

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
RICHARD BEAL, CHAIRMAN  
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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  
July 7, 2020  
Cranberry Isles Town Office**

**Attendance:**

Richard Beal, Chairman, BOS (by phone)	Dennis Dever, LPO & CEO (by phone)
Florence Joy Sprague, BOS	Joanne Thormann (by phone)
Cory Alley, BOS	Stephanie Alley (by phone)
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Phil Whitney (by phone)
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Alden Hathaway (by phone)
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk (by phone)	Jeff Pease (by phone)
Katelyn Damon, Public Safety Coordinator (by phone)	Dan Piper, Sundog Solar (by phone)
Cari Alley, Local Health Officer	Ben Moore, BCM Construction (by phone)

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

**II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants**

Warrant #26	\$ 3,721.07	<i>Signed remotely by the Selectmen on June 8, 2020</i>
Warrant #27	\$ 8,504.73	
Warrant #28	\$ 26,518.52	<i>(school)</i>
Warrant #29	\$ 14,882.95	
Warrant #30	\$ 35,449.29	<i>(school)</i>
Warrant #31	\$ 56,517.64	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 145,594.20</b>	

All warrants were signed by the Selectmen present.

### **III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 2, 2020 & June 16, 2020**

Cory Alley moves to approve the June 2, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as written. Richard Beal seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Cory Alley moves to approve the June 16, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as written. Richard Beal seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Approve Financing for new GCI Fire Truck**

Denise McCormick presents paperwork for a 10-year, 2.89% financing agreement from Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation for the new GCI fire truck. Selectmen approve and sign the agreement.

#### **B. Bids for old LCI Float**

Denise McCormick reports that no bids have been received for the old float. Selectmen task James Fortune to check with Roy Hadlock about disposal options.

#### **C. Axiom Wireless Service for GCI**

James Fortune reports on a proposal from Axiom to provide service to two residences that submitted initial deposits in 2018. Pole licensing to these customers has been complicated by a \$5 million liability deductible required by the licensing authority (the Town's current liability deductible is \$2 million). Axiom has proposed a wireless solution that will service these customers, and potentially others, at the north end of GCI. The total cost will be about \$7,500 and would be paid from an available balance in the technology fund. Cory Alley moves to approve the proposal. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

#### **E. Covid-19 Updates (taken out of order)**

Cari Alley advises that visitors from CT, NH, NJ, NY, and VT are no longer required to quarantine. She asks residents and visitors to continue to follow recommended protocols and is receiving a lot of phone calls asking for information.

#### **D. Community Solar Project**

James Fortune reports on a request for Town support for a community solar project that would capitalize on recent legislative changes. Alden Hathaway presents a proposal asking the Town to consider allowing a solar project on Town owned property. Dan Piper of Sundog Solar explains some of the technical considerations and examples from other communities in Maine. General discussion. Cory Alley proposes, without objection, to continue discussions. **No action taken.**

#### **F. BCM, Inc Junk Car Removal**

James Fortune reports on a proposal from the Town's Solid Waste contractor, BCM Construction, on removing junk cars from the Town. Ben Moore explains that BCM now has the capability to pick-up, weigh, and dispose of junk vehicles. The proposal is to remove vehicles that are empty of debris and have air in all four tires at no cost to the owner; the Town will receive \$50/ton for each vehicle; and BCM will count the vehicle weight towards its annual contract total. Interested vehicle owners can contact staff at both transfer stations for more information. Selectmen agree unanimously to implement the program immediately and extend through December 31, 2020.

#### **G. GCI Hoist: Status of Work**

James Fortune reports that getting the completed hoist installed has been difficult. Electrical work still needs to be resolved on the dock and he continues to follow up with contractors, who have reported crew shortages this year and a backlog of work. Denise McCormick reports that construction of the hoist has been paid in full by the Town, but installation has yet not been paid. Richard Beal proposes, without objection, directing the Town Attorney to issue a Mechanic's Lien against the contractor until installation is completed.

#### **H. LCI Dock Shed: Review Estimate for New Metal Roof**

Selectmen review and approve an estimate of \$6,000 for a new roof on the LCI Town dock shed.

## **I. Proposal for a Town Traffic Ordinance**

Richard Beal presents a letter from the Town Attorney explaining situations in which an ordinance can be implemented by the Selectmen and proposes to prepare a draft Traffic Ordinance concerning vehicles parking on public roads. Richard Beal moves to prepare a draft Traffic Ordinance for review. Cory Alley seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

## **J. Draft of a Proposed Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance**

Joanne Thormann presents a draft Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance recently approved by the Planning Board. She reports on a number of recent inquiries by cell tower location firms and that the Planning Board requests guidance on application fee amounts. General discussion of required public hearings and a possible Special Town Meeting. Cory Alley proposes, without objection, to refer the draft ordinance to the Town Attorney for review.

## **K. Proposal for Changes to the TCI Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance**

Dennis Dever presents two proposed amendments to the Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. One item will update the Ordinance to reflect new state mandates that photographs be submitted prior and subsequent to permitted work. The second item clarifies which Ordinance provisions are applicable in areas where designated districts overlap (split districts). Richard Beal proposes, without objection, to approve the changes and have a public hearing scheduled.

## **V. Other Business**

Dennis Dever reports on the status of the Manset Retaining Wall. The temporary measures have worked thus far, but he recommends a permanent solution. The permitting process will likely be lengthy, but he would be able to present a plan by the next Selectmen's meeting. Cory Alley recommends, without objection, a preliminary plan limited to design and specifications be prepared.

Joanne Thormann suggests alternatives to in-person gatherings be considered for public hearings and meetings. Denise McCormick advises that mailed ballots are not allowed under an Open Town Meeting form of government.

Richard Beal reports on ferry service issues and recommends, without objection, that no action be taken at the present time.

Florence Joy Sprague reports that the USPS will continue to limit access to the post offices to one person at a time until October 2020.

## **VI. Audience Communication**

None.

## **VII. Executive Session**

None.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Cory Alley moves to adjourn the meeting. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:16am.