

SELECT BOARD
CORY R. ALLEY, CHAIRMAN
JOE CONNELL
AMANDA BRACY



TOWN CLERK / TREASURER
DENISE Mc CORMICK

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE SELECT BOARD
JAMES FORTUNE

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR
SHARON MORRELL

Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023
Islesford Fire Station

Attendance:

Cory Alley, Chair, Select Board
Joe Connell, Select Board
Amanda Bracy, Select Board
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk
James Fortune, Admin. Asst.
Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk
Sharon Morrell, PSC
Dennis Dever, CEO & LPI (by video)
Phil Whitney
Katelyn Damon

Gale Paquette, Versant Power
Ken Schmidt
Jim Gertmenian
Bill Dowling
Jonathan Wood
Judith Timyan (by video)
Carl Brooks (by video)
Joanne Thormann (by video)
Frank Reece (by video)

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

II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants

Warrant #23	\$ 13,786.14
Warrant #24	\$ 43,053.95 (school)
Warrant #25	\$ 9,982.51
Warrant #26	\$ 120,845.29
Warrant #27	\$ 54,582.00 (roads-ditching)
Warrant #28	\$ 35,522.00 (roads-paving repairs)
Total:	\$ 277,771.89

All warrants were signed by the Select Board.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2023

Cory Alley moves, without objection, to approve the May 2, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

IV. New Business

A. USDA Grant Update

James Fortune reports that he and Malcolm Fernald are reviewing follow up questions from USDA and submitting responses. All grant related issues must be resolved by July 2024.

B. 2023 Selectmen Workplan Updates

Select Board reviews plan. James Fortune presents an estimate for road ditching repairs. General discussion. Select Board agrees, without objection, to accept the estimate from John W. Goodwin, Inc for ditching improvements.

James Fortune reports that repairs to the Sutton Island boardwalk have been completed.

Amanda Bracy asks about new signs for the Town docks. James Fortune reports the signs are still on order.

Joe Connell asks about installation of middle cleats on Town floats. James Fortune to follow up with contractor.

C. C.I.R.T. Update

Kenneth Schmidt, Cranberry Isles Realty Trust President, reports on new programs and projects currently underway. Judith Timyan of CIRT reports on the status of rental options CIRT is pursuing on Islesford to complement the two houses currently being constructed on GCI.

D. Versant Power: Sutton Island Replacement Project

Gale Paquette, of Versant Power, reports on infrastructure improvements scheduled for Sutton Island. Twenty poles will be replaced during the summer and a new undersea cable from Mount Desert Island to Sutton will be installed this fall. He also advises that plans are underway to install a new undersea cable to service Bear Island in 2024.

E. Parking Ordinance – Parking at GCI & LCI Town Parking Lots

General discussion of parking at the Town Docks. Select Board agrees, without objection, to have utility vehicles moved to the gravel pit at Islesford to relieve congestion there. Discussion of current Parking Ordinance. Joe Connell proposes, without objection, that the Select Board send a letter to residents regarding parking issues and reminders about the Parking Ordinance. Cory Alley proposes, without objection, increased signage be displayed at the Town Docks. Select Board agrees, without objection, to reach out to contractors on GCI and the GCI Historical Society about a possible arrangement to use the GCIHS Cranberry Explorer to ferry contractors to the GCI gravel pit and to have vehicles parked there.

F. Sutton Island Dredging

James Fortune reports on the engineering scope of work that will be needed for a feasibility study of dredging at the Sutton Island Town Dock. He advises that the estimates he has been quoted for this work are over \$35,000 and no funding is currently budgeted for this project. Jonathan Wood asks about reserve funding that might be available. Denise McCormick will determine what amount of reserve funding is available and report to the Select Board.

VI. Audience Communication (taken out of order)

Bill Dowling asks about the status of the third GCI float approved previously. James Fortune reports the float is under construction, but that ramp work for the new float will have to be completed over the coming winter.

H. GCI Dock Repairs

James Fortune reports that Brendon Westphal and Blair Colby have advised that a barge will be needed to make the necessary repairs to the GCI dock. Chalmers will be available in July and has agreed to make the repairs.

I. Manset Parking Lot Lightings/Dock Cameras

Dennis Dever reports that conduit is in place to provide improved lighting and security to the Manset parking lot. He does not recommend the addition of cameras currently. He does, however, recommend repair or maintenance of other items that he advises need immediate attention. Select Board agrees, without objection, for Amanda Bracy to review with Dennis Dever the list of items that need repair or maintenance.

V. Other Business

Carl Brooks reports on the recent meeting of the Acadia Advisory Commission.

VI. Audience Communication

Jonathan Wood Asks about parking changes in Northeast Harbor. James Fortune reports that the new system is operating and he is available to work with any permit holders having difficulty getting set up.

Joe Connell reports that the Select Board has sent a letter to a landowner on GCI concerning maintenance of the Spurling Revolutionary War Cemetery. Select Board agrees, without dissent, for Joe Connell and James Fortune to meet next week to determine the next steps to take in maintaining the cemetery if the property owner is not willing to do so.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, without dissent, at 4:50pm.