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TO THE SELECTMEN  
 JAMES FORTUNE

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
 February 5, 2019  
 GCI Community Center**

**Attendance:**

Richard Beal, Chairman, BOS	Katelyn Damon, Public Safety Coordinator
Florence Joy Sprague, BOS	Phil Whitney
Cory Alley, BOS	Carl Brooks
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Karin Whitney
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Ingrid Gaither
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk	

**I. Call to Order:** 8:49am by Chairman Richard Beal.

**II. Review / Sign Financial Warrants**

Warrant #2	\$	6,507.54	
Warrant #3	\$	46,694.93	(school)
Warrant #4	\$	8,504.89	
Warrant #5	\$	57,876.72	
<u>Total:</u>	\$	<u>119,584.08</u>	

All warrants were signed by the Selectmen.

**V. Other Business (taken out of order)**

Richard Beal reports that, in regards to a proposed property easement being considered for Map 31-Lot 2 on Sutton Island, Acadia National Park has been informed through the public comment process that there is no public access to the property. General discussion.

### **III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2019**

Florence Joy Sprague moves to approve the January 8, 2019 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as written. Cory Alley seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. 2019 Town Budget & Town Meeting Warrant**

Consensus of the Selectmen is to include warrant article on the Islesford Neighborhood House septic system donation for the voters to consider.

Denise McCormick reports that the Selectmen can formally move the location of the 2019 Town Meeting and include the new location on the warrant. Richard Beal moves to change the location of the 2019 Town Meeting to the GCI Community Center due to lift repairs needed at the Longfellow School. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

James Fortune reports on a warrant article concerning the new contract to allow solid waste to be sent to the new facility in Hampden.

Selectmen review and sign warrant for the 2019 Town Meeting.

Ingrid Gaither asks about the Warrant process. Chairman Beal explains the discussions that took place during the January 30, 2019 Budget Workshop.

Phil Whitney asks about the warrant article concerning the Islesford Neighborhood House septic system. Chairman Beal responds that the discussion of the request should be placed before the voters. General discussion of precedents for spending tax monies on private organizations.

#### **B. 2018 Town Report**

Ben Sumner reports that all articles have been submitted and report will go to the printer on Friday. Denise McCormick reports that audit is underway. Selectmen review and select report photographs.

**V. Other Business (continued-taken out of order)**

James Fortune reports that he is following up with Acadia National Park for written permission to move rocks for the proposed breakwater project at Islesford.

**C. 2019 Parking Letter/Application & Fees**

Selectmen review and sign parking letter. James Fortune reports that the rate at Northeast Harbor will need to increase to \$345 to cover the contracted annual rental charge increase. No increase proposed for Manset. Richard Beal moves to raise the parking fee at Northeast Harbor to \$345. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

**D. Axiom Memo**

Denise McCormick reports that Axiom has recently been billed by Beal & Bunker for freight and passenger charges for the entirety of 2018. Axiom has requested the Town pay for the charges as part of the Broadband system construction. General discussion of boat transport charges to the Town and contractual requirements of the Broadband project. Chairman Beal tasks James Fortune to draft a letter requesting specific detail of the charges.

**E. Appoint Cranberry Isles Representative for the Acadia Advisory Commission**

Richard Beal moves to appoint Carl Brooks as the Town's representative on the Acadia Advisory Commission. Cory Alley seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

**V. Other Business**

Denise McCormick reports that an Aquaculture Public Scoping Session has been scheduled by the Maine Department of Marine Resources for 1:00pm on February 19, 2019 at the Longfellow School. The session provides an opportunity for the public to learn about a proposed oyster farm lease expansion proposed by town resident Lauren Gray. General discussion.

Chairman Beal reports that funding from the USDA for the Broadband Project has been placed on hold pending further review due to a complaint filed by Carl Brooks. Carl Brooks is in attendance today and explains that he submitted a letter to the Office of the Inspector General claiming that the poles erected in the Town's utility rights-of-way are illegal.

Carl Brooks asks about a public hearing on the trenching for Broadband Project on his property. Chairman Beal responds that the attorneys for Mr. Brooks and the Town are conferring on the issue.

**VI. Executive Session: Personnel Matter, 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)**

None.

**VII. Audience Communication**

Phil Whitney asks about the school budget increase proposed for 2019. Chairman Beal responds that the increase is due entirely to the replacement of the lift that must take place to make the Longfellow School operational. General discussion of liability issues with the failure of the lift. Chairman Beal reports that the school system was advised by its counsel to accept the full refund amount for the previous lift and that no further recourse is available.

Phil Whitney asks about resolution of the Longfellow School Boundary issue. Chairman Beal responds that the neighboring landowner has made no effort to resolve the issue with the Town, the Town's attorney, or the landowner's own attorney. General discussion of whether the school board should move forward with landscaping at the school in the disputed area.

Carl Brooks recommends that the Municipal Advisory Commission be charged with planning for long term capital improvements.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Richard Beal moves to adjourn the meeting. Cory Alley seconds the motion.  
**Motion approved 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am