

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes,
February 27, 2019**

**The Board of Selectmen held a Meeting on Wednesday, February 27,
2019, at the Island Hall at 6:00 PM**

- I. Call Public Meeting to Order:** Chair Herb Maine called the public meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Select Board Members attending: John "Jay" Corson, Herb Maine, Mark Dyer, Jean-Louis "Bo" Beaupré, and David Hill

Also present: Marjorie Stratton, Christine Auffant, and Gloria Brown

- II. Public Comment for items not on the agenda**

- Gloria Brown mentioned that the Town needs a new Town Office.

- III. Regular Business**

19-015 To consider and approve a memorandum

Motion: Moved by David Hill to approve a memorandum referring the request for ferry ramp upgrades to the Coastal Waters Commission, and to then forward this memorandum to the Coastal Waters Commission, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupré.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

19-016 To consider a recommendation to revise the Rules and Regulations

The Selectmen and the Town Administrator discussed revising the Coastal Waters Rules and Regulations to include tie-up fees at the town floats at Chandlers Wharf and also length of boat restrictions at the Cousins Island float.

Selectmen Corson feels that in addition to boat length restrictions on the Cousins Island floats there need to be beam length restrictions.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to direct the Coastal Waters Committee to make a recommendation regarding beam width at both the Cousins

Island Wharf and the Stone Pier Wharf, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

19-017 To hear a recommendation to fund an unplanned wood chipping

The Town Administrator discussed her memo suggesting we expend the funds out of our Solid Waste budget and then transfer the balance of the Contingency fund to the Solid Waste budget in order to pay for some unplanned wood chipping necessary at the Town Dump.

Selectman Beaupre thinks the wood chipping can be put off to the next fiscal year and then we could put the expense into the 2019-2020 budget. He thinks our Public Works department should only have to move brush and be sure to leave the road to this area open.

Selectman Dyer would rather not use our contingency money and feels that since he and Selectman Beaupre have talked to the few contractors using the stump/brush area the situation has gotten better. He feels that now that the contractors are properly stacking their wood there is no need for our Public Works department to be responsible for this and that they should stay away from this area.

Selectman Hill thinks we should get the wood chipping done early in July.

The Town Administrator thinks the stump/brush dump is too full and that the chipping should be done sooner, but she defers to the Selectmen on this subject.

By **Consensus**, the Selectmen will plan to have the wood chipping done in July of 2019. The stump/brush area is to remain open and the Public Works department is not to move any wood around in this area.

19-018 To consider developing a local property tax relief program

The Town Administrator shared her memo and attachments with the Board of Selectmen. Included in the packet was information from the Maine Municipal Association on property tax relief and also available for the Selectmen to review was information on surrounding towns Tax Relief Ordinances.

By **Consensus**, the Selectmen would like more information on these tax relief programs, especially in towns with similar populations. The Selectmen

would also like to know how much time it would take the Town Staff to assist in such a program.

19-019 To consider a memorandum from the Town Administrator

The Town Administrator informed the Board of Selectmen that she will be retiring in October of 2020. She suggested that the Board of Selectmen start to meet with the office staff for their input and to use the current staff to find the right path forward.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to appoint Selectmen Maine and Selectmen Corson to start meeting with the Town Office staff for their input in this process, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

19-020 Cumberland County communications agreement

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the agreement between Cumberland County and the Town of Chebeague Island for communication services. These services include, but are not limited to Fire, Rescue, Animal Control, Marine Safety, Public Works and access for use of the CODERED emergency alert system.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to adopt the agreement between Cumberland County and the Town of Chebeague Island for communication services, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

19-021 Preparation for the March 13, 2019 Third Draft Budget Presentation

Questions and comments were presented to the Town Administrator from the Board of Selectmen to take into consideration for preparation of the Third Draft Budget Presentation.

IV. Communications

- An email was received from Greg Hanscom asking for follow up regarding Bennetts Cove. Selectmen Maine will respond to this email.
- An email from David Hill to Herb Maine on behalf of the Broadband Committee asking what can they expect next in their process to try to bring Broadband to our island. Selectmen Maine responded that it is now up to the Board of Selectmen to handle the public outreach regarding Broadband and that the Broadband Committee should continue to investigate ways to bring Broadband options to the island.
- Selectman Dyer informed the Board of Selectmen that he was asked by Fire Chief Munroe to do an estimate for an additional bay at the Firehouse. Selectmen Dyer suggested to Chief Munroe that he meet with the Town Administrator to come up with a plan to put this idea into the budget process. Selectman Dyer also suggested that Chief Munroe ask a commercial builder to do this estimate.

V. Review and approve prior meeting minutes of February 13 , 2019

Motion: Moved by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept the minutes of February 13, 2019, seconded by Jay Corson.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Expense Warrant(s)

Motion: Moved by Jay Corson and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupré to approve warrant # 50 in the amount of \$27,808.03.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

Motion: Moved by Jay Corson and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to approve warrant #48 in the amount of \$79,467.62.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

VII. Other Business-None

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Moved by David Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM,
seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Auffant, Deputy Town Clerk