**Assessors Meeting**

August 9th, 2022 at 5pm at the Monhegan Memorial Library

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

*Present via Zoom:* Willis Hidell, Maryann Boody, Tara Hire, Lisa Brackett, Rebecca FitzPatrick, Bob and Penny Smith, Mott Feibusch, Jes Stevens, Ethan Gussow, Theresa Carvahlo, Steven Carvahlo, Jaye Morency, Matt Weber

**Called to order at 5:04pm.**

**Minutes:** Andrew moved to accept minutes as submitted. Michael seconded. Passed.

**Warrant:** 08-2022 Accepted as submitted.

**Treasurers report:** Michael moved to accept as submitted. Andrew seconded. Passed.

**Water Company**: Andrew (President of Water Company) reported that he received water test results on August 3rd from A&L labs that were positive for e.coli and coliform. The June test results had been negative. A Boil Water Order notice was posted as soon as the water company was notified by the Drinking Water Program and A&L Labs. In response to that, Tristan (Water Commissioner) detected a possible cause of the contamination. Surface water was potentially sucked into the system, the source line has since been turned off and the chlorinator is still working. The Water Company has shocked the system by adding bleach to the water tanks. Yesterday, a representative from the Maine Rural Water Association took a raw water sample at the pump house as well as 3 other locations: Andrew’s house, Lupine, and the South barn. The water company should have the results tomorrow morning. Andrew will let everyone know the results so an update can be posted.

**Department Reports:**

Lisa- Checks have been getting deposited weekly. Registrar of voters is completed, getting ready for the next election soon. Excise tax for cars have changed, they don’t use the handwritten forms anymore. Lisa will work with Carley to implement the template that was sent.

Jes(FIRE)- A written report will be provided after the meeting and attached to minutes. The new fire pump was received but the bill hasn’t been received yet. Some new totes for fire hose came. Anticipated expense: emergency drinking water and some more hose for the new pump. Proposed expenses: rodent deterrent for fire hose boxes. Metal tags for hydrants so we can have an id number for each one. FEMA project was obligated. Should get a check soon for $39,442.78. (includes some building and maintenance expenses) Fire labor line item has gone over budget. Volunteer Fire Assistance program app- haven’t seen it listed yet but hoping to get a 50/50 match for a fire pump. Lifeflight is very busy and Boothbay ambulance is short staffed- evacuations are not as easy.

911 Addressing- There have been inquiries about 911 addressing. Jes reported that the state system can be cumbersome and takes 30 mins or so to get loaded. All addresses are in the state system and renumbering of roads occurred 4 years ago.

Wharf- Prock contact is out of the country but will be back next week and will come up with an action plan to fix piling.

Need to recruit a new cleaning person for portapotty. Michael will put the sign up on the ropeshed.

More people are tying up (unattended boats) to the dock. A sign saying a time limit for tying up would help, michael will look into this.

**CBAC Update:** We are building a tower! CBAC would like to contract with a company that will help get fcc permitting in line, est. $15,000 with black diamond consulting. Maine drilling will do the foundation work for the tower, est. $50,000 These contracts need to be signed by the assessors.

**Andrew moved to enter into contract with black diamond for $15,000 upon review of the terms. Michael second. Passed.**

**Andrew moved to enter into contract with Maine drilling for $50,000 to be signed upon receipt from CBAC. Michael second. Passed.**

CBAC is checking to see if they need to do the fcc permitting. If not, they will not move forward with black diamond. A community meeting is planned for next month. Hoping to have a better idea of timeline then.

**Tourism:** Nat Geo has cancelled their planned cruises for 2023.

**METF Update:** Diamond offshore wind as well as Everett from UMaine and Genevieve McDonald were here to discuss the work that Everett did out here to share info about the lobster catch. The jist of the meeting will be shared once notes are gathered. Next meeting on the 18th.

**Municipal Admin Update:** Audit is almost complete.

**Sea-Level Rise:** The engineer for the Wharf Resiliency Study is requesting 2008 construction photos and any photos prior to the reconstruction. Early November timeframe to be back on island to give proposed concept design of future development of the wharf.

**GOPIF Project:** A community workshop will be held on island to discuss concept projects and determine where a grant money would best be used. Andrew asked Travis Pryor to be present for workshop to help explain he work we’ve done so far. It is estimated to be 1-2 hours, in middle of day, most likely at the library.

**COVID Taskforce:** Not much has changed. Treatment drugs cannot be kept on island but can be procured on a case by case basis. It was noted to encourage people to keep home tests on hand. They are available free of charge through USPS and your insurance companies are required to cover up to 8 tests a month per household. Covid cases on island have been steady since mid-spring.

**Planning Board:** Focus is on affordable housing. The board continues to work with genesis fund as well as consulting with LUPC as to what is possible. Karen will be able to see firsthand some ideas and give regulatory feedback. LUPC is trying to reevaluate affordable housing regulations.

**Fish Beach Access:** Working behind the scenes. The assessors need to sit down with the attorney and finalize the plantation side of things.

**Position Vacancies:** No movement on fire chief position. Still working on maintaining a chain of command. There was discussion about the needs of the position and what a new position would look like. Michael will work with the volunteers on a draft job description that is scaled properly and figure out what that pay would be.

**New Business:**

**MPPD Special town meeting:** Thursday at 7:30am**.** Request for funds. August 4th letter from Lucas (President of MPPD) asking for temporary loan of $20,000 to help with cash flow issues when purchasing fuel. Since the fuel barge is going offline, MPPD needs to purchase more fuel immediately and will not have enough of a return on bills to cover the costs.

**LUPC Visit:** Karen Bolstridgewill be on island on Thursday 11th, taking the Port Clyde ferry.

**911 Addressing (continued):** Jes says the State asked Monhegan to renumber the roads 4 years ago. The renumbering of the roads has already happened for Lobster Cove Rd, there are a few other roads that still need to be renumbered. It was suggested that this is a further conversation for a fire department meeting with volunteers. Jes will investigate the system more.

**Trucks on the island:** There was discussion about truck safety on the island. It was suggested an annual reminder about vehicle safety be included with the vehicle permit renewal letters.

The next assessors meeting is scheduled for September 13th at 5pm at the Library

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator