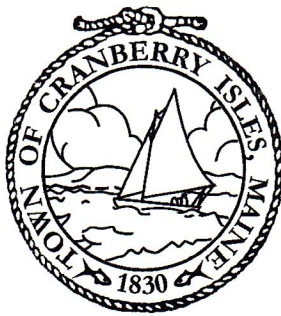


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NOTICE OF BOARD
OF
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held
Tuesday, August 5th, 2003, commencing at 08:30 AM,
at the Islesford Neighborhood House,
Little Cranberry Island

AGENDA

1. Review and approval of 1 July 2003 Board Minutes
2. Review and approval of Lease between Town and Great Harbor Yachts, Manset (Hank Hinckley, President) *triple net lease*
3. Review of letter from Hinckley Marine Insurance (Lease extension, request for reimbursement fiber optic installation, open issue on parking).
4. Petition request (61 signatures) by property owners/residents of Little Cranberry for clearing the former ditches and outlets to the sea re: mosquito control. *Monday Aug 11*
5. Audience Communications:
6. Review and approval of Treasurer's Financial Warrants.
7. Consideration for appointment of a "Comprehensive Plan" Committee
7. Municipal Fire Protection (time permitting): Open discussion
8. Adjournment, next meeting 2 Sept 2003 at Great Cranberry

The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

9. review liquor license renewal Islesford

Tuesday August 5, 2003

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Town of Cranberry Isles

Meeting opened at: 8:30 AM

Attendees: Selectmen Richard Beal, David Stainton & Orville Blank, Jr., plus Town Clerk Frances J. Bartlett. Members of the audience were: Louise Strandberg, Karin Whitney, Mike Phillips, Sig Harrison, Mary Baldwin, Eve Harrison and 37 other people

AGENDA:

1. **Review and approval of 1 July 2003 Board Meeting**

Motion: On motion of David Stainton, with a second by Orville Blank, Jr., the minutes for the 1 July 2003 board meeting were accepted without modification.

2. **Review and approval of Lease between Town and Great Harbor Yachts, Manset (Hank Hinckley, President)**

Selectman Stainton suggested that an escalator clause to be included using the Commerce Department's CPI as a guide. Any increase to be borne by the tenant.

Motion by David Stainton, second Blank, to issue the lease as written with escalation clause.

3. **Review of letter from Hinckley Marine Insurance (Lease extension, request for reimbursement fiber optic installation, open issue on parking).**

Accept the lease extension, write to Mr. Judd about what benefit to town is to be derived by the installation of this fiber optic, and determine who authorized it, and finally ask them to please explain the parking issues of concern.

4. **Petition request (61 signatures) by property owners/residents of Little Cranberry for clearing the former ditches and outlets to the sea: mosquito control.**

Presentation by Sig Harrison was given to discuss their petition to the Town Selectmen. He stated that the residents are very concerned about the possibility of West Nile disease. He request that the Selectmen obtain cost estimates for the draining of ditches and clearing of culverts on Little Cranberry. He asked that we authorize \$750 for ordering dunks and dragon flies in April for application. This will have to be a warrant article for the March 2004 Town Meeting. He also asked for authorization of \$750 for bat houses, authorization of a Mosquito Commissioner. Mr. Harrison stated that the Town had a Commissioner for the past 30 years to keep this eradication program organized.

Doug Mills is beginning his tests of dunks with lobster larvae.

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Mary Baldwin spoke about the Mount Desert Biological Laboratory and potential for help from them. She read from the lab's brochure on their purpose and work in the study of environmental problems. She also stated that bats carry rabies and we should be careful.

A general comment from the audience that having school children conduct experiments is not the appropriate method. It should be done scientifically. As for the ditches, the larvae were floating on the water surface and it was most evident of their growth in this medium.

A physician from Islesford spoke concerning the health hazard posed by the mosquitos. He spoke about the crow populations and recently discovered bird in Surry, Maine last year that contained West Nile virus. He also recommended clearing of ditches. Spoke also of therangansis bacteria for the control of two winged insects and its low toxicity to humans.

Mike Phillips, a representative from Sutton Island, spoke for Sutton as to having a mosquito problem and the need for ditch opening on their island.

Mary Baldwin reported that land across from the Islesford pit, owned by Herb Stroup, has become a dumping ground for trash, plus the gravel pit is a mess! Another comment was for solar powered pond fountains.

Eve Harrison recommended that the Selectmen appoint a Mosquito Commission and Selectmen Beal asked for any suggested. Beal stated that of the approximately 110 people that were permanent residents on the two island, very few were available to do the job and even less that would volunteer. The Selectmen needed time to work this issue and would discuss it further at the September monthly meeting.

Sig Harrison summed up his suggestions:

- a. obtain ditching cost estimates
- b. appoint a mosquito commissioner
- c. authorize board of selectmen to appropriate funds and build bat boxes and buy dragon flys

Motion: Moved by David Stainton to appoint a Mosquito Commissioner, obtain adequate maps of the area involved., describe the area to the DEP and that we will proceed unless directed otherwise, appropriate funds up to \$2000 for commencement of work, and take all other actions appropriate to resolve the problem. Seconded by Edgar Blank. David stated that his motion was applicable for all of the Town and its islands.

5. Audience Communications:

a. **Appointment of 3 to 5 member Municipal Facilities Authority.** Volunteer from Mike Phillips, POB178, Seal Harbor, Me. 04675 FAX 404-881-6254, 207-276-5470. Eve Harrison also volunteered. This item to be on the September 2003 board meeting.

b. Selectman Beal talked about Pritam Singh and his recent accident on Tinker Island which has prevented him in the last couple of days to respond to my letter concerning a gift to the town of \$25,000. Beal also reported that Tim Thomas of Knowles Real Estate said that he

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had shown the house property in Southwest Harbor 9 times and that the only negative was the apartment in the rear, and that perhaps the Town would entertain a possible entrance move for the apartment thereby giving a new owner the driveway as part of the house purchase.

Knowles was told to talk positively about this possibility when asked and to present any options to the Selectmen in order to make this sale a reality.

c. Sutton Island: Ferry service, ditches and fire service were of prime concern to the Sutton representative, Mike Phillips. Sutton contributes \$179,000 of taxes with the Town of Cranberry Isles contributing \$4,000 in return. Five members of the Sutton community came to this meeting and expressed concerned about fire protection, a fire pond, and certainly some official representation in the new parking lot by having the Pagel Boats come on a regular basis. Sutton wants some guarantee on being able to come and go to Southwest Harbor. Their most important issue is fire protection. Shaw Howell stated that Sutton has a mature forest and ecological conditions have changed in the last 20 years, making the issue of fire prevention more important. They suggested production of a public telephone book with garbage and other regulations. Donny Haslum for trash removal from Sutton is also of concern.

d. Scott Porch of Islesford spoke about summer youth and the party activities being held on the beaches late at night without supervision. Star Bright also spoke on the issue.

Motion: Selectman Beal motioned to hire Richard Gaither as a Town Police Officer, sending him to the State of Maine police academy, and purchasing uniforms and equipment as necessary. David Stainton seconded the motion with concurrence by Edgar Blank. Note: Hancock County Sheriff William Clark was contacted on the afternoon of 5 August and willingly agreed to sponsor a Cranberry Isle candidate to this police academy, and would conduct the necessary background investigation as a precursor to this training.

6. Review and approval of Treasurer's Financial Warrants.

- a. School payroll: \$26,156.67
- b. Bills \$25,679.49
- b. Bills \$29,300.53

7. Consideration of appointment of a "Comprehensive Plan" Committee

Selectman Beal read his draft letter to Property Owners announcing the creation of a Comprehensive Plan committee. The other selectmen approved the letter and authorized its issuance.

Motion: By Orville Blank, with second by David Stainton, to issue a letter under signature of the Chairman. Courtney Chaplin volunteered to participate.

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8. Municipal Fire Protection (time permitting): Open discussion

In conjunction with the input received from Sutton Island residents concerning their views on fire protection requirements, Selectman Beal suggested that the Town needed to address as a community the problem of not having proper fire protection. He stated that this is a municipal issue and should be thoroughly explored to determine what the voters wanted to do, including funding issues, to develop a system of fire protection for Great and Little Cranberry Islands, as well as some form of fire protection support for Sutton Island. Beal suggested that perhaps it was time for the Town to hire a fire department staff and man fire houses on the two big islands. In the interim Beal said that he would contact Swans Island's fire department and gather more facts.

9. Islesford General Store Liquor License Approval (State of Maine Application).

Further examination of documentation produced by Susan Valdina indicated that this material was not applicable, and after she called the Maine State Safety Office, they concurred in this appraisal. No further action taken.

This meeting concluded at 11:15 with the September meeting scheduled for 2 September 2003 at the Community Center, Great Cranberry Island.