

Selectboard Meeting Minutes February 07, 2024

The Selectboard held a meeting and an Executive Session at 6:00PM at the Chebeague Island Hall on Wednesday, February 07, 2024

Selectboard Members Present: Mark Dyer, Carol White, Robert Earnest, and David Hill. Absent: Josh Doughty

I. Call Public Meeting to Order at 6:02PM

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

- Lilah Bisharat asked that year-round and affordable housing be discussed by the Selectboard at a later meeting.

III. Town Reports:

TA-Please see the packet for this report.

IV. Regular Business

24-015 To discuss the Emergency Management Directors role and how the Town of Chebeague can improve in major storm events and take any necessary action.

- A discussion occurred regarding hiring someone from the Fire Department to take on the role of Emergency Management Director.
- Need to create a job description and budget for this new position.

24-016 To discuss toad signs and take any necessary action.

- A stop sign at Bennett's Cove which Bob Earnest thought was missing has actually already been replaced.

24-017 To discuss Stone Wharf and its stability post storms and take any necessary action.

- The Selectboard reviewed the proposal from Weston & Sampson for post storm inspection and survey services.

Motion: Moved by David Hill that we proceed with the quote from Weston & Sampson as outlined in their memo. The funds will be taken from account 9015, Stone Wharf Reserve, seconded by Carol White.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

24-018 To discuss the Solar Array purchase options and take any necessary action.

- We are now contractually able to purchase the solar panels.
- The Selectboard would like the Climate Action Team to review this information and make a recommendation.
- The Climate Action Team will also investigate CRP grant opportunities.

24-019 To discuss the Maine DOT Infrastructure Grant and take any necessary action.

- Carol White spoke about the grant that the Climate Action team submitted.

24-020 To hear an update on Dredging and take any necessary action.

- The Town Administrator gave an update on the dredging at Stone Pier.
- It was decided to accept the dredge results as is and pass on the information to the Chebeague Transportation Company.

V. Other Business:

- Herb Maine on behalf of Coastal Waters reported that they have received a grant to purchase the planks.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the grant application with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

- The Town Administrator informed the Selectboard that we need a new motor for one of our compactors at the Transfer Station.

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer to authorize the Town Administrator to expend up to \$2000.00 from the recycling compactor reserve fund, seconded by David Hill.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

VI. Communication:

- An email from Kim Boehm regarding the possibility of elevating the Cousins Island parking lot. David Hill agreed to contact MDOT regarding the parking lot.
- A letter from Art Ryder on behalf of the residents of South Shore Drive asking for copies of what the Town submitted to MMA and FEMA. Also, asking for warning signs to be placed on South Shore Drive. Public Works will put up caution signs on both South Shore Drive and East Shore Drive.

VII. To approve the minutes from January 17, 2024

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer to approve the minutes from January 17, 2024, seconded by David Hill.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer to approve the minutes from January 03, 2024, seconded by Joshua Doughty.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

VIII. Items to be placed on a future agenda

- Year-round affordable housing
- Audit Report
- Contacts with EcoMaine

IX. Executive Session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A.(6)(A)-Personnel Matters and 1.M.R.S.A.(6)(E) Consultation with legal counsel

Motion: Moved by Joshua Doughty to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A.(6)(A)-Personnel Matters and 1.M.R.S.A. (6)€-Consultation with Legal Counsel at 8:19PM, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Motion: Moved by Mark Dyer to exit the Executive Session at 9:02PM, seconded by David Hill.

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