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TCI LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER
CARI ALLEY

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021
Cranberry Isles Town Office
Video Teleconference

Attendance:

Florence Joy Sprague, BOS	Phil Whitney (by VTC)
Cory Alley, BOS	Malcolm Fernald (by VTC)
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Mike Brzezowski (by VTC)
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Cari Alley (by VTC)
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk (by VTC)	Joe Connell (by VTC)
Dennis Dever, CEO & LPI (by VTC)	Carl Brooks (by VTC)
Katelyn Damon, PSC. (by VTC)	Laurie Dobson (by VTC)
Joanne Thormann (by VTC)	

I. Call to Order: 8:31am by Cory Alley.

II. Review / Sign Financial Warrants

Warrant #7	\$ 8,297.44
Warrant #8	\$ 58,482.69 (school)
Warrant #9	\$ 52,759.25
<hr/> Total:	\$ 119,539.38

All warrants were signed by the Selectmen.

IV. New Business (taken out of order)

D. Use of Manset Dock (Summer 2021 Season): Mike Brzezowski (Snow Squall) (taken out of order)

Mike Brzezowski has requested permission of the Town to use the Manset dock for loading and unloading sailboat passengers from August through October. James Fortune advises that permissions granted in previous years require the operator to provide proof of insurance and to avoid conflicts with the daily ferry schedule. Mike Brzezowski advises that usage will be limited to twice daily since all cruises will be scheduled for a full day. Further, sufficient parking has been secured offsite. Consensus of the Selectmen is to approve usage pending review by the Harbor Committee.

A. Municipal Broadband Grant Update

Malcolm Fernald reports on meeting with staff members of Maine's congressional delegation. The congressional staffers are willing to take the Town's documentation and discuss the grant situation directly with USDA representatives. James Fortune presents a timeline of the grant situation and problems to overcome. Joanne Thormann explains the three remedies the Town is requesting, in order of benefit: (1) release of the entire grant since the project has been successfully implemented (about \$1.3 million), (2) reimbursement for expenses incurred after completion of the environmental review (about \$250,000), or (3) reimbursement for interest charges incurred during the grant process (about \$67,000). She also advises that none of these requests will be possible if an extension is not first granted by USDA beyond the current April 23, 2021 deadline. General discussion. Selectmen agree, without dissent, to task the Broadband Grant Committee to move forward in an attempt to secure an extension and task James Fortune to prepare a letter on behalf of the Selectmen for immediate presentation to the state congressional delegations.

B. Petition to Sell 15 Mansell Lane Property

James Fortune reports on a petition of registered voters presented to direct the Town to sell the property at 15 Mansell Lane in Southwest Harbor (Manset). General discussion. Cory Alley moves to add the article to the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 2-0.**

C. Sign 2021 Town Meeting Warrant

Cory Alley moves to cancel the March 13, 2021 Annual Town Meeting due to the Governor's Executive Order limiting indoor events. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 2-0.**

Cory Alley moves to reschedule the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 9:00am at the Ladies Aid Ballfield on Great Cranberry Island. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 2-0.**

Selectmen review and sign the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant.

E. Painting Work: GCI & LCI Dock Sheds; GCI Fire Station

James Fortune reports on trim painting needed at dock sheds and recommends using ramp fees for funding. Katelyn Damon reports trim painting is also needed at the GCI Firehouse and can be paid for using fire department reserve funds. Cory Alley tasks James Fortune, without dissent, to have estimates done and secure bids for painting.

F. BCM: Junk Car Removal

James Fortune reports that the trial agreement with BCM for removing junk cars expired at the end of 2020. BCM is agreeable to an extension of the program for one year. James Fortune reports that about 24 vehicles were removed during 2020, including a backlog of vehicles that had been abandoned for many years. The tonnage removed totaled about 46 tons and the Town received a tonnage reimbursement from BCM of about \$2,300. The additional tonnage cost to the Town as reflected in the contractual adjustments with BCM total about \$12,000. General discussion of program and alternatives that have been attempted in the past. Cory Alley moves to extend junk car removal program with BCM through December 2021. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 2-0.**

G. Update on Versant Power Co. on GCI work and Islesford Submarine Cable Replacement.

James Fortune reports that Versant anticipates replacing the utility poles on GCI in the fall of 2021. He continues to work on an update from Versant on replacement of the submarine cable servicing Islesford.

V. Other Business

General discussion of continuation of roadside clearing and trimming around the Town's broadband lines. James Fortune will determine costs and the Selectmen will consider taking action after the Town meeting.

VI. Audience Communication

None.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 9 & February 17, 2021 (taken out of order)

Cory Alley moves to approve the February 9, 2021 & February 17, 2021 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as written. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 2-0.**

VII. Executive Session

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Florence Joy Sprague moves to adjourn the meeting. Cory Alley seconds the motion. **Motion approved 2-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am.