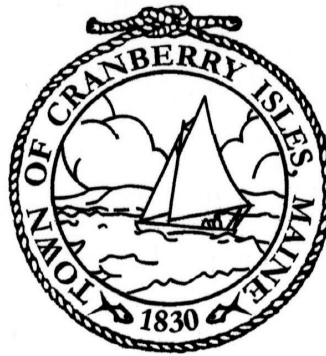


SELECT BOARD
KATELYN DAMON, BOARD CHAIR
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INGRID GAITHER



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BENJAMIN SUMNER

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR
SHARON MORRELL

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026
Cranberry House**

Attendance:

Katelyn Damon, Select Board Chair
January Bennett, Select Board
Ingrid Gaither, Select Board
Benjamin Sumner, Town Clerk
James Fortune, Admin. Asst.
Johnathan Bennett, Deputy Town Clerk

Phil Whitney
Alden Hathaway(video)
Mandy Bracy
Matt Caldwell(video)
Boston Haws(video)

I. Call to Order: 8:30 A.M. by Chair Katelyn Damon

II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants

Select Board reviews Financial Warrants:

Warrant#53(school)	\$ 45,591.67
Warrant#54	\$ 1,887.03
Warrant#55	\$ 8,142.58
Warrant#56	\$ 15,195.29
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Total:	\$ 70,816.57

All warrants were approved and signed by the Select Board, without dissent.
Ingrid Gaither asks about GCI snow shoveling. General discussion.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Katelyn Damon moves to approve meeting minutes for January 6, 2026, as written.
January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

V. Old Business (Taken Out of Order)

Alden Hathaway presents a request, on behalf of the Cranberry Isles Community Solar Association, for the Town to participate in sharing an Island Fellow and for a letter of support from Town officials for their application to the Island Institute. General discussion. Katelyn Damon moves to support the application for an Island Fellow, and budget for a Town contribution of \$15,000 over two years. January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

IV. New Business

D. Summer Commuter Ferry Bids

Select Board reviews a bid for the Summer Commuter Ferry:

- 1) Downeast Windjammer Cruises for 3 years

2026 – \$38, 500

2027 – \$40, 500

2028 – \$42, 500

Bid includes a fee of \$350 for any extra trip requested beyond the normal seasonal runs. General discussion. Katelyn Damon moves to accept the bid from Downeast Windjammer Cruises. January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Assessing Service Contract Quotes(Taken Out of Order)

Select Board reviews proposals for the assessing service contract:

1. RJD Appraisal – \$37,000

2. Caldwell Municipal Assessing & Consulting – \$33,500

General Discussion. Katelyn Damon moves to accept the proposal from Caldwell Municipal Assessing & Consulting as presented. Ingrid Gaither seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

A. Budget Workshop

Benjamin Sumner presents the current overall budget numbers. General Discussion.

V. Other Business (Out of Order)

Katelyn Damon presents Sutton Island feasibility memo provided by Greg Johnston. General Discussion. Katelyn Damon proposes, without dissent, a Warrant article for \$67,400 for planning and testing for Sutton Island dredging.

A. Budget Workshop(continued)

Select Board reviews the recent request for donation from the INHA for \$20,000. General Discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to decline the request.

Department 52 Katelyn Damon proposes, without dissent, that the amount for testing and clearance for GCI should be increased to \$3,500.

B. 2026 Town Warrant

Benjamin Sumner presents a Treasurer Memo for establishing a Broadband Reserve Fund.

Katelyn Damon proposes, without dissent, continuing to include a Warrant article for receiving and expending grant funds for this year.

C. 2026 Town Report

Benjamin Sumner suggests topics that need supporting documentation including Sutton Island dredging and road construction.

V. Other Business(Taken Out of Order)

Boston Haws from textmygov presents information regarding the pricing structure and functionality of the textmygov service. General Discussion. Katelyn Damon moves to budget for the textmygov service and create an RSS feed for the Town website. Ingrid Gaither seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

F. Comprehensive Plan Committee Application Review

The Select Board reviews twelve applications for the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Katelyn Damon moves to form the Comprehensive Plan Committee with the following members: Peter Buchsbaum, Katelyn Damon, Pixie Lauer, Erica Merrill, Sharon Morrell, Jeff Pease, and Don Weinrich. January Bennett Seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

V. Other Business (continued)

Katelyn Damon reports on the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund webinar. General Discussion.

Katelyn Damon reports on discussion with the Northeast Harbor Harbormaster regarding ramp maintenance. General Discussion. No action taken.

VII. Audience Communication

None.

VIII. Review/Action Items

Select Board Chair reviews and assigns Action Items, without objection.

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

None.

X. Adjournment

Katelyn Damon moves to adjourn. January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Adjourned 11:20 A.M.