

Tuesday September 2, 2003

**Town of Cranberry Isles
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

Meeting commenced at:8:32 AM

Attendees: Selectmen Richard Beal, David Stainton, and Edgar Blank, plus Town Clerk Frances J. Bartlett. Members of the audience were: Phil & Karin Whitney, Cindy and Dan Lief, Susan Ward, Hal Newell, Malcolm Donald, Frank Reese, Joseph Delafield, Chris White, Naomi McShea, Fred Day. Ev Shorey.

AGENDA:

1. Review and approval of 5 August 2003 Board Minutes.

On motion of Edgar Blank with second by David Stainton the minutes of the 5 August 2003 board meeting was approved.

2. Appointment of a 5 member "Municipal Facilities Commission" with discussion of their responsibilities related to property management.

Motion by Chairman Beal as attached:

David Stainton: Has the Town Attorney reviewed this motion?

Dan Lief: "municipal activities to include but not be limited to"

Mike Phillips: Property insurance is a problem

Chris White: Need some means of a transition from the LMC to the new commission and not wait until March 2004

Carl Brooks: Too much of a catch all both outside and inside of the Town. Set up a public safety committee.

Owen Roberts: Manage with the Selectmen vice coordinate.

David Stainton: Include language which leaves open the topics that are to be managed. Specific objectives.

Barbara Myers: Overwhelmed in getting parking facility up and running. Found that 20 hours per week was often not enough.

Chris White: Don't see a balance in the commission makeup.

Frank Reese: Volunteered because he was asked.

Dan Lief: Commission makeup should be proportional

Hal Newell: Asked about commission charter being drawn from another community's experience, are the funds available to the commission without restriction, and are goals of commission from the voters?

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Mike Phillips: Contribute 20% of the taxes and get \$4,000 in services. Also spoke about Pagels' ferry service to Sutton Island and fund raising from the Sutton Island residents.

Fred Day: Need a budget and finance committee for the Town.

Dan Lief: Need a Public Safety Committee as well as a finance committee. Seek out a finance committee. 3 from Islesford, 3 from Cranberry and 1 from the other three islands. This commission will include other members of the community for a finance subcommittee.

Carl Brooks: Lot of expertise in the community and he has been asked to participate in several committees, but they are not approaching membership from the expertise point of view. Just looking for another pair of hands. Must look more critically at the skills levels of various members of the community.

Phil Whitney: LMC set up with selection of members by Phil to accomplish specific tasks. Too few members for the tasks to be accomplished. Don't have a lot of subcommittees. Keep it simple with three members but broad based in expertise. Keep up with communications.

Dan Lief: This is a watershed event. Keep the seven member commission but go to others as the needs dictate.

Sig Harrison: Once to discuss mosquitos.

David Stainton: Appoint a commission with a limited task until .

3. Appointment of a "Mosquito Commissioner" with further discussion on cleaning of ditches and drains on Little Cranberry Island.

Sig Harrison: Called out attention to the Bar Harbor Times article about West Nile virus in Tremont. Must recognize this as a Public Health problem. Rick Alley has volunteered to head up a team to unclog the ditches on Islesford. \$2000 authorized at last Selectmen 's meeting and Sig suggested this should be increased by another \$3000 for \$25 per hour for two to three weeks.

David Stainton: Town authorized to pay \$12 to \$20 per hour to employees, however, a contractor can be paid more.

Mike Phillips: Sutton Island also has ditches to be opened and drained.

4. Report on major asphalt paving on Little Cranberry Island, and repair work on Great Cranberry Island Not discussed

5. Status of Real Estate Sale, Manset property. Not discussed

6. Audience Communication.

a. Extension of Friedman Associates Contract. Motioned by David Stainton to approve with second by Edgar. To date amount collected is \$71,820.40 with extension of

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contract until 31 December 2003.

b. Sale of the shed for \$400.00 to Jeff Wadsworth who will remove the shed at his own expense.

c. Carl Brooks: Raised with IRS problems with the Manset property for fund raising. Totally illegal: Cross wise with IRS for donations being tax ductible to the donors. Must request a ruling from the IRS. Also a letter to the Town Attorney to address this problem. Carl submitted a letter stating the issues.

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

- a. Bills: \$198.00
- b. Land Management: \$9,198.79
- c. Bills: \$25,161.65
- d. Schools \$30,466.69
- e. Bank & Police \$4,016.27

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

Dan Lief: Real problem with not enough winter residents to properly staff the firehouse. Need medical assistance for Islesford, possibly an ambulance. Missing a Town employee to handle the day to day . Need real people to do the work such as scheduling of classes. Carl Brook volunteered to work on a fire committee.

Phil Whitney: Suggests that if a part time administrator is to be hired, that his qualificaion be of Public Safety including fire protection.

Chris White: Asked what practical things could we do as a community for fire protection? Need fire extinguisher at each exit in a home with inspections by the fire club members.

Carl Brooks: Wants to hire Blair Colby to go to Islesford and work on their equipment regardless of the fact that it is a private fire club and their equipment is not owned by the municipality. Talk with Ed Gray's father on Town Manager position and job description.

Joe Delafield: Increased communication is needed but not a special Town Meeting.

9. Motion by the Chairman to authorize a "Municipal Immunization Program for Influenza and Pneumonia in 2003" as conducted in past years. Passed.

10. Adjournment, next meeting 7 October 2003 at Little Cranberry Island, Islesford Neighborhood House at 12:37 PM .