

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023**

The Selectboard held a Meeting and Executive Session at 6:00PM at the Chebeague Island Hall on Wednesday, August 16, 2023

I. Call Public Meeting to Order at 6:00PM (Carol White Absent)

II. Public Comments for items not on the agenda for discussion not action.

- Herb Maine, on behalf of the Coastal Waters Committee, asked the Selectboard to place the order for the new float despite still waiting for the grant process to come through. The Selectboard will put this item on the next agenda for discussion.

III. Town Reports

Town Administrator: Please see packet online for full reports.

Treasurer's Report

Committee updates

Harbormaster Report

Fire Department report

Public Works Report

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Sheriff's Report

IV. Regular Business

23-067 To discuss the Road Commissioner role and take any necessary action.

- Robert Earnest is looking at a software package that can help with reporting road conditions and will set up a meeting with this company to learn more.
- An email from Mark Dyer regarding parking in a public way (Casco Bay Landing Road) was discussed. The Selectboard will review our local parking ordinance for guidance.

23-068 To review the Bennett's Cove Road survey and determine the next steps.

Motion: Moved by Robert Earnest that our Town Administrator contact Sevee & Maher and at least one other engineering firm to request a proposal on improving the road, turnaround, pedestrian access and parking, recreational use and appropriate hardening of the ramp and come back with a proposal, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Vote: All in Favor (White Absent); Motion Carried

23-069 To hear an update on the Broadband Project.

- Michael Porter gave an update. Please see the packet online.

23-070 To discuss Selectboard Retreat

- It was determined that September 16, 2023, for a retreat would not work for the group. They will investigate having the retreat on September 23, 2023, and will discuss this at the next meeting.

23-071 To discuss Soule Road access right away and take any necessary action.

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer to authorize the Town Administrator to use \$16,000 from the Coastal Access Fund and \$8750 from the Selectman's Contingency Fund to help finance the repairs needed at the Soule Road Access, seconded by Josh Doughty.

Vote: 3 (Doughty, Dyer, and Earnest) in Favor- 1(Belesca) Against; Motion Carried

23-072 To discuss possible land use for affordable housing and take any necessary action.

Motion: Moved by Robert Earnest that CICA be empowered to explore the use of Town Land Lot I03-132, 0 Roy Hill Road, for a rental project using funds that are available now , as opposed to exploring it for a home ownership project for development in the future , and if CICA can come up with a plan to use it in that way CICA would need to come back to the Selectboard and then Town Meeting for any type of approval, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Vote: 2 (Belesca and Earnest) in Favor; 2 (Dyer and Doughty) Against; Motion Failed

V. Other Business:

- A representative from the Chebeague Island Inn was present to state that due to a change in management, they had not renewed their liquor license and it had expired. They were seeking Selectboard approval of their application to send to the state for final approval.

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer to approve the liquor license of the Chebeague Island Inn, seconded by Josh Doughty.

Vote: All in Favor (White Absent); Motion Carried

VI. Communication:

- The Town received an email from a citizen praising the fire chief and staff for a job well done!
- An email was received from the School Board asking the Town to mow two more times and to consider purchasing a lawn mower for a Town Employee to use. The Town Administrator suggests that the Chair of the Selectboard meet with the Chair of the School Board along with herself to further discuss this matter.

VII. To approve minutes from July 06, 2023, and July 12, 2023

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer and seconded by Josh Doughty to approve the minutes of June 21, 2023.

Vote: All in favor (White Absent); Motion Carried

VIII. Items to be placed on a future agenda.

- Road Signs
- Brush Dump
- Coastal Waters float update
- Selectboard retreat
- Transfer Station

IX. Executive Session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A §405(6)(C)- Acquisition of Real Property- To discuss Jenks Road.

Motion: Moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A §405(6)(C)- Acquisition of Real Property- To discuss Jenks Road at 8:30PM by Jen Belesca and seconded by Mark Dyer.

Vote: All in favor (White Absent); Motion Carried

Motion: Moved to Exit the Executive Session at 8:57PM by Mark Dyer and seconded by Robert Earnest.

Vote: All in favor (White Absent); Motion Carried

No Action was taken.

X. Adjourn Meeting at 8:58PM

**Respectively Submitted,
Christine Auffant, Town Clerk**