

SELECT BOARD  
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**  
**January 31, 2024**  
**Cranberry House**

**Attendance:**

Joe Connell, Chairman, Select Board  
Amanda Bracy, Select Board  
Denise McCormick, Town Clerk  
James Fortune, Admin. Asst.  
Ben Sumner, Deputy Town Clerk  
Sharon Morrell, PSC  
Phil Whitney

Karin Whitney  
Ingrid Gaither  
Katelyn Damon  
Michael Zboray  
Jonathan Wood (by video)  
Bruce Fernald (by video)  
Barbara Fernald (by video)

**I. Call to Order: 8:45 by Joe Connell**

**II. New Business**

**A. Public Hearing: Fireworks Ordinance Amendment**

Katelyn Damon requests wording to specify the Town Officials responsible for notifying law enforcement of possible violations. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to add language specifying that Select Board members would contact local law enforcement in event of a potential violation. Select Board agrees, without objection, to approve proposed ordinance as amended and present on the Warrant at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

## **B. 2024 Budget and Warrant**

Michael Zboray presents an updated school department budget, which proposes to increase spending by 1.9%, but decreases the Town's appropriation. General discussion.

*Department 53* James Fortune reports that Solid Waste increase is a contractual obligation. General discussion of junk car removal options before the next contract renewal.

*Department 54* James Fortune reports on discussions with landowner at wash out near the Maypole. Landowner has requested engineer sign off on any proposed repair. The Town Attorney has also expressed concerns about improvements that might be made to private property. Denise McCormick reports there is \$79,000 in the Town's Roads Reserve fund. General discussion.

*Department 54* Amanda Bracy recommends February discussion with Beal and Bunker concerning plan for ongoing transportation operations this spring, including the Summer commuter contract.

*Department 58* James Fortune reports the budgeted amount for constructing a new LCI float should be raised from \$28,000 to \$32,000. He also advises that estimates for replacement and/or relocation of the Sutton Island dock could approach \$500,000. Jonathan Wood reports a neighboring Sutton Island landowner is interested in discussions to relocate the Sutton Island Town dock to a more protected location that would not require dredging.

*Warrant Articles* Discussion of Mansell Lane Parking lot project proposal (\$350,000). Joe Connell proposes, without objection, to leave project in budget for Town Meeting consideration.

James Fortune reports Axiom Technologies has estimated Sutton Island repairs from the January 10 storm at \$50,000.

General discussion of budget related Warrant Articles. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to remove Islesford road paving and reconsider next year.

James Fortune reports on the auto-renewal provisions of the EMR solid waste contract. Select Board agrees, without objection, to exercise the auto-renewal provisions of the contract.

### **C. 2023 Annual Report**

Ben Sumner reports that photos will be available for the Select Board to review for inclusion in the Town Report at the regular February meeting. Select Board agrees, without objection, to include portions of the Code Enforcement Report to the Select Board in the Town Report.

### **III. Other Business**

None.

### **IV. Audience Communication**

None.

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

None.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned, without dissent, at 10:30 A.M.