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**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021
Cranberry Isles Town Office
Video Teleconference**

Attendance:

Richard Beal, Chairman, BOS (by VTC)
Florence Joy Sprague, BOS
Cory Alley, BOS
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk (by VTC)

Katelyn Damon, PSC. (by VTC)
Joanne Thormann (by VTC)
Phil Whitney (by VTC)
Malcolm Fernald (by VTC)
Joe Connell (by VTC)
Kendra Jo Grindle, Island Institute (by VTC)

I. Call to Order: 8:30am by Cory Alley.

II. New Business

A. Municipal Broadband Grant: Recommendation for proceeding with resolving USDA grant funding

James Fortune reports on Broadband Funding Committee meeting. Joanne Thormann provides a timeline of USDA grant issues. General discussion. Kendra Jo Grindle advises that the Island Institute is willing to coordinate a meeting of Town representatives with staff members of Maine's Congressional delegation. She recommends the Town's representatives include the committee members, a selectman, a representative from Axiom Technologies, and Island Institute staff. The purpose of the meeting would be to secure assistance in receiving an extension of time to address USDA objections to releasing the funding and to then secure the release of the funding previously allocated to the Town. Selectmen agree, without

objection, to authorize the Broadband Funding Committee to pursue an extension and work towards securing release of the USDA grant funding.

III. Audience Communication

Cory Alley reports on Axiom request to install equipment at the GCI Town Dock shed in order to service a residence on GCI. Cory Alley moves to have defunct RedZone equipment removed from the GCI Shed and Axiom equipment installed in order to provide broadband service a residence. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

IV. Executive Session

None.

V. Adjournment

Cory Alley moves to adjourn the meeting, without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49am.