



Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 3 May 1999

The Selectmen's Meeting for the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine was called to order at the Great Cranberry Fire House at 9:45 AM by Chairperson Katherine W. Chaplin, following the Special Town Meeting. All Selectmen were present, as well as Town Clerk, Frances Bartlett, who requested and received approval of three warrants for payment of bills. The agenda items were taken in the order posted by public notice for this meeting:

1. **Great Cranberry Pier, status of contract and repair work:** Selectman Beal reported that a Letter Contract had been signed by Gregory Holden, representing *Intercoastal Marine Transport & Construction, Inc.*, on 15 April 1999. *Intercoastal Marine Transport* also complied with all provision of the bidding specification by providing insurance certificates, bonding documentation, registered drawings from *L & L Structural Engineering Services, Inc.* of South Portland, ME, a certified check for 5% of the bid price (\$2,190) as good faith on performance, and a timeline chart on which performance could be monitored by the Town's Project Manager (Selectman Beal). Materials have been ordered by the contractor and work should begin during the week of 17 May.

The Town has also received an executed **Agreement and Indemnification** for use of the Shoreward Dock Company pier during the May and June timeframe while pier repairs are in progress.

2. **Pier Repair Requirements, Islesford:** Two thousand dollars of marine treated lumber and other supplies have been ordered to address crossbracing, stairs and planking repairs for the Islesford pier. Courtney Chaplin will be undertaking these repairs pursuant to his current contract for pier maintenance. Mr. Chaplin has been asked to provide the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation on other repairs that he believes are required for this pier, along with a prioritization of the requirements and estimated cost for each.

3. **Ditching & Road Repairs, Great Cranberry and Islesford:** During April culvert work was completed at Arthur Bunker's home by Coldbrook Landscaping of Hampden, Maine. This company was performing work at the Blair Boathouse with a new backhoe on rubber tracks. This company was able to dig out and reset the culvert plus dig out the ditch on either side and reline with rock for \$175. Normal charge for man and machine is \$50 per hour. Coldbrook has been requested to return to Great Cranberry with a ditching bucket for approximately a weeks work to restore drains along Main and Harding Point roads.
4. **Cranberry Isles Realty Trust (Status Report):** Barbara Stainton was requested by the Selectmen to present a status of CIRT's efforts in obtaining a Community Development Block Grant from the State of Maine. Mrs. Stainton reported that CIRT had received word that the grant was awarded and that she expects it to be roughly the \$280,000 requested, matched by contributions from island property owners and small grants from the Maine Association of Realtors Foundation and the Maine Community Foundation.

Phase II of the grant administration process is concerned with development of a CIRT business and management plan for the long term administration of this project. Later this summer CIRT will be ready to move onto Phase III whereby the organization will purchase or build a home on each island (Great Cranberry and Islesford). Presently CIRT is considering the purchase of a specific home on Islesford and is also making plans to build a home and develop house lots on the town donated land on Great Cranberry Island.

5. **Trash Collection:** The current contract with Edward Grey for Solid Waste and Recyclables removal has been extended pending issuance of a Bid Notice for similar services in 1999 and 2000. During discussion of this subject Selectmen Beal pointed out that there is no separate collection of recyclables on Great Cranberry as is currently conducted on Islesford. Bins no longer exist on Great Cranberry at the Town Garage, for separation and storage until removal, of glass, paper and plastics. Everything is put into grain bags and hauled off. Selectman Beal will prepare a Bid Specification for the removal of both Solid Waste and Recyclable materials. This bid will be advertised within the Cranberry Isles as well as throughout Hancock County since the funds involved exceed \$1000. Bidders will be permitted to offer a price on either Solid Waste or Recyclable removals or both. There will be a minimum of 12 pickups for each throughout the year and the successful bidder must provide four 5'X5'X5' bins on each island for recyclables.
6. **Concealed Weapons Permits:** Chairperson Chaplin advised that she is in receipt of documentation covering requirements and the issuance of permits for concealed weapons. While there was discussion on what types of security, criminal and mental checks are required by the State of Maine and the services available to assist the Selectmen in making a decision on issuance of a permit; it was decided that Selectwoman Chaplin will provide the information package to Selectmen Phillips and

Beal for study prior to the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting in June. Selectman Beal advised that he has already been approach by one resident for the approval of his concealed weapons permit by the Selectmen and that there are several others who have expressed an interest in obtaining similar permits.

7. **Shellfish Conservation/Harvesting Ordinance:** Selectman Beal reported that he had followed through on earlier tasking by Selectman Horvath to develop an ordinance which would address shellfish harvesting on the flats of the Cranberry Isles. While the Town did have an ordinance at one time it no longer is in effect and now the Town has no means of controlling who harvests clams and other shellfish nor does the Town have a means for conserving what limited shellfish that has been able to reestablish itself on the clam flats. The Town of Brooklin was also faced with a similar situation and in March 1999 voted an ordinance into place to prevent the "wholesale rape" of their clam flats according to Jim Bartlett and Joyce Barr of the Brooklin Shellfish Committee. Both of these individuals participated in developing the Brooklin ordinance and provided Selectman Beal with the State of Maine marine biologist name and phone number, who is required by law to participate in all ordinance development. In addition to the Brooklin ordinance, Selectman Beal has also talked with officials from Harrington and Eastport, obtaining similar documentation for study. The State Department of Marine Resources requires that each town appoint a Shellfish Conservation Committee and that this committee (1) represent the town in development of any ordinance and (2) provide the Board of Selectmen with periodic status and recommendations for future harvesting modifications or conservation efforts. The Selectmen are interested in identify all persons who wish to serve on such a shellfish committee.

8. **Other items:**

a. **Survey of Town Pit on Great Cranberry:** Selectman Beal reported that the Great Cranberry Futures Group and Cranberry Isles Realty Trust (CIRT) organizations were each willing to join the Town in paying for one third of the cost to have the Town Pit on Great Cranberry surveyed (boundary survey). The Town already has one building on this land of approximately 7.2 acres, the Futures Group has installed the gasoline pump and storage facility on the same land, and now there is a distinct possibility of having housing on this property pursuant to the recent Community Block Development Grant award to CIRT. [See Item 4 above] The Selectmen unanimously approved to have a survey conducted and to pay for one third of the cost in view of the lack of definitive boundary markers for this piece of property.

b. **Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer, and Harbor Master and Constable for Great Cranberry:** Town Clerk Frances Bartlett will prepare the appointing document for our Code Enforcement Officer to cover his 1999 employment. Great Cranberry is in need of a Harbor Master and Constable and persons interested should make their desires known to one of the Selectmen. In

the interim, those individuals on Great Cranberry requiring a Constable should contact Constable Chaplin on Islesford for assistance.

- c. **Trash in the Islesford Town Pit:** It came to the attention of the Selectmen that a considerable quantity of trash has been deposited by an Islesford resident in the Town Pit. The individual in question will be asked to remove it or it will be removed by the Town and restitution for removal addressed in a more formal setting.
- d. **Liquor License:** The Board of Selectmen approved a victualer license for the *Islesford Town Dock* restaurant, doing business as *IDR, Inc.*, to sell malt, spirituous and vinous beverages.
- e. **Hazardous Waste Removal:** Selectwoman Chaplin has obtained information for arranging the removal of hazardous waste from the islands. She will be coordinating an overall pickup program for those items which are considered hazardous and therefore difficult to dispose of by individual property owners.

The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for 7 June 1999 at 08:45 AM at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Islesford, Maine. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.



Richard F. Beal
Selectman (Secretary)

cc:
Town Clerk (Permanent Records)