount of \$47,564.76.

Treasurers Report: Submitted.

Old Business:

Department Reports:

Tax Collector/ Clerk/ Registrar of Voters: Lisa reported that absentee ballots are here if anyone needs one for the upcoming election. Tax Collector is mostly up to date, there are a few checks to deal with in the office.

Fire: Received MMA Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant for at most \$1884.03 (reimbursement grant that funds two-thirds of cost). To be used for 3 flammable liquids cabinets for Plantation buildings, the cabinets have been ordered. There is an Assessors meeting on 10/22 to discuss the South Barn next-steps. All current Lincoln County Communications dispatchers visited the island in 2 batches (10/5 & 10/7). Fire Chief Kole Lord was able to meet with one group and discuss some of MVFD's major challenges when responding to emergencies.

Wharf: Prock fixed the bolts on the pilings and installed two new ladders which they did not charge us for since the piling installation took much less time than anticipated.

Solid Waste: Travis projects that they will be over budget and will need \$11,000 for the year.

Roads: Mooring Chain Bridge project will take place starting November 10th until December 1st. The road will be closed to all traffic.

CBAC Update:

The committee had a positive meeting with USDA. The only bid received for tower construction was too high so USDA is allowing CBAC to bid out parts of the tower project which will hopefully be cheaper. The engineer is putting out an RFP for the fiber rollout. The committee will meet with CCI one more time to see if using their tower is an option.

METF Update:

NEAV is still working on the video version of the on-island presentations. They plan to come out again in the near future but no date is set.

Municipal Administrator Update:

A written report was submitted.

Ferry Advisory Committee Update:

A meeting with the Monhegan Boat Line is scheduled for Thursday at 6:30pm.

Sea Level Rise Project Update:

Andrew submitted a grant application to the Island Institute for \$10,000 in matching funds to the grant awarded for the Monhegan Wharf Resiliency Condition Assessment Project. The next step is to coordinate a visit from Baker Designs that will ideally happen in November. Andrew will be reaching out to people to coordinate times to get input from key community members involved at the wharf.

COVID-19 Taskforce Update:

No recent meetings, but some email communications. A meeting before end of year to check in would be in order. Island has stayed relatively healthy despite the increase in COVID-19 in the state. Some testing supplies did expire in early October, but we have a good supply of new tests and testing on-island has continued to be utilized. A flu vaccination clinic took place at the FAS through Maine Seacoast Mission in early October. The need for an additional flu vaccination clinic and covid-19 vaccinations on island will be explored again soon.

Traffic Ordinance:

A notice explaining expectations and copy of the current ordinance was sent through email and mail to current vehicle owners. Feedback from the community is welcome as the ordinance is being reviewed. There was discussion about capping the number of vehicles allowed on island, raising the permit fees, and if registration and insurance was required. These possibilities will be reviewed further.

Tourism Discussion:

Having a committee to track the summer for future discussion and potential action will be helpful. The benefits of a landing fee or sales tax to offset increased expenses due to tourism was discussed.

Water Company:

A rate increase is in the works. A small loan in the spring might be necessary.

New Business:National Geographic Cruise:

Sarah Flink, director of Cruise Maine, Office of tourism and Karen Keast, from Lindblad Expeditions, presented their planned stop on Monhegan as part of their "5 Night Wild Maine Escape Exploring Downeast and Acadia National Park". They were available to answer questions, the proposal is attached. Residents shared their concerns with the board.

The next Assessors meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator