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CARI ALLEY

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2021
Islesford Neighborhood House**

Attendance:

Richard Beal, Chairman, BOS	Phil Whitney
Florence Joy Sprague, BOS	Karin Whitney
Cory Alley, BOS	Steven Pagels
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Katy Fernald
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Bruce Fernald
Ben Sumner, Deputy Clerk	David Thomas
Katelyn Damon, PSC	

A. Call to Order: 8:27am by Chairman Richard Beal.

B. Southwest Harbor Docking Issues Discussion

Cory Alley reports on the Town of Southwest Harbor public hearing held December 14, 2021. The proposed revision of the Town of Southwest Harbor's Harbor Ordinance would not allow the continuance of passenger ferry service from Southwest Harbor's Upper Town Dock to the Cranberry Isles. General discussion. James Fortune advises the Selectmen to respond directly to the Southwest Harbor Board of Selectmen prior to the its next scheduled meeting on January 11, 2022. Cory Alley asks that the Town Attorney be consulted on whether federal funds used to construct the SWH Upper Town Dock precludes Southwest Harbor from disallowing use of the dock for ferry service to the Cranberry Isles. Selectmen agree, without objection, to consult with the Town Attorney on relevant legal issues, prepare a written response to the Southwest Harbor Selectmen, and discuss possible resolution with the chair of the Southwest Harbor Board of Selectmen.

C. Other Business

General Discussion of recent difficulties with ferry service from Northeast Harbor. Katelyn Damon reports that the Harbormaster at Northeast has given permission during the winter season for the Cranberry Cove ferry to run in instances where Beal & Bunker might be unavailable.

Richard Beal proposes that \$80,000 be budgeted for design and permitting costs for a year round dock at Manset and placed on the 2022 Warrant.

Cory Alley proposes removing the proposed 2022 Warrant article for a Town restroom on Islesford.

Cory Alley moves to authorize the Public Safety Coordinator to contact the US Coast Guard in reference to ferry service mechanical and service issues. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Denise McCormick explains the 2020 Warrant article authorizing up to \$400,000 for improvements to Harding Point Road and Jimmie's Point Road. She presents loan documentation for a five year loan at 2.43% in the amount of \$343,622. Selectmen review and sign loan documents.

Bruce Fernald asks for an update on the USDA grant appeal. James Fortune reports on invoicing issues that are being resolved. General discussion. Consensus of the Selectmen is to provide assistance to James Fortune as he sees fit to complete the resubmission process in a timely manner.

Richard Beal asks if Axiom has provided an estimate for connecting to the new undersea utility cable when it is installed. James Fortune to follow up with Axiom.

D. Adjournment

Richard Beal moves, without objection, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.