

Journal of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 16, 2003

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine

Time started: 8:29 AM

Attendees: Selectmen and Town Clerk, David Thomas, Michael Westphal, Jessie Minor, Karin & Phil Whitney, Courtney Chaplin, Bruce Fernald

AGENDA:

1. **Review and approval of 5 November 2003 Board Minutes:** Motion by David Stainton to accept the minutes as provided for review, with a second by Edgar Blank.

2. **Solid Waste Disposal Proposal; Opening of bids and Award of Contract:** Two proposals were presented to the Board; one from Edward Gray delivered by the Town Clerk and the second by Courtney Chaplin, who delivered his directly to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Stainton, who is supervising the specification and bidding process advised the audience that the Board would be taking the two proposal under advisement in order to study them, since each presented a different solution to the Town's specification package for the handling and disposal of Solid Waste. The top level amounts bid were:
 - a. **Courtney Chaplin:** \$67,000 per year for the 180 tons of the base amount of waste. \$750 per annum for all fixed equipment. Added tonnage removal of \$750 per 15 ton unit and \$1.25 per mile. 55 yard containers were proposed for storage and removal of waste from the islands, with the containers removed on a roll on - roll off truck. Total: \$67,750

 - b. **Gray Enterprises:** \$75,000 per year for the 180 tons of the base amount of waste. \$12,000 per annum for all fixed equipment, added tonnage is \$0, and milage is \$0. Mr. Gray is proposing a trash compactor system with new holding containers of approximate 30 yard size, with a trash compactor on each island. Total is \$87,000

Motion by Beal to extend final decision and selection until 6 January 2004, seconded by both board members. In the interim David Stainton will review each package and put together a written comparison of the two proposals.

3. **Operations Budget & Warrant Articles, Third Review for 2004:**
 - a. **Persons desiring to make a budget request or propose a Warrant Article for consideration at the Town Meeting in March 2004 should make said presentation orally and in writing at this meeting.**

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MOTION: Chairman Beal motioned that the Annual Report 2003 be printed by Pioneer Print, Inc. of Ellsworth, Maine; this firm has produced Cranberry Isles reports for the past three years and has been professional in their product. This report will also contain the Warrant 2004 for review by all property owners as well as voters and further that the Town Clerk is authorized to mail this report to all property owners and voters. David Stainton seconded along with concurrence from Edgar Blank.

Chairman Beal read the entire Warrant 2004 as presently drafted to the audience and discussed each of the line items which he felt might be of some interest or concern to the voters this year. He advised the audience that the budget proposed is \$1,000,010 without inclusion of the school budget.

Bruce Fernald asked where the warrant article was to be found for consideration of the new vehicle disposal ordinance. Chairman Beal stated that he had not written it yet but would do so in the next few days. A discussion then ensued concerning the number of abandoned automobiles, along with unregistered autos, on Islesford.

4. Review of proposed Mount Desert Parking Lot Lease: Discussion by Eve Harrison as to her negotiations with Town Manager. Motion by Beal to approve the language and sense of the lease as written but not to sign until approvals from the Mount Desert Selectmen and voters has been achieved. David Stainton seconded this motion and Edgar Blank concurred.

5. Review of proposed Service Agreement with Gary Friedmann & Associates: Motion by David Stainton, second by Edgar for passage with change in paragraph 3. showing the Selectmen approving out of pocket expenses above \$200.

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

a. Land Management	\$20,374.73
b. Paul O'Halloran	\$15,780.00
c. School Dept	\$12,990.86
d. Prock Marine - Blair Colby	\$43,246.88
e. Balloting /Tax Collector	\$30,302.74
f. Bills	\$ 9,282.36
g. Bills	\$16,840.28
h. Courtney Chaplin	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total:	\$148,817.85

7. Municipal Fire Protection: Proposal from State Examiner/Fire Agent: No discussion due to time constraints.

8. Audience Communications:

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a. Phil Whitney offered a proposed Warrant 2004 article which would change the number of Selectmen from 3 to 5, stating that if this happened then more citizens would run for selectmen, and that they would not have to attend all of the meetings. Bruce Fernald stated that it was hard enough to get three individuals, where would they get five? The Selectmen voted unanimously to include in the Warrant 2004, after the base warrant was finished, a section called "Sense of the Voters" whereby this topic could be discussed and a straw vote taken. Chairman Beal read the law concerning the procedure for changing a town's number of selectmen, indicating that pursuant to Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. Section 2526(4), the voters would first have to meet at least 90 days prior to a regular Town Meeting and if a positive vote was achieved, then the Town could elect the new members if that was the previous vote.

b. Agenda item: David Thomas, a member of the Islesford community and a trustee of the Island Institute advised that Jessie Minor's duties would be ending next summer and if we wanted to have a replacement then a goal and project needed to be established. The Selectmen will discuss this at their 6 January 2004 meeting.

9. Adjournment at 11:15 AM; next meeting scheduled for 6 January 2004 at Great Cranberry Island at the Community Center.