

Assessors Meeting

December 8th, 2020 via Zoom

Present via Zoom: Jim Buccheri, Carley Feibusch, Gary Stone, Jes Stevens, Ben Odom, Bob Smith, Richard Farrell, Kathryn Driscoll, Mara Lamstein, Mary Weber, Danik Farrell, Kendra Jo Grindle, Andrew Dalrymple, Pam Rollinger, Tara Hire, Michael Brassard, Lisa Brackett, Teresa and Steve Carvahlo, Melanie Greatorex-Way, Elena Henry, Fred Faller

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

Minutes: Approved as read.

Warrant: Approved as submitted for \$81,145.84.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted.

New Business:Gary Stone:

Gary reviewed the status of the town's investment portfolio. It was discussed that the initial policy established in 2013 should be reviewed. The Assessors will have another meeting with Gary to further discuss the investment accounts and the plantation's policy.

Old Business:Department Reports:

Fire Department- Inventory of hydrants has been delayed, Jes has asked if anyone was interested in doing the job. The North Barn heater has been fixed and a new heater for the South Barn is on island but still needs to be installed. FOMVFD annual letter will be mailed soon.

Tax Collector/ Town Clerk- Tax payments are caught up. Lisa is still waiting to hear from the State to see what needs to be done to end 2020 elections.

Wharf- Poor weather conditions have prevented the timbers from being installed.

Monhegan COVID-19 Task Force Update:

Maine has seen a significant increase in cases. The length of quarantine definition has changed from 14 days to 10 days. Maine CDC has changed their case investigation approach. There has been progress with rapid testing on Monhegan, tests are on island.

The Keep Maine Healthy grant ends on the 11th. Jes shared the spreadsheet of expenses at the last taskforce meeting. Discussion ensued regarding specific expenses and how the town will proceed after the grant money is gone. Jes will follow up in detail with individual concerns.

CBAC Update:

A draft permit was submitted to LUPC for the tower. A contract has been signed for the engineer. A webinar will take place soon to learn the process of using grant funds.

METF Update:

NEAV is going through the motions of the permitting process. A community zoom call will be scheduled soon to go over a timeline for the project. Governor Mills shared the state's climate action 4-year plan which includes some wind power information.

Long Term Wharf Maintenance Projects:

An RFP went out to replace the face pilings. A response was received from Prock. Michael is waiting on another estimating and digging into the grant application.

Sunken Boat in Harbor:

The state has notified the owner that the plantation has declared the vessel abandoned. Clarification is needed regarding who is responsible for the removal.

Mooring Chain Bridge Update:

No update.

Municipal Administrator:

Carley shared a written update with the Assessors. Office hours have been successful so far.

Boatline Advisory Committee:

A committee consisting of Jenn Pye, Pam Rollinger, and Michael Brassard have met with Carley to discuss next steps. The committee will meet quarterly with Monhegan Boatline. A survey is being developed in collaboration with MBL to gather data.

Sea Level Rise Project Update:

The geological survey is underway. The meadow seems to be more protected than originally thought. The state has given an extension until March.

New Business:

Special Town Meeting:

There will be a special town meeting on December 18th, 2020 between 3:30 and 5:30pm at the Church to elect a third assessor and reallocate the funds for third assessor if none is elected.

Town Audit:

The USDA grant requires the audit to be completed within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. It was discussed that timely completion of the audit is best practice. Completing the audit sooner will help the school comply with funding requirements as well.

The next Assessor's Meeting will be January 12th, 5:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator