

SELECT BOARD  
CORY R. ALLEY, CHAIRMAN  
FLORENCE J. SPRAGUE  
JOE CONNELL

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE SELECT BOARD  
JAMES FORTUNE



TOWN CLERK / TREASURER  
DENISE Mc CORMICK

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR  
SHARON MORRELL

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 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  
Sharon Morrell, PSC

Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk (by video)  
Katelyn Damon  
Phil Whitney (by video)  
Jonathan Wood (by video)  
Malcolm Fernald

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

**II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants**

Warrant #58	\$ 19,207.26	
Warrant #59	\$ 9,262.25	
Warrant #61	\$ 60,918.08	(School)
Warrant #1 (2023)	\$ 8,048.08	
<u>Warrant #2 (2023)</u>	<u>\$ 94,704.23</u>	
Total:	\$ 192,139.90	

All warrants were signed by the Select Board.

**III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2022**

Select Board approves, without dissent, December 6, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Audit Engagement Letter: Jim Wadman**

Select Board agrees, without dissent, to have the 2022 audit performed by Jim Wadman. Select Board reviews and signs engagement letter.

##### **B. Acadia N.P. Advisory Commission Appointment**

Joe Connell volunteers, without objection, to serve as the Town's Acadia National Park Advisory Commission representative.

##### **C. Planning Board Appointments**

Cory Alley reports that Cari Alley and Sam Flavin, both of Islesford, have agreed to serve as Planning Board members. Appointments will be signed at the regular February Select Board meeting.

##### **D. Summer Commuter Ferry**

James Fortune reports that Sail Acadia is not willing to continue summer commuter ferry service and recommends the contract be put back out to bid. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to continue to solicit bids.

##### **E. Land Lease for GCI Store**

Joe Connell reads letter from Janice Murch, owner of the Great Cranberry General Store. General discussion. Joe Connell proposes, without objection, to waive the two-month waiting period in the lease agreement so permitting and construction commence on rebuilding the store. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to extend the lease agreement for ten years, with an option for another ten year renewal. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to have new survey of property completed.

##### **F. MSW Contract: Continuation of Junk Car Removal Program**

Select Board agrees, without dissent, to continue the Junk Car removal program as part of the Municipal Solid Waste contract with BCM Construction.

## **G. USDA Grant Update**

James Fortune reports that documentation has been submitted and receipt acknowledged by USDA and that a teleconference with USDA representatives will take place later this week.

## **V. Other Business (taken out of order)**

Joe Connell asks about status of damage repairs at the Sutton Island Town Dock and boardwalk. General discussion of Town responsibilities for repairs on main path beyond the crossroads. Joe Connell recommends, without dissent, that boardwalk path repairs be prioritized.

## **VI. Audience Communication (taken out of order)**

Malcolm Fernald, representing CIRT, reports on proposal to duplex addition being made to the existing CIRT residence on Islesford. James Fortune advises that CIRT property lease does not preclude construction to the existing residence. General discussion of including Islesford firehouse on expanded septic system serving the expanded property.

## **H. 2023 Budget Workshop**

Select Board reviews budget line items. James Fortune recommends repaving of GCI Town Dock parking lot be considered in 2024. James Fortune reports that estimates for creating new parking spaces in the Mansell Lane lot are about \$400k and advises that he does not anticipate additional spaces being needed in the near future. Discussion of requests for assistance from private cemeteries in recent years.

## **I. 2023 Town Meeting Warrant Review**

Select Board reviews and approves, without objection, current budget related Warrant articles as written.

## **J. 2023 Town Report Review**

Ben Sumner reports that work on the Town Report is in progress and photos continue to be welcomed.

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

Cory Alley reports that the Fisherman's Co-Op is moving forward with plans to build a bait loading platform that will improve safety to the public and reduce damage to Main Road.

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

Jonathan Wood asks about progress in obtaining permitting to dredge at the Sutton Town Dock. James Fortune reports that the engineer has recommended borings to be completed and analyzed to determine if dredging is feasible.

James Fortune advises that Lauren Gray has agreed to break up ice on the Sutton float over the winter.

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

None.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 5:14 P.M.