

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
RICHARD BEAL, CHAIRMAN  
FLORENCE J. SPRAGUE  
CORY R. ALLEY

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER  
DENISE Mc CORMICK



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE SELECTMEN  
JAMES FORTUNE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR  
KATELYN DAMON  
TCI LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER  
CARI ALLEY

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021  
Cranberry Isles Town Office  
Video Teleconference**

**Attendance:**

Richard Beal, Chairman, BOS (by VTC)	Malcolm Fernald (by VTC)
Florence Joy Sprague, BOS	Cari Alley (by VTC)
Cory Alley, BOS	Laurie Dobson (by VTC)
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Ingrid Gaither (by VTC)
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Joe Connell (by VTC)
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk (by VTC)	Carl Brooks (by VTC)
Katelyn Damon, PSC. (by VTC)	David Thomas (by VTC)
Joanne Thormann (by VTC)	Cindy Thomas (by VTC)
Phil Whitney (by VTC)	Bruce Fernald (by VTC)

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

**II. Review / Sign Financial Warrants**

Warrant #3	\$ 7,837.47
Warrant #4	\$ 31,916.62 (school)
Warrant #5	\$ 6,482.45
Warrant #6	\$ 41,488.14
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 87,724.68</u>

Florence Joy Sprague will follow up with Dennis Dever about a Manset expense she has a question about.

### **III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2021**

Cory Alley moves to approve the January 12, 2021 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as written. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Sign 2021 Budget and Town Warrant**

Richard Beal comments on the increase in the school budget. Cari Alley advises that a large number of secondary school students have to be budgeted for next year and salaries and health insurance are non-negotiable on the local level.

Denise McCormick asks the Selectmen to determine a date for the postponed Annual Town Meeting, since indoor gatherings are likely to be restricted in March. Selectmen agree, without dissent, to reschedule the Annual Town Meeting to Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Selectmen review and sign Town Meeting Warrant.

#### **B. 2020 Town Report**

Selectmen agree, without dissent, on the cover photo for the Town Report based upon the photos submitted.

#### **C. Municipal Broadband Grant**

Florence Joy Sprague asks about the status of the USDA Broadband grant awarded to the Town in 2018. She also requests information on what has happened to the grant and how to move forward. James Fortune requests assistance in pursuing various efforts to retain the allocation and Selectman representation on a committee. Selectmen agree, without dissent, to ask Joanne Thormann, Malcolm Fernald, and Joe Connell to work with James Fortune and Florence Joy Sprague on exploring possibilities to retain the USDA grant.

## **VI. Audience Communication (taken out of order)**

Carl Brooks asks about potential tax forgiveness articles he submitted to the Selectmen for review and consideration for inclusion in the Warrant. Denise McCormick responds that the Town Attorney has recommended a voter petition as the proper means for the proposed articles to be included in a Warrant.

Carl Brooks proposes the Town secure property for a “maker’s space” to stimulate local economic development.

## **V. Other Business**

James Fortune reports the Cranberry Isles Community Solar Association requests a letter of support from the Town as it pursues grant opportunities. Selectmen agree, without dissent, to review a letter when it is submitted.

Cory Alley reports the Cranberry Isles Fisherman’s Co-Op requests a letter of support from the Town for a ten year moratorium on offshore windmill farms. General discussion. Selectmen agree unanimously to review a letter when it is submitted.

Katelyn Damon reports on a developing process to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to residents through the Maine Seacoast Mission.

Florence Joy Sprague asks about costs for COVID-19 vaccinations. Katelyn Damon advises that insurance can be billed, but the costs will be assumed by the federal government. There are no costs to the Town.

## **VI. Executive Session: Personnel Matter, 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)(1)**

Cory Alley moves, without objection, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:37am.

Cory Alley moves, without objection, to go back into Regular Session at 9:42 am.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Cory Alley moves to adjourn the meeting, without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42am.