

**A Meeting of The Assessors of Monhegan Plantation was held at The School on August 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

**Attendees:** Mott Feibusch, Andrew Dalrymple, Lisa Brackett, Jes Stevens, Mattie Thompson, Tommy Moulton, Tara Hire, Kole Lord, Michael Brassard, Penny Smith, Bob Smith, Fred Faller, The Carvalhos, Richard Farrell, Dansk Farrell, Judy Rosenstreich

**Minutes:** Approved as Read

**Warrant:** Approved as submitted for \$17,347.12

**Treasurers Report:** Submitted

**Old Business:**

Departmental Updates:

**Fire Dept:** Old Engine 2 has been removed from the island. Summer workers are demonstrating support for volunteer emergency response text group participation. Permission requested to set up text-group generated question of liability and responsibility. Assessors recommend the Fire Dept. contact Maine Municipal and FOMVFD to resolve these concerns.

**Tax Collector:** Vehicle Registration stickers and permit fees are distributed. State Paid accounts for phone and internet will be discontinued.

METF Update: No update

Sea Level Rise Update: The Plantation received \$10,000 Shore Up Maine grant from Island Institute. Andrew is closing in on securing 37,000-40,000 additional funding through MCP Coastal Communities Grant program.

Maine Assessment Agents Update: Agents will be on island on 8/21 and will send property cards with tax info by 8/23. Public hearings with agents will be held on 9/4 on the island; a sign up sheet will be made available to schedule 15 minute hearings. Taxes will be committed before 9/10.

Fish Beach LLC Update: Public access/use of Fish Beach is to be addressed as related, but ultimately separate from, the issue raised over the imposition of a barge landing fee for crossing upper land area of Fish Beach from the intertidal zone. The assessors recommend that they, on the communities behalf, work with FBMGMT to establish a legally binding public easement for access to and from Fish Beach. The purpose of the easement will be to ensure the continued public access to and from Fish Beach from the main road and from the intertidal zone. FBMGMT agreed to work towards this goal and expressed concerns over increased boat parking on the beach, enforcement of easement stipulations, and whether a public easement would be too "wide-open" and conflict with the LLC's stated mission of maintaining control of the beach. The assessors recommend that the easement include stipulations for acceptable uses of Fish Beach, including time of day, size of cargo vessel, etc., and that as a LUPC D-MT1 commercial fishing zone the interests of property owners and users of the beach are protected/enforceable at both a state level and a local level, sine the easement will offer itself as a legally binding reference point for issues related to the use of Fish Beach.

**New Business:**

Cemetery burial requests: All requests must be for already passed persons. The assessors request that the Cemetery Committee provide a figure

Wharf Committee: A bid for long term maintenance to the slip and lights on the wharf was accepted by Chris Smith for estimated \$1,200.00 in expenses.

The Committee will contact Andy Barstow to receive estimate for replacement of diamond plated steel on slip walk way.

Fire Department: The Power Company building is the new target location for radio equipment installation as leasing from Consolidated Communication is prohibitively expensive.  
Engine 2's water pump battery has been installed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm**