

SELECT BOARD
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Select Board Budget Workshop Minutes
February 1, 2023
Cranberry Isles Town Office

Attendance:

Cory Alley, Chair, Select Board

Florence Joy Sprague, Select Board

Joe Connell, Select Board

Denise McCormick, Town Clerk

James Fortune, Administrative Assistant

Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk

Katelyn Damon

I. Call to Order: 3:00pm by Cory Alley.

II. Budget Workshop (2023 Municipal Budget)

Department 52 Katelyn Damon reports that there is \$15,000 in reserve funds that could be allocated towards the GCI cistern and the GCI fire department has \$20,000 available that it has agreed to put towards the project. Budget amended to show \$35,000 revenue towards cistern project.

Department 52 Select Board agrees, without dissent, to eliminate funding for Constable position and Select Board members will assume the duties normally performed by the constables.

Cory Alley recommends snow cleats be added to the Islesford Dock shed to reduce the ice risk recently observed there.

Department 54 Joe Connell proposes, without objection, financing the Islesford plow truck purchase.

General discussion of summer commuter ferry contract. No change.

Discussion of lift issue at Longfellow School and its possible effect on Town Meeting. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to pursue the church building on GCI as an alternate location, if necessary.

Department 56 Florence Joy Sprague proposes \$3,000 donation to Islesford Boatworks. General discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to leave budgeted donation unchanged at \$1,500.

Department 56 Florence Joy Sprague proposes reduction of proposed donation to the Maine Lobsterman's Association from \$12,500 to \$5,000. Cory Alley proposes reduction to \$6,000. General discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to budget \$6,000 for donation.

Department 57 Denise McCormick reports that five loans will be satisfied in 2023, significantly lowering this budget department in 2024.

Department 58 James Fortune reports that reserve funding is available to continue the engineering work on the Mansell Lane Parking lot. Select Board agrees, without objection, to lower the budgeted allocation towards Mansell Lane parking from \$100,000 to \$10,000.

Department 58 Denise McCormick reports that the Joy Road Maintenance reserve fund is about \$19,000. Select Board agrees, without objection, to reduce the Joy Road Maintenance budgeted allocation from \$1,500 to zero.

Department 58 James Fortune explains budget recommendation for generator to be located at the Town's Broadband site at Newman & Gray Boatyard in order to maintain service to Sutton Island during power outages. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to leave \$15,000 budgeted allocation.

James Fortune advises that Town would need to pursue easements with private landowners to make improvements to boardwalk on Sutton Island.

III. Other Business

None.

IV. Audience Communication

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 4:36 P.M.