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**Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022
Islesford Neighborhood House**

Attendance:

Cory Alley, Chair, Select Board	Katelyn Damon
Florence Joy Sprague, Select Board	Karin Whitney
Joe Connell, Select Board	Phil Whitney
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk	Malcolm Fernald, CIRT
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	Jonathan Wood
Sharon Morrell, PSC	Joanne Thormann
Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk	Paul Thormann

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

II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants

Warrant #49	\$ 36,494.02
Warrant #50	\$ 9,017.70
Warrant #51	\$ 637.84
Warrant #52	\$ 9,746.61
<u>Warrant #53</u>	<u>\$ 113,087.52</u>
Total:	\$ 168,983.69

All warrants were signed by the Select Board.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2022

Cory Alley moves to accept the October 4, 2022 Select Board meeting minutes as written. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. Motion approved. 3-0.

IV. New Business

A. Donation to Maine Lobsterman's Association

Florence Joy Sprague proposes a donation from the Select Board Contingency Fund to the Maine Lobsterman's Association to support the lobster industry. A legal fund has been established to support an MLA lawsuit over federal regulations concerning disputed effects of lobstering on Right Whale populations. Denise McCormick advises that the Contingency Fund is currently about \$19,000. General discussion. Florence Joy Sprague moves to donate \$12,500 from the Select Board Contingency Fund to support legal efforts of the Maine Lobsterman's Association. Cory Alley seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Florence Joy Sprague proposes, without objection, a Warrant Article for Town Meeting to consider further support by the Town.

B. C.I.R.T. Update: Land in the Town Gravel Pit on LCI

Cranberry Isles Realty Trust representative Malcolm Fernald explains that CIRT has determined there is not enough available land in the LCI Gravel Pit to allow construction of an additional freestanding residence. However, CIRT is considering building onto the existing house to create a duplex housing unit. General discussion. Cory Alley moves that the Select Board supports CIRT initiative to consider a duplex unit on Town property at the Gravel Pit and to encourages CIRT to present a complete proposal at Town Meeting. Joe Connell seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Florence Joy Sprague asks that the old LCI Firehouse be considered for housing renovation. James Fortune advises that the building is located on School property and the School Committee would have to agree to any proposed renovation. No action taken.

C. Property Tax Abatement Request for Map 30 Lot 1

James Fortune presents an abatement request for costs to be incurred by a landowner due to limited access to Sutton Island this winter. General discussion. Joe Connell moves to reject the abatement request. Cory Alley seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

H. Sutton Island Winter Access (taken out of order)

James Fortune reports that Sutton Island moorings have been inspected and are considered suitable for winter use. Jonathan Wood reports that a Sutton Island landowner with a more protected location is open to discussion of a Town dock being constructed to provide winter access. Discussion continued until later in this meeting.

D. Northeast Harbor Parking Lot Lease Renewal & Management Policies

James Fortune reports on meeting with Town of Mount Desert officials about a lease renewal. Mount Desert is willing to consider renewing the lease under the present terms with some policy changes, including the implementation of an automated permit system. Paving of the lot is scheduled for 2024. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to prepare Warrant Articles for renewal of the lease and for the costs of the automated parking permit system.

E. GCI Dock Cameras

James Fortune reports that the GCI Harbormaster has requested one of the discontinued GCI security cameras be left in place to observe dock weather conditions. Cory Alley moves to repair camera covering dock and float and have the others removed, as approved by the Select Board previously. Joe Connell seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

F. Town Office Solar (Grant Funding)

James Fortune advises that the Island Institute has requested that the Select Board authorize a Town representative to coordinate grant funding programs being pursued by the Institute. Cory Alley moves to name James Fortune as the Town's

authorized representative to the Island Institute for municipal energy alternatives. Florence Joy Sprague seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

G. Fuel Adjustment for Summer Commuter Ferry

James Fortune reports on Sail Acadia request to exercise the fuel surcharge clause of the summer commuter ferry contract. The requested adjustment totals \$1,044.12. Joe Connell recommends new contracts consider fuel surcharge price updates. Denise McCormick advises that extra amount would have to be taken from the Select Board Contingency Fund. Joe Connell moves to pay Sail Acadia \$1,044.12 fuel surcharge. Cory Alley seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

H. Sutton Island Winter Access (continued)

James Fortune reports that the Sutton Island Town Dock is accessible at high tide with use of a ladder once the float is removed. Cory Alley proposes, without objection, to replace the existing ladder. General discussion of a long-term solution and possible Warrant Article for Town Meeting. Select Board tasks James Fortune to determine whether an extra float might be available if the current one became damaged over the winter. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to make a determination about leaving the Sutton float in at the December regular meeting.

V. Other Business

Denise McCormick reports on an email requesting installation of a volleyball net on the Town Field at Islesford. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to consider the proposition if a more thorough plan is submitted.

VI. Audience Communication

Paul Thormann asks about the status of the USDA broadband grant. James Fortune reports that no recent updates have been received. Florence Joy Sprague tasks James Fortune to follow up with the Town's Congressional representatives if no response from USDA.

Paul Thormann asks for an update on the connection of the undersea utility cable between GCI and LCI. Katelyn Damon reports that preliminary work has been

completed and a third-party contractor will complete the connection as scheduled by Versant. Service disruptions should be minor.

Phil Whitney asks about the status of the demolition of the building at 15 Mansell Lane. James Fortune is in contact with Goodwin's. November completion is still expected.

V. Other Business (continued)

Cory Alley asks Select Board to consider a change in regular meeting times. General discussion of alternative meeting times and public access via video. Cory Alley moves to change regular Select Board meeting time to 3:00pm. Joe Connell seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Joe Connell moves, without objection, to explore increasing the Town's video conferencing capabilities. Phil Whitney advises that the Cranberry House has video conferencing capacity to accommodate a public meeting. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to hold the regular December Select Board meeting at the Cranberry House.

VI. Audience Communication (continued)

Karin Whitney suggests more rentable storage space be made available at Manset. Florence Joy Sprague proposes, without objection, tasking the Mansell Lane Committee to make an assessment of the current and possible rental spaces and policies.

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 10:48A.M.