

Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 03, 2025

The Selectboard held a meeting at the Chebeague Island Hall on Wednesday, September 03, 2025, at 6:00PM

Selectboard Members Present: Carol White, Richard Hackel, Eliza Jane Adams, David Hill, and Ehrhardt Groothoff

- I. Call Public Meeting to Order at 6:02PM**
- II. Public Comments for items not on the agenda for discussion not action: None**

III. Town Reports

Town Administrator: Please see the packet
The Island Institute Fellow starts this week.

IV. Regular Business

25-063 To discuss the communication received from Doug Ross recommending the Town consider purchasing a municipally owned boat and determine the next steps, if any.

- Doug Ross spoke regarding his letter. He recommends that the Town consider purchasing a municipally owned boat.
- Fire Chief Munroe also spoke about the benefits of the island having its own boat as it pertains to medical rescues and assisting Long Island with their medical emergencies. The Selectboard suggests that the Fire Department prepares an official proposal with the specifics of the boat and looks into funding possibilities. Ellie Hughes will also investigate grant opportunities. Chief Munroe will gather this information and present it to the Selectboard at a later meeting.

25-064 To review the Coastal Waters Commission's recommendations concerning wharf repairs and take any necessary action.

- Herb Maine presented on behalf of the Coastal Waters Commission.

Motion: Moved by Ehrhardt Grootoff that the Town enter into a contract with Waypoints Construction for the replacement of six pilings at Cousins Island for the amount not to exceed \$40, 000 from account 9020, seconded by Eliza Jane Adams.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

25-065 To discuss the memo received from the Finance Committee and the committee's recommendation about 1) a Townwide Reevaluation and 2) the solar array buy out.

- John Rent spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee.
- The Finance Committee recommends that the Town goes forward with a reevaluation.
- The Finance Committee recommends the Town not purchasing the solar array until the year 2038.
- For more details on this matter please see the memo from the Finance Committee in the packet.

25-066 To discuss the communication received from Bruce Anderson, on behalf of the residents at South Shore Drive, in relation to the road repair project and determine next steps, if necessary.

- Bruce Anderson spoke on behalf of the residents of South Shore Drive.
- They are working on determining how to fill the gap between what FEMA has granted and the actual cost of the road repair project on South Shore Drive.
- It was suggested that the residents of South Shore Drive meet with Carol White and David Hill to further discuss this matter. Bruce Anderson is to contact Vika to set up this meeting.

25-067 To review and adopt the revised Communication Policy

- This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

25-068 To review and approve the SWCA scope of work and contract for the development of Wildfire Protection Plan for Chebeague Island and Long Island.

Motion: Moved by Ehrhardt Groothoff to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract with SWCA for the development of a wildfire protection plan for Chebeague Island and Long Island contingent upon review and final approval from the Town attorney, seconded by David Hill.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

V. Other Business:

- Eliza Jane Adams reported that Ben Pigula continues to work on the circuit breaker project.

VI. Communications:

- Winslow Robinson sent a letter regarding a non-chemical approach to removing ticks. This information will be forwarded to the Tick Committee.
- Richard Hackel got an email about early Sunday morning barging at Bennett's Cove. The Board suggested that the subcommittee meet with the residents.
- Email from Jackie Trask regarding idling at Bennett's Cove.

VII. To approve the minutes from August 06, 2025

Motion: Moved by Eliza Jane Adams and seconded by David Hill to approve the minutes of August 06, 2025.

Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried

VIII. Items to be placed on a future agenda

- Bennett's Cove Barging
- Communication Policy
- Waldo Point
- Introducing new Island Fellow

Adjourn meeting at 8:48PM

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