

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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TOWN CLERK / TREASURER  
DENISE McCORMICK

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR  
KATELYN DAMON

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2022  
GCI Community Center**

**Attendance:**

Cory Alley, Chair, Select Board	Jim Singerling
Florence Joy Sprague , Select Board	Phil Whitney
Joe Connell, Select Board	Jim Gertmenian, CIRT
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Judith Timyan, CIRT
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Mike Comiskey, CIRT
Katelyn Damon, PSC	Peter Buchsbaum, CIRT
Dennis Dever, LPI & CEO	Sam Reece, CIRT
Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk	Frank Reece, CIRT
Richard Beal	Geoff Wadsworth
Karin Whitney	

**I. Call to Order:** 8:45am by Cory Alley.

**II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants**

Warrant #33	\$ 40,602.32 (school)
Warrant #34	\$ 15,269.50
Warrant #35	\$ 9,906.20
Warrant #36	\$ 222,793.20
<hr/> Total:	\$ 288,571.22

All warrants were signed by the Select Board.

### **III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 12, 2022**

Cory Alley moves, without objection, to approve the July 12, 2022 Select Board meeting minutes as written.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Proposal for Site Plan for 15 Mansell Lane Parking Lot**

James Fortune reports he has not yet received the baseplan from the engineer. He expects to have it in time for the September meeting.

#### **D. GCI & LCI Dock Sheds (Bids for Painting & Repairs) (taken out of order)**

James Fortune reports he is meeting with someone considering bidding on work for the LCI dock shed. He is continuing to solicit further bids.

#### **B. Sutton Island Updates**

James Fortune reports on the annual Association for the Preservation of Sutton Island (APSI) meeting recently conducted. Joe Connell also attended on behalf of the Select Board.

#### **C. Harbor Dredging (Sutton, LCI & GCI)**

Ferry access has become increasingly limited at the Sutton Town Dock and winter access via a neighboring private dock may not be available this year. Joe Connell advises that there is reserve funding available for engineering, but that any substantial improvements would need Town Meeting approval. Consensus of the Select Board is that plans for dredging at each Town Dock should be pursued so that costs can be determined.

#### **E. Versant Power Co. Revised Utility Pole Replacement Permit Application**

Denise McCormick presents utility pole replacement permit application from Versant Power for Cranberry Road replacement project. The Select Board approved a permit in 2021, but it has expired and needs renewal. The project is now expected to commence this fall. Select Board reviews and signs permit, without objection.

## **F. Versant Power Co. Update: New Undersea Cable to Islesford**

Katelyn Damon reports that work on replacing the cable has commenced on LCI and GCI. General discussion of broadband connection costs to the new cable.

## **G. Public Safety Coordinator Job Opening**

Select Board agrees, without objection, to schedule a workshop to discuss staffing.

## **H. Tax Abatement Request Map 30 Lot 12**

Denise McCormick reports on abatement request and Tax Assessor's response. She advises that the additional reduction in tax requested is beyond the amount that can be reduced by the Assessor. General discussion. Joe Connell recommends that boardwalk maintained by the Town across the property be repaired on an annual basis. Cory Alley moves, without objection, to repair boardwalk. Cory Alley moves, without objection, to deny the proposed assessment reduction requested by the property owner.

## **I. C.I.R.T.: Proposal to Locate 2 new CIRT Housing units at the Islesford Gravel Pit**

Judith Timyan, CIRT member, presents proposal to explore leasing a portion of Town property at the LCI Gravel Pit to construct up to two housing units using CIRT funds and a large grant currently available. A similar project on GCI is underway on CIRT owned property. Cory Alley advises that Town Meeting approval would be required to lease the property, provided the lot will accommodate construction. Joe Connell moves to support the concept as presented by CIRT to pursue a long term lease of Town property on Islesford that will accommodate at least one housing unit and prepare a Warrant Article for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Cory Alley seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

## **J. Household Hazardous Waste & Universal Waste Collection: Friday September 23rd**

James Fortune reports the collection day has been scheduled. Forms and notices are available at both transfer stations and the Town Office.

## **V. Other Business**

Denise McCormick presents one year GCI snow plowing contract extension with Blair Colby. James Fortune reports a new three year contract will need to be included as a Warrant Article for the 2023 Town Meeting. Select Board reviews and signs contract extension.

## **VI. Audience Communication**

Richard Beal recommends the Town Attorney complete the legal process to sell two acres of property on GCI that has unknown ownership in order to return the property to the tax rolls. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to pursue the matter further with the current Town Attorney.

## **V. Other Business (continued)**

Dennis Dever reports that resolution of the Sutton Island septic system issues discussed last month is underway.

Dennis Dever reports on resolving towing issues at the Town's parking lot in Manset. General discussion. Joe Connell moves, without objection, to update sign to indicate "No RVs or Trailers Without Permit" and charge overnight guest rate for trailer parking.

Katelyn Damon asks about clarification of the Public Safety Coordinator hiring process (Item G. above). Select Board agrees, without objection, that further discussion will take place at the Workshop approved earlier today and will be scheduled for August 23, 8:30am at the Town Office.

## **VI. Audience Communication (continued)**

Karin Whitney asks if the demolition at 15 Mansell Lane is on schedule. James Fortune reports that demolition is scheduled for October.

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

None.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Cory Alley adjourns meeting, without objection. Meeting adjourned at 10:38A.M.