

# NOTICE OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held at 08:30 AM, Tuesday, June 5th, 2001 in 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. Animal Clinic Contract
- 5. Abandoned Automobiles & Docking Fees for Arriving Automobiles on each island
- 6. Docking Rules for Town Floats
- 7. Public Leach Field Project on Islesford. Consider opening bidding for alternative designs of leach field construction that will still meet State of Maine code and achieve goals of Yr 2001 Town Meeting.
- 8. Other items at pleasure of Selectmen

# Public Attendance is Welcomed



# MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 5 June 2001

The Town of Cranberry Isles Board of Selectmen's Meeting was convened at 0840 hours, 5 June 2001 in the Islesford Neighborhood House, Little Cranberry Island, with business conducted pursuant to the published agenda that is attached to this report. Selectmen David Stainton, Richard Beal and Denise McCormick were present, along with Town Clerk & Treasurer Francis J. Bartlett. The audience consisted of three people, Courtney Chaplin, Daniel S. Lief and his wife, Cynthia E. Lief; all of Islesford.

## **NOTE TAKING:**

Richard Beal took notes for transcribing of meeting minutes and also produced during the meeting an audio tape recording, using Tapes #5 and #6 which remain in his possession for reference.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ITEM 1):

Minutes of both the 1 May 2001 regularly scheduled board meeting and the special board meeting of 17 May 2001 were provided to each Selectman and the Town Clerk. On motion of Richard Beal, with second by David Stainton, the minutes were accepted with the original document being provided to the Town Clerk for permanent filing in the Town's records. Chairman Stainton indicated that he wished to review each of the action items contained in the 1 May 2001 minutes prior to continuation with the published 5 June 2001 agenda.

A. Transfer Station: Selectwoman McCormick reported on her telephone conversation with Ms. Carol Harris, of the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the requirements and/or regulations for a Transfer Station. Ms. Harris indicated that she wished to review the Gray Enterprises contract now in place for waste removal. In the interim Selectwoman McCormick passed out copies of a blank application for filing with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) which contains all of the various rules for a Transfer Station. This document is attached and labeled as "Public Notice of Intent to File". Follow up on this subject is required.

#### **ACTION: DENISE MCCORMICK**

- B. Bangor Hydro Pole on Sutton Island: Whitney's Electric Company has been asked to repair the pole light at the town dock on this island once Roy Hadlock has completed repairs to the electric pole.
- C. Appointments: Selectman Beal delivered to the Town Clerk the complete documentation for appointment of Beverly Sanborn as member of the Board of Assessment Review. Additionally, he presented to the Board for their signature, appointment letters as follows which were each approved:

Kelly Smith

Shellfish Warden

Josh Hardy

Shellfish Warden

David Bunker

Shellfish Conservation Committee member

William Dowling

Planning Board member

An appointment letter for the Islesford Harbor Master is required and Selectman Beal will forward this appointment to the Town Clerk for completion.

#### ACTION: RICHARD BEAL

D. Road Repairs: Chairman Stainton indicated that the Road Commissioner is still awaiting a response from Ring Paving Company as to time and costs. The Chairman is coordinating this effort with the Road Commissioner David Sordyl. A schedule of events needs to be promulgated to the community.

#### ACTION: DAVID STAINTON

E. Abandoned Vehicles: Selectman Beal reported that John Goodwin Construction had already removed four vehicles from Great Cranberry Island, two for Gary Allen which were located on Town property and two for Kevin Wedge. Mr. Goodwin advises that he can continue providing this removal service for approximately \$200 per vehicle to cover barging costs and his services. Selectwoman McCormick accepted the task of making a list of the vehicles in the Town gravel pit on Islesford with any identification numbers, as well as continuing to try and find out which citizens provided a \$50 fee last year for the removal of their old vehicles.

#### **ACTION: DENISE MCCORMICK**

F. Islesford Wharf Repairs: Selectman Beal gave a report on his visit to Islesford last Wednesday, 30 May 2001, with Mr. Stephen T. Ruell, P.E., of Kleinschmidt Associates (Consulting Engineers), 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, Maine 04967 [207] 487-3328. Selectman Beal indicated that the major concern of Mr. Ruell was the overall safety of the wharf to support automobile traffic, particularly

three and four cars. More than half of the supporting pilings do not have cross member supports, many have cracks, the two outer most pilings to which the floats are tied are weakened and require additional support. The surface of the deck was installed in 1967 as was most of the wharf and considerable repair work is required prior to this winter if the dock is to remain in good service. Selectman Beal said that a report from Kleinschmidt Associates was expected in approximately three weeks and while awaiting that report he requested concurrence from the other Selectmen to open discussions with local banks for a potential commercial loan of \$300,000. With this engineering report and banking information, Selectman Beal believe that presentation at a Special Town Meeting would then be appropriate to keep this project on track with a completion date prior to November 2001. The Selectmen concurred in his proposed course of action.

**ACTION: RICHARD BEAL** 

#### LEACH FIELD CONSTRUCTION AT ISLESFORD (ITEM 2):

Chairman Stainton read into the record a letter from John Goodwin Jr. Construction in which the senior engineer for Goodwin Construction, Mr. Jeff Craft, indicated that they would be able to construct a leach field for \$20,000 or less. Comments were offered by the Liefs and Courtney Chaplin concerning the design and options for connecting the leach field with the toilet facility. The Liefs want to continue with the "Ott" design system. Mr. Lief said that:

- a. He made a mistake in the \$20,000 figure discussed at Town Meeting.
- b. He has a contractor ready to do the system for \$25,000 but does not wish to undertake it for that amount.
- c. He wants Goodwin Construction to do it as an alternative to John King Construction and asks the Selectmen to authorize a committee to come up with an alternative.

Chairman Stainton indicated his desire, concurred in by both Selectman Beal and Selectwoman McCormick, that a complete explanation of pumping systems and accessory items also needed to be addressed for the project. Chairman Stainton said that he would talk with Goodwin Construction and ask for them to visit the site as soon as possible with all work to be accomplished by 1 July. [Note: This on site meeting was conducted and by telephone voice vote Goodwin Construction was authorized to undertake the project.]

#### **ACTION: DAVID STAINTON**

#### ANIMAL CLINIC CONTRACT (ITEM 3):

Following a discussion of why a contract is required to address current and future problems involving feral cats and other potential diseased animals, Selectman Beal motioned, with second by Selectwoman McCormick, for a contract to be put in place with the Animal Clinic in Ellsworth.

#### **ACTION: TOWN CLERK BARTLETT**

#### <u>ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES (ITEM 4):</u>

Selectman Beal reported on Goodwin Construction having removed 4 automobiles from Great Cranberry Island incident to other work then in progress by this firm. Mr. Goodwin performed the removal work for \$200 per automobile. Selectwoman McCormick was asked to prepare a listing of automobiles in the Islesford Town Gravel Pit plus collecting any information available about those individuals who paid \$50 last year for the removal of their cars. (Note: Goodwin Construction has removed an additional 13 automobiles from Great Cranberry since the 5 June meeting.)

#### **ACTION: DENISE MCCORMICK**

#### PIERSON CEMENT RAMP (ITEM 5):

Selectman Beal advised the Board that Dr. Richard Pierson was nearing completion of his second home at the end of McSorley Road (south shore of Great Cranberry Island) and that Dr. Pierson wished to donate to the Town the cement ramp which has been temporarily installed to facility delivery of home building materials. On motion of Selectman Beal, with second by Selectman Stainton, the Board accepted this offer of the ramp for later installation on Great Cranberry Island. The Town Clerk, as an aside issue that was discussed, is to seek advice from the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) concerning the ability of the Selectmen to impose a landing fee for the use of each island's ramp. This topic is to be on the July 2001 agenda.

#### **ACTION: TOWN CLERK BARTLETT**

#### DOCKING RULES FOR THE TOWN FLOATS (ITEM 6):

Chairman Stainton discussed the docking rules which has been offered by one of the Islesford residents and possibly having the floats painted by Dale Hadlock to represent those areas which were time limited for boat parking. A modification to the Town's ordinance is required and Chairman Stainton indicated that he would draft same for review.

#### ACTION: DAVID STAINTON

#### PARTICIPATION IN NORTHEAST HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MEETING (ITEM 7):

Selectman Beal asked about attendance at the Northeast Harbor Selectmen' Meeting based on their invitation of 29 May 2001. All Board members indicated a willingness to attend this meeting and Chairman Stainton was to provide transportation. Items for discussion are:

- a. Tie up of boats
- b. Vendors

- c. Boating fees
- d. Parking Lot fees
- e. Visitors on boats

#### **ACTION: DAVID STAINTON**

# LAW SUIT: TOWN V. P. WHITNEY (ITEM 8):

This suit continues with a possible hearing before the Superior Court in June. Mr. Whitney is seeking a continuance through his lawyer, Anthony Beardsley; while the Town is opposing the continuance. This suit probably will not be heard prior to the August term of court due to the court' backlog. In the interim Chairman Stainton has asked John Goodwin Construction to grade the bottom of the gravel pit on Great Cranberry Island for the proposed sand & salt shed construction.

#### **ACTION: DAVID STAINTON**

# DEP CONTRACT FOR SEPTIC WASTE MATERIALS (ITEM 9):

The Town has received documents from Haslam Waste, Inc. indicating that pursuant to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) each Town is required to have contracted for the removal of Septic Waste Materials in case such removal is required. Normally, home owners are to handle this type of waste removal, however, should it be necessary for the Town to undertake such action then a contract should be in place with a licensed hauler. On motion of Selectman Beal, with second by Selectwoman McCormick, approval was given for signing a contract with Haslam Waste, Inc. This contract was signed 5 June 2001 by all Selectmen.

## TREASURER'S WARRANTS (ITEM 10):

Selectman Beal indicated that badges for the two Shellfish Wardens had arrived and were distributed to each warden. When the bill is received it will be given to the Town Treasurer. Also the Selectmen approved having Selectman Beal purchase basic toilet supplies for the Great Cranberry public toilet. Third, a bill for the Islesford Town Garage was reviewed and added to the financial warrants for approval: \$3,000 for the Fire Club building and \$4,147 for the Town Garage as reimbursement in expenditures.

#### Four warrants were approved:

a. School voucher \$10,100.40
 b. Matt Skolnikoff (CIRT) \$481.83
 c. Public facilities \$4,527.00
 d. Monthly bills \$20,443.01
 TOTAL: \$35,552.24

# OVERDUE TAXES YEARS 1998, 1999, 2000 (ITEM 11):

On question of Selectman Beal the Tax Collector Francis Bartlett indicated that "30 day letters would be out soon" and following those letters than tax liens would be prepared. Year 2001 tax bills are expected to be issued in June.

# **NEXT MEETING (ITEM 12):**

The meeting concluded at 1205 hours with agreement to hold the 3 July 2001 meeting at the Great Cranberry Community Center on Great Cranberry Island at 0830 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Richard F. Beal

On 3 July 2001 the above report was read and accepted on voice vote of the Selectmen.

RFBeal

Subsequent to this meeting the Selectmen attended a meeting on 18 June 2001 with the Northeast Harbor Board of Selectmen concerning parking problems in Northeast Harbor. Following that meeting the Town of Cranberry Isles Parking Committee Chairman was asked to provide a written report of his committee's work. That report is quoted herein:

"July 1, 2001

Dear Selectmen,

We divided the task of exploring each town on Mt. Desert for available rental space, or land, to be purchased for island parking among the following people.

Barbara Myers explored land in the Southwest Harbor/Manset area. She contacted the Catholic Church and they were willing to discuss the possibility of leasing the property, and are willing, at the present time, to let islanders park for free. There would be limited space, roughly the size of the Joy Rd. lot in Northeast Harbor. No other areas were found. Manset dock area may cause boating problems as it is heavily used by many of the local builders.

Manset and Southwest Harbor seem, at this time, to be a good place for a family or two but not able to accommodate a large number of people.

Courtney Chaplin and I looked in Northeast Harbor for additional land. Courtney talked with Mt. Desert Yacht Yard but they were not interested. There is a possibility of land coming up for sale near the Kimball Terrace Inn, but this seems a long shot. The only land we found that was currently for sale was the Wallace property, please see enclosed information sheet.

I had a discussion with Dwight Carter shortly before he died and he said he always thought the best solution to the problem was to build a parking garage over the existing Cranberry Island lot. If we are looking to the future it may be the cheapest and most useful long-term solution. If the cost was in a long term bond and the area belonged to the island we would have a lot more control of our future.

Sincerely, Edward Gray and the Parking Committee"

#### WALLACE PROPERTY NORTHEAST HARBOR

ASKING PRICE

\$625,000

TOWN ASSESSMENT

\$79,000 LAND \$226,000 BUILDING

SIZE 1 ACRE [300 SQ. FT. LESS]

UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS REMOVED CODE ENFORCEMENT SAID NO. EPA STUDY NEEDED.

TO REMOVE BUILDING OLD GOTT ESTIMATE

ZONE TO ALLOW PARKING

STREET LIGHT COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH TOWN OF NE

SAME DISTANCE FROM DOCK AS JOY STREET 4/10 MILE