

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
December 12, 2023
Cranberry Isles Town Office**

Attendance:

Cory Alley, Chair, Select Board
Amanda Bracy, Select Board
Joe Connell, Select Board
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk
James Fortune, Admin. Asst.
Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk (by video)

Sharon Morrell, PSC
Dennis Dever, CEO & LPI (by video)
Phil Whitney (by video)
Allison Hess (by video)
Sally Wigutow (by video)

I. Call to Order: 3:08pm by Chairman Cory Alley.

II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants

Select Board reviews & signs Financial Warrants

Warrant #53	\$ 7,460.47	
Warrant #54	\$ 44,812.52	(school)
Warrant #55	\$ 19,594.02	
<u>Warrant #56</u>	<u>\$ 90,925.47</u>	
Total:	\$ 162,792.48	

All warrants were signed by the Select Board.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2023 & the Special Meeting with the Mount Desert Harbor Committee (11/14/2023)

Chairman Cory Alley moves, without objection, to approve the November 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the November 14, 2023 special meeting minutes as written.

IV. New Business

A. Work Plan Updates

James Fortune reports on ditch clearing underway on GCI. General discussion of draft changes to the fireworks ordinance. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to hold a public hearing on an amended fireworks ordinance at the regular January 2024 Select Board meeting.

C. Task Updates

No action taken.

D. Sutton Island Dredging Plan Update

James Fortune reports that the next step in the project will be the feasibility study, which has been estimated to cost between \$35,000 and \$50,000. No funding has been budgeted. General discussion.

E. Versant: Sutton Island Project Update

James Fortune reports that Roy Miller will be doing remediation work on behalf of Versant Power to repair paths and drainage effected by the pole replacement on Sutton Island. General discussion on length and degree of repair of boardwalk.

F. Land Use/Shoreland Zoning Ord.

Dennis Dever reports a public hearing on amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance has been scheduled for December 14 at the Town Office.

L. 2024 Budget

Department 51: Denise McCormick reports and increase in postage has been budgeted to cover costs of letter Select Board agreed to send to GCI residents on behalf of the College of the Atlantic building upgrade program.

Department 52: Sharon Morrell reports that the new public safety position budgeted last year should be removed. She also advises that repairs to the GCI Firehouse roof should be budgeted for.

Department 53: General discussion of ending of car removal program and contractual rate adjustment for solid waste management.

Department 53: James Fortune recommends budgeting for Sutton Island trash pickup be continued on a once-a-month basis during the offseason.

Department 54: James Fortune reports he is working to get paving estimate for LCI.

Department 54: Joe Connell proposes GCI parking lot repaving be considered in budget.

Department 54: Cory Alley proposes setting aside funds for a five year turnover on Town trucks and suggests a \$10,000 annual line item.

Department 55: Denise McCormick reports she will forward school budget information once she receives it. Amanda Bracy comments on the lack of school administration presence at Select Board meetings.

Department 56: Consensus of the Select Board is to carry forward donation amounts from last year, except adjusting lobsterman's association donation to \$2,000.

Department 57: Denise McCormick reports on the large reductions in debt service for 2024.

Department 58: James Fortune reports that the estimate for Manset line painting is \$6,000.

Department 58: Select Board agrees, without dissent, to direct James Fortune to determine a budget number, less available reserve funds, for dock design costs at Manset.

Department 58: General discussion of Manset warehouse electricity usage.

Department 58: General discussion of extraneous construction material from the broadband project that is owned by the Town.

V. Other Business

None,

VI. Audience Communication

None.

IX. Executive Session: Personnel Matter, 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)V.

None.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, without dissent, at 4:51pm