

Tuesday March 2, 2004

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**Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine**  
**Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

MEETING OPENED AT: 8:50 AM

**ATTENDEES:** Selectmen Beal, Blank and Stainton; Town Clerk Frances Bartlett, Phil & Karin Whitney, Ted Spurling Jr., Courtney Chaplin, Jesse Minor, Malcolm Donald, Richard Gaither, Michael Macfarlan

**AGENDA:**

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2 FEBRUARY 2004 BOARD MEETING:** On motion of Edgar Blank with second by David Stainton the minutes were approved as written.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL WARRANTS:**

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| School:       | \$32,083.32        |
| General Bills | \$11,319.16        |
| General Bills | \$18,959.66        |
| General Bills | <u>\$ 2,228.61</u> |
| Total:        | \$64,590.75        |

3. **OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION BY SELECTMEN ON THEIR CHOICE OF TOPICS CONCERNING TOWN GOVERNMENT. NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS PERMITTED.**

a. Will Palmer, Jason Pickering and James Parrish have all indicated an interest in becoming EMT personnel.

b. Selectman Beal passed all documentation concerning purchase of a T-49 Commercial Refrigerator for the Great Cranberry Community Center. This is a donation received via the Maine Community Foundation.

c. Open discussion on creation of a Municipal Fire Department with three Fire Protection Zones. Three separate budgets created by each of the zones.

d. Tax collector's report: Liens need to be applied to both the Robert Palmer property and to Barbara Davis property.

e. Gifts to the Town for Manset Property: to be used for reduction of scheduled payments to the Maine Municipal Bond loans.

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f. Views on keeping or selling the Newman house in Southwest Harbor. Phil Whitney expressed his personal view that the Town should sell the Hinckley Insurance Building which the Hinckley group would like to acquire: Sell real estate, sell the house or do nothing are the three possible courses of action. David Stainton asked Malcolm Donald, Chairman of the MFC if he could prepare a report comparing the three option listed above.

g. Secession plan for Town Treasurer or Clerk is required.

h. Changing of fiscal year not supported by members of the audience, including having a Town Meeting in August.

i. Municipal Corporation for Manset. Have someone discuss it for voter appreciation.

j. Tipping fees to the Waste Disposal Contract questioned by Courtney Chaplin and David Stainton to research his question.

k. Ted Spurling Jr. questioned having a delay or recess in the Town Meeting for one individual. Believes the meeting should occur on schedule and it will.

### 4. AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Phil Whitney: Has the sense that the MFC is already overwhelmed with work with some progress being made but many negatives on overall operation. Believes that the MFC should dissolve with an expansion of the Board of Selectmen to five members so that the Selectmen could run the overall operation. Need less layers of bureaucracy so that the people who pay the bills could actually run the Manset facility.

b. Jesse Minor, with Cheri Galyean, attended Fire Fighting grant writing meeting in Ellsworth and discuss the specifics of that meeting. He will be briefing the Islesford Fire Department and Phil Whitney has similar data for Great Cranberry. Decisions are pending on the writing of grants. Urgent need grants are also available from various agencies within the state.

c. Put the minutes on the web page.

5. **ADJOURNMENT at 11:20 AM;** Next meeting at Islesford on 6 April 2004 commencing at: 0830 AM.