

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR
KATELYN DAMON
TCI LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER
CARI ALLEY

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021
GCI Community Center

Attendance:

Richard Beal, Chairman, BOS	Phil Whitney
Florence Joy Sprague, BOS	Karin Whitney
Cory Alley, BOS	Laurie Dobson
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Robert Murch
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Carl Brooks
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk	Dave Norman, Versant Power
Katelyn Damon, PSC.	James Singerling

I. Call to Order: 8:43am by Chairman Richard Beal.

II. Review / Sign Financial Warrants

Warrant #30	\$ 750.00
Warrant #31	\$ 8,597.33
Warrant #32	\$ 24,200.55 (school)
Warrant #33	\$ 10,578.81
Warrant #34	\$ 303,337.82
<u>Warrant #34</u>	<u>\$ 303,337.82</u>
Total:	\$ 347,464.51

All warrants were signed by the Selectmen.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2021

Richard Beal moves to approve the July 13, 2021 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as written. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

IV. New Business

A. Preble Cemetery Repairs

General discussion. Selectmen agree, without dissent, to contact known relatives of buried individuals and reach out to additional contractors about repair options.

B. Co-Op/Town Dock Road Reconstruction

James Fortune reports the project is expected to commence in September. Additional pavement determined to be needed during the pre-construction meeting not included in drawings and will require additional expenditure. Denise McCormick reports that the project funds allocated (\$115,000) were determined by the original estimate. James Fortune advises that an additional \$10,000 may be needed, but he is waiting for a confirmed cost. Discussion that additional funds could be allocated from the Selectmen's contingency or from the Road fund. Selectmen agree unanimously to table contract until the September meeting so that a final price can be ascertained.

C. GCI Dock Repairs

James Fortune reports that work can commence upon deposit to the contractor to purchase materials. Richard Beal moves to authorize payment to Chalmers for up to \$5,000 to purchase materials for GCI dock repairs. Cory Alley seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

D. Versant Power (Q&A on Pole Replacement Project on GCI)

Dave Norman of Versant Power provides an overview of the pole replacement project and answers general audience questions. He also reports that supply chain issues have resulted in a delay to the replacement of the Islesford undersea cable until spring 2022.

Richard Beal proposes, without objection, to have a Warrant Article prepared for the 2022 Town Meeting for broadband infrastructure improvements to make functional the fiber optic line in the undersea cable to Islesford.

V. Other Business

Richard Beal reports on a septic system issue on Sutton Island. Discussion is tabled unanimously until CEO Dennis Dever is available to discuss.

James Fortune reports on the annual APSI meeting that recently took place on Sutton Island. Residents have requested a white goods pickup to take place on an annual basis. Selectmen agree, without objection, to provide annual white goods removal through solid waste contract provisions with Newman & Gray.

James Fortune reports on the comprehensive inspection recently completed at 15 Mansell Lane. General discussion. Cory Alley recommends, without objection, that a fire safety inspection be made of the property. Richard Beal recommends, without objection, that Mike Westphal be retained to prepare a repair estimate based upon the results of the construction inspection.

Carl Brooks advises that the Mansell Lane Committee is working to determine costs to fix the property, costs to complete required code updates, costs to raze the building, and costs to continue to carry the expenses of the property in its current condition.

VI. Audience Communication

Carl Brooks provides an update on his efforts to locate historical census data for the Town and will circulate a document for the Selectmen's review when completed.

Laurie Dobson requests the stop sign located at the end of The Lane on GCI be reinstalled and that a fine or warning be instituted for sign destruction. She also volunteers to serve as Constable. No action taken.

Karin Whitney asks for an update on the status of the USDA Broadband Grant. James Fortune reports that an extension was granted by USDA and applicable paperwork is being prepared with Axiom for timely submission. General discussion. Richard Beal encourages a speedy process in order to minimize the ongoing interest expense the Town is incurring.

Carl Brooks reviews the ability of handicapped individuals to attend meetings at Islesford and to access the GCI Dock. General discussion. Katelyn Damon recommends approaching Goodwin's about a special rate for handicapped access via the barge.

VII. Executive Session

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Richard Beal moves, without objection, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.