

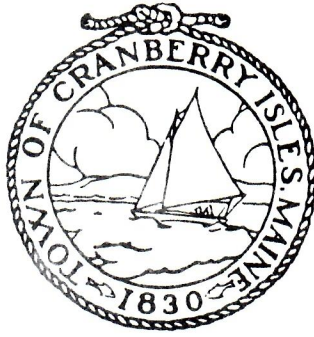
NOTICE OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held at 08:30 AM, Tuesday,
December 4th, 2001 at the Islesford Neighborhood House
Little Cranberry Island

AGENDA

- 1. Review Minutes of last Board of Selectmen's Meeting**
- 2. Town Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Warrants**
- 3. Audience Communications**
- 4. Islesford Wharf Repairs, Kleinschmidt Assoc. Review of preliminary drawings and design forwarded 20 Nov 2001**
- 5. Year 2002 Budget Workshop**
- 6. Items at pleasure of Selectmen**

Public Attendance is Welcomed



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 4 December 2001

The Town of Cranberry Isles Board of Selectmen's Meeting was convened at 0840, 4 December 2001, at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Little Cranberry Island, Maine 04646. Selectmen David Stainton, Richard Beal and Denise McCormick were present, along with Town Clerk / Treasurer Frances J. Bartlett. Members of the community present were Edgar Blank and Bruce Fernald of Islesford.

NOTE TAKING:

Richard Beal took notes for transcribing of meeting minutes.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 13 NOVEMBER 2001 MEETING (ITEM 1):

Minutes of the 13 November 2001 regularly scheduled board meeting were provided to each Selectman and the Town Clerk. On motion of David Stainton, with second by Denise McCormick, the minutes were accepted with the original document being provided to the Town Clerk for permanent filing in the Town's records. Chairman Stainton reviewed each of the action items from the 13 November 2001 meeting prior to continuation of the 4 December 2001 agenda which is attached to this report:

- a. **Court Reporter for Town Meeting:** On motion of Beal with second by Denise McCormick, Selectman Beal was authorized to hire a Court Reporter for the upcoming Town Meeting on 12 March 2002. This reporter will transcribe all discussions and votes during the meeting, providing an accurate record, for permanent retention in the Town's records.
- b. **Open Burning of Trash:** Selectman Stainton said that he would post notices on the new law regarding the ban on burning of all household trash throughout the State of Maine. Additionally, Town Burning Permits have been printed and Edgar Blank, as Town Fire Warden, was given his supply. David Stainton said that he would deliver a supply to Assistant Fire Warden Wesley Bracy, Jr. on Great Cranberry Island, along with copies of the Maine law and burning regulations.
- c. **Appointment of Personal Advocate:** One of our Islesford residents is seriously ill and open question brought to the attention of the Selectmen is whether or not formal municipal action is required to seek appointment of a "Personal Advocate"

for this individual due to deteriorating medical conditions. There appears to be insufficient attention by relatives. Town Clerk Frances Bartlett said that she would have the State Nurse look at the patient today and advise of her opinion. [Note: Shortly after the nurse's visit, a relative of the patient hired several island women to provide aid to the patient, and a number of island women are preparing meals daily. This situation appears to now be under control and the Selectmen have declined further action pending progress on this separate front.]

- d. **Snow Plowing:** Selectman Stainton has written a letter to each of the propane gas vendors in Northeast and Southwest Harbors concerning removal of empty tanks from the islands. He advised each vendor that they would be charged \$50 per tank if the Town had to have them removed. The majority of the tanks belong to Island Plumbing & Heating and they have indicated that they will remove them shortly. The Selectmen also voted unanimously not to repair any electrical work at the Great Cranberry salt shed in view of its replacement in the near future. Treasurer Frances Bartlett provided a review of snow plowing financials for both island in order to understand what funds were being expended, and to have a comparison between the Horvath contract for snow plowing versus the Town owning the equipment and hiring men to plow as required.

TOWN PARKING IN NORTHEAST HARBOR (ITEM 2):

An idea formulated by Chairman Stainton for resolution of parking in Northeast Harbor by Cranberry Isles residents and guests was approved by Selectmen Beal and McCormick. On recommendation of Chairman Stainton, formal discussion of his proposal should be withheld from public discussion until he can prepare a proposal for review by the Selectmen of the Town of Mount Desert. Since it involves land within the town of Mount Desert, open discussions without first providing a courtesy review by municipal officials in that town was deemed the appropriate course of action. If they approves of the idea then Selectman Stainton will present his proposal in open forum to the voters of the Cranberry Isles.

ACTION: DAVID STAINTON

PUBLIC TOILET FACILITY ON ISLESFORD (ITEM 3):

In view of the fact that the public toilet facility being built at the end of the Restaurant Dock has not been completed as originally promised by Dan Lief, restaurant owner, Chairman Stainton wrote a letter to him asking for his intentions. It also appears that the ball has been dropped on completion of the easement related to installation of the septic system and having it recorded at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds. There remains work by both the plumbers and carpenters before this facility can be heated and made available for winter use. Chairman Stainton said that he would continue to work with Dan Lief on completion of this project.

ACTION: DAVID STAINTON

ISLESFORD FLOAT CONSTRUCTION BID (ITEM 4):

Bid documentation for construction of a float for the Town landing at Islesford was approved and will be sent to various vendors by Chairman Stainton. Chairman Stainton asked if we should seek open bidding from any interested bidder and not limit bids to just Cranberry Isles residents and Selectman Beal concurred with the Chairman that bidding should be open to all. Bids are due to the Town Clerk no later than 18 December 2001 and will be opened at a special Selectmen's Meeting on that date, at 0900 hours in the Neighborhood House, Islesford.

ACTION: DAVID STAINTON

ISLESFORD WHARF ENGINEERING DRAWINGS REVIEW (ITEM 5):

The Town has received revised drawings covering proposed repair work on the Islesford public wharf from the engineering firm of Kleinschmidt Associates, Inc. Input was received from Edgar Blank and Bruce Fernald, local fishermen from Islesford. Several minor questions arose which will be provided as feedback to Kleinschmidt Associates. Selectman Beal has also contact this firm for drawings which can be included in the annual 2002 Town Report. Bidding documentation should be ready for vendors by early January 2002. A goal of having bids returned by early March with work to begin in April 2002 with a projected completion of mid June 2002 was established by the Selectmen. Selectman Beal reported that he had received a reply from the Superintendent of Acadia National Park to Beal's letter of 27 November 2001 which is attached to the 13 November 2001 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. This reply is quoted below in its entirety.

“United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Acadia National Park
P.O. Box 177
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

December 13, 2001
L1415 (ACAD-C)

Mr. Richard F. Beal, Selectman
Town of Cranberry Isles
P.O. Box 43
Cranberry Isles, Maine 04625-0043

Dear Mr. Beal:

We have received your letter of November 27, 2001, regarding the Granite Wharf Blocks in the Islesford Harbor. Based on our review of historic records and deed information, the granite blocks you refer to are owned by the National Park and are therefore not available for town use.

According to Acadia deed 369 and the records of The Islesford Wharf Company (located at the William Otis Sawtelle collections and Research Center at Acadia National Park), the Islesford Wharf Company sold the wharf

to the National Park Service on October 21, 1947 (Hancock County Registry of Deeds, book 714, page 376). This sale included all components of the wharf including the granite blocks, which were purchased and installed by the Islesford Wharf Company from 1927 to 1929.

The Islesford Wharf Company owned the Islesford Wharf, also called the Steamboat Wharf and the Hadlock Wharf, from 1912 to 1947. The Islesford Wharf Company was a group of ten individuals (both year round and summer residents of Little Cranberry Island) who purchased the wharf to ensure continued public access to the island for all visitors and residents of the island. The National Park Service removed the Wharf Bridge (wooden planks) because its condition was a public safety concern. The granite blocks (Wharf Head) are an important historic resource. They were left in place so that the National Park Service could tell the story of the Islesford Wharf Company and so that, if in the future the park decided to rebuild the wharf, it could.

Based on the above documents, we believe the National park Service owns the granite blocks. We cannot approve of the town's proposed use of this historic resource to repair and rehabilitate the public wharf on Little Cranberry Island.

If you would like to review these documents, the park would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul F. Haertel
Superintendent"

ACTION: DAVID STAINTON

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES (ITEM 6):

Communications have been received from Hugh L. Dwelley asking for a Town Warrant Article addressing feasibility of mosquito reduction study and from Thomas P. Watson asking that the easement on his land by the Town be removed. By unanimous vote Selectman Beal will prepare an article for each of these subjects for the voters to consider at the March 12th Town Meeting.

The letter from Mr. Watson follows and is the basis for a Town Meeting Article for the March 2002 meeting:

"33 Golf Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
September 6, 2001

Mr. David Stainton, Selectman
Cranberry Island, ME 04625

Dear David:

As I had mentioned to you in July, when Leslie and I took title to Ada's house it included an easement in favor of the Town of Cranberry. After some investigation, it was determined that due to town or federal funding for the Rice's septic system in 1989, the town took an easement, apparently to allow for maintenance of the system if the property owner did not maintain it themselves.

It is my request that this easement be removed at this time as I see no value in it to the town or to us as property owners.

A copy of the original easement (which is almost illegible) is enclosed.

I would appreciate hearing from you at my home address of 33 Golf Road, Wethersfield, CT. 06109. Thanks in advance for the consideration of the Selectmen. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Tom
Thomas P. Watson”

Two letters were received from Mr. Hugh Dwelley concerning mosquito control. These letter are quoted below and are the basis for a Town Meeting Article for the March 2002 meeting:

3508 Wilson Street
Fairfax, VA. 22030
November 5, 2001

Dear Madam Town Clerk,

What would it take to get the subject of Mosquito Control on the warrant for the next town meeting? If a petition is required, I'm sure that Sig Harrison would sign and I expect there would be no difficulty getting others.

I think that we should again elect (or ask the selectmen to appoint) a Mosquito Commissioner. Perhaps Rick Alley would do it?

I think that the Commissioner's first-year assignment should be to study the problem and to make recommendations of steps that the town might take. Ideas that he/she could look at would include:

--Repairs to the old drainage system. I know that the pipe that goes through the beach at the Sandbeach needs [to be] repaired or replaced. Perhaps there are others through Gilley Beach and at Bunker's Cove that could be economically restored as well. Perhaps the same on GCI and Sutton.

--Spraying (NOT DDT). I know that they spray against mosquitoes down here on the coast of nearby Maryland. I'd be glad to look into it.

--Releasing large numbers of dragon flies. I read where they were doing that in some towns in Maine last summer.

--Set up an advisory committee to explore these and other ideas.

What do you think? They were pretty bad last summer.

Best,”

3508 Wilson Street
Fairfax, VA. 22030
December 19, 2001

Mr. Richard Beal
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Cranberry Isles, ME 04625

Dear Richard:

I sent the enclosed letter to Jo Bartlett a month or so ago. I understand that she has mentioned it to you folks.

I hope that you will include an item re mosquito control on the warrant so that it can be discussed at the next town meeting. Please let me know ASAP if a petition is needed. I can be reached by phone at 703-352-0846.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

/s/ Hugh
Hugh Dwelley
hldwelley@aol.com

ACTION: RICHARD BEAL

FINANCIAL WARRANTS (ITEM 7):

The following warrants were presented by the Town Treasurer for approval:

School Administration	\$8,094.00
General bills	\$64,237.67
CDBG (Matt Skolnikoff)	<u>\$1,250.95</u>
Total:	\$73,582.62

This meeting adjourned with a vote to reconvene on 18 December 2001 at the 0900 hours at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Islesford, Maine.
18 December 2001

The Selectmen reconvened their meeting at 0830 hours with all Selectmen present, along with the Town Clerk. Island residents included David Thomas, Harvey Bunker and Bruce Fernald.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT (ITEM 8):

The Selectmen continued to work on a draft warrant for the March Town Meeting. Treasurer Frances Bartlett reported that the cost of printing the Town Report last year was approximately \$2,000. Selectman Beal is seeking a quote from a printer on Water Street in Ellsworth for comparison with last years printing firm.

ACTION: RICHARD BEAL

FLOAT CONSTRUCTION BIDS (ITEM 9):

Chairman Stainton reported that he had received three bids from Clerk Frances Bartlett for construction of a new float for Islesford. These bids were opened with amounts bid as indicated:

Dan Chalmers of Northeast Harbor	\$14,049.79
Harvey Bunker, Inc., Islesford	\$11,900.00
Bluehill Marine Service, Bluehill	\$11,494.95 (Selected bidder)

All bids were considered valid and that each bidder was a responsible contractor. Accordingly, Selectman Beal motioned to accept the bid of Bluehill Marine Service of Bluehill, Maine, owner Philip Black. Selectman David Stainton seconded with Selectwoman McCormick abstaining. The vote passed two for Bluehill Marine Service with one absence. There was input from the audience concerning towing a float from Bluehill to Islesford and what strain might be imposed on the structure. The Selectmen Beal and Stainton, nevertheless, believed that the lowest qualified bidder should be the winner and that it was the responsibility of the Selectman to accept the float at Islesford in new condition.

PROPOSED ARTICLES FOR TOWN MEETING 2002 (ITEM 10):

On recommendation of Mr. Bruce Fernald of Islesford, Maine, then present at this 18 December 2001 meeting, two proposed Warrant Articles were discussed with the following proposed wording which will be reviewed again at the 8 January 2002 Selectmen's Meeting:

- a. **“Abandoned Motor Vehicle Removal”:** To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 to be placed in escrow for three years by the Town Treasurer for the removal from the islands of motor vehicles that in the determination of the Selectmen have been junked or abandoned. The Selectmen may draw upon these funds to collect, transport, and disposed of these vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A, Maine Motor Vehicle Statutes, as amended.

- b. **“Motor Vehicle Statute Enforcement”:** To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize, on a continuing annual basis, the Town Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$1500 from annual excise tax collections to a separate account called “Motor Vehicle Statute Enforcement”; and that these funds may be dispersed by the Selectmen to various County or State law enforcement agencies for payment of their services in coming to the islands for the purpose of motor vehicle law enforcement.

Mr. Fernald, with support from David Thomas, also recommended to the Board of Selectmen that an ordinance should be prepared for consideration by voters of the Town concerning regulations for the importation of a motor vehicle onto Great Cranberry or Islesford islands.

These regulations would require the payment of an importation fee of \$150.00 which would be held in escrow by the Town Treasurer to be either returned to the motor vehicle owner at the time of removal from the island or used by the Selectmen should the vehicle be junked or abandoned within the Town. Additionally, no motor vehicle would be permitted to be barged or otherwise transported to the islands without having a current State of Maine registration. The Town Clerk will issue a permit identification sticker for use on the windshield of the motor vehicle to be imported to the jurisdiction of the Town of Cranberry Isles. On motion of Richard Beal with second by Denise McCormick, the Chairman was authorized to contact the Town Attorney, Anthony Giunta in Ellsworth, to discuss a proposed ordinance and develop a draft for presentation at a special Town Ordinance Review hearing.

FINANCIAL WARRANTS (ITEM 11):

The Town Treasurer presented a financial warrant for approval on the dates indicated:

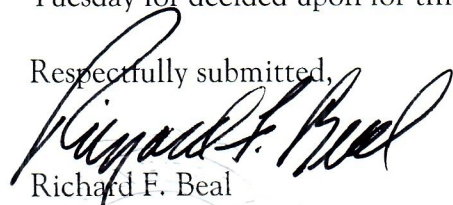
<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
18 Dec 2001	General Bills	\$9,864.74
28 Dec 2001	General Bills	\$49,901.84
	Total:	<u>\$59,766.58</u>

[Note: The financial warrant for 28 December 2001 was reviewed and approved by Selectmen Beal and McCormick at Islesford in order to facilitate close out of the Year 2001 financial records by the Town Treasurer. Selectman Stainton was unavailable.]

NEXT MEETING (ITEM 12):

The meeting concluded at 11:10 AM with agreement to hold the next meeting on January 8th, 2002 at the Great Cranberry Community Center, Great Cranberry Island. Since the normal meeting date of the first Tuesday of the month was January 1st, the alternate of the second Tuesday for decided upon for this January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard F. Beal
Selectman & Recorder

On 8 January 2002 the above report was read and accepted by voice vote of the Selectmen.

RFB