

Selectboard Meeting Minutes December 17, 2025

The Selectboard held a meeting at the Chebeague Island Hall on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 6:00PM followed by an Executive Session

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

I. Call Public Meeting to Order at 6:00PM

II. Public Comments for items not on the agenda for discussion not action: None

III. Town Reports

Town Administrator: Please see the packet for the Town Administrators report.

IV. Regular Business

25-113 To hear a report on chronic vandalism and theft of town road signs and discuss proposed actions.

- Reviewed TA memo on roadside damage and vandalism at Chandler's Beach.
- Discussion Points:
 - Frequent removal of stop signs at Bennett's Cove.
 - Proposal for cameras to monitor problem areas.
 - Estimated cost \$200-\$250 per camera; solar powered options considered.
 - **Board Consensus:** Research camera options and costs; prioritize Bennett's Cove and Chandler's Beach.

25-114 Review and approval of the updated budget and Selectboard meeting calendar.

Motion: Moved by Richard Hackel that we approve the updated budget and Selectboard meeting calendar as written, seconded by Ehrhardt Groothoff.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

25-115 Review and approval of non-profit FY27 funding request form.

- This form needs to go out in January; due February 01, 2027.
- Make it a fillable pdf.
- Add signature line for both parties.

25-116 To hear a report on status of the FY25 account reconciliation and the balance of the undesignated fund.

- Reclassified funds into separate accounts (General, Admin, School, Capital, FEMA)
- Undesignated fund balance significantly higher than anticipated.
- Recommendation for Special Town Meeting to address reserve account adjustments.
- Board agreed to schedule a virtual meeting with Mark (the accountant) in early January for detailed review.
- Mark will attend the January 14, 2027, meeting.

25-117 To discuss the warrant articles for the January 24, 2026 Special Town Meeting

Proposed warrant articles:

- Reallocate solar array reserve fund
- Correct underfunded Cumberland County assessment
- Address negative balances in reserve accounts
- Create designated fund for general engineering services
- Possible ordinance housekeeping changes

25-118 To discuss the process, format and schedule for annual reports from Town Committees, Boards and Commissions.

- Reviewed draft form for committees/boards to report activities.
- Have to be sure these committees are all following a good standard of policy.
- Comments on this form due by Christmas.

25-119 To discuss an update on the status of the energy collective purchasing project and the request to use ETIPP grant funds to support the project.

Motion: Moved by Ehrhardt Groothoff to approve the use of \$2000 of ETIPP funds to cover the costs associated with barging/transportation costs for energy project, seconded by Eliza Jane Adams.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

25-120 To review the proposal from GEI for South Shore Drive

Motion: Moved by Eliza Jane Adams to accept the proposal from GEI for South Shore Drive and authorize the Town Administrator to sign, seconded by David Hill.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

V. Other Business:

- Christmas Holiday-in recognition of their hard work the Selectboard would like to give the staff the day after Christmas and the day after New Years as holiday pay.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to add those two days as paid holidays, seconded by Richard Hackel.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

- Discussion on Axiom broadband payment issue; next step: Contact Island Institute before legal action.
- Update: Congressional earmark (1M) for Stone Pier project; paperwork expected in February.

VI. Communications:

- Grannells- wanting to know when the Town will revisit their situation.
- Carol White thinks they should work with the Code Enforcement Officer.
- David Hill thinks we should hear what they have to say.
- Put on future agenda with accompanying paperwork.

VII. To approve the minutes from December 03, 2025

Motion: Moved by David Hill and seconded by Richard Hackel to approve the minutes of December 03, 2025.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

VIII. Items to be placed on a future agenda

- Grannell property

IX. Executive Session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A (6)(A)

Motion: Moved by Eliza Jane Adams to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A. (6)(A) at 8:38PM, seconded by David Hill.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

Motion: Moved by David Hill to exit Executive Session at 8:45PM, seconded by Richard Hackel.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

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Motion: Moved by Eliza Jane Adams to appoint Ben Pigula to the Finance Committee, seconded by David Hill.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

Adjourn meeting at 8:46PM

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