

SELECT BOARD
KATELYN DAMON, BOARD CHAIR
JANUARY BENNETT
INGRID GAITHER



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE SELECT BOARD
JAMES FORTUNE

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BENJAMIN SUMNER

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR
SHARON MORRELL

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026
Cranberry Isles Town Office**

Attendance:

Katelyn Damon, Select Board Chair	Mike Zboray, Superintendent(video)
January Bennett, Select Board	Erica Merrill
Ingrid Gaither, Select Board	Joanne Thormann (video)
Benjamin Sumner, Town Clerk	Cheryl Sholl
James Fortune, Admin. Asst.	Jonathan Wood (video)
Johnathan Bennett, Deputy Town Clerk	Geoffrey Wadsworth (video)
Sharon Morrell, PSC (video)	Jessica Stewart(video)
Ron Axelrod	and Others
Susan Reif Allen(video)	

I. Call to Order: 3:14 P.M. by Chair Katelyn Damon

II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants

Select Board reviews Financial Warrants:

Warrant#114	\$ 9,394.20
Warrant#115	\$ 1,884.18
Warrant#116(school)	\$ 6,703.78
Warrant#117(school)	\$ 24,271.29
Warrant#118(school)	\$ 15,673.88
Warrant#119	\$ 7,829.84
Warrant#120	\$ 101,086.97
Total:	\$ 166,844.04

Ingrid Gaither asks about Generator Maintenance invoice. General discussion. Katelyn Damon asks about Chalmers invoice. General discussion. Katelyn Damon moves to replace chains on Manset dock floats. January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Katelyn Damon asks about North Woods Road grading. General discussion.

III. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2026

January Bennett advises there was a date error. Katelyn Damon moves to approve meeting minutes for August 12, 2026, as amended. Ingrid Gaither seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

IV. New Business

A. RSU Referendum (M. Zboray, MDIRSS)

Mike Zboray presents the reorganization plan for AOS#91. General discussion. Benjamin Sumner reports a warrant for the Reorganization Referendum will be presented at the regular October meeting and a public hearing will need to be scheduled for October. He recommends one each on Great Cranberry Island and Little Cranberry Island.

B. MSW Contract

James Fortune presents the current draft of the municipal solid waste contract. Select Board agrees without dissent to continue refining the contract.

C. Joy Road Lease (Chelsea Holdings, LLC)

James Fortune presents the current Joy Road Lease and draft of a letter requesting purchase. General discussion. Select Board directs James Fortune to amend the letter.

D. Sutton Dock Replacement & Access Planning (Updates)

Katelyn Damon reports that Prock Marine has advised work will begin in early October for Sutton Dock replacement. Katelyn Damon advised that a property owner has offered dock access for the Cadillac Water Taxi to serve Sutton twice daily during construction. General Discussion.

E. GCI Gravel Pit Use

Ingrid Gaither reports on current gravel pit use on GCI. General discussion of current guidelines. Ingrid Gaither proposes, without objection, to continue reviewing gravel pit usage and make recommendations.

F. Broadband Committee Updates

Katelyn Damon provides update on the August Broadband Committee meeting. General discussion. No action taken.

G. Town Manager Transition Committee Updates.

Ingrid Gaither provides general update and information regarding listening sessions. General discussion. No action taken.

H. Conditional Award for the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Funding

Katelyn Damon reports that the Town has received a conditional funding grant of \$75,000 for research into resiliency and potential dock extension for the Islesford Town Dock. Katelyn Damon reports that the town is expecting a Maine Community Action Grant for \$75,000 for research on Great Cranberry Town Dock resiliency.

I. Update: Island Fellow Starting Date (TCI and CICS)

Katelyn Damon reports that the Island fellow Kaylee Neat will be moving onto Islesford this week. General discussion. No action taken.

J. Trio Software Update

Benjamin Sumner presents proposals for upgrading Trio software and recommends budgeting for next year. General discussion. No action taken.

V. Old Business

A. Work Plan Review

Katelyn Damon reviews work plan. General discussion. No action taken.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Audience Communication

Ron Axelrod asks about a sign for the Gravel Pit for guidance regarding parking and equipment storage. General discussion. Joanne Thormann and Erica Merrill ask about the regional school unit and reorganization plan. General discussion. Ingrid Gaither asks about Tennis Court parking and asphalt expansion on Great Cranberry. General discussion.

VII. Review/Action Items

None.

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

Katelyn Damon moves to enter executive session at 5:07 pm without objection.

Executive session exited at 5:20 pm.

Katelyn Damon moves to abate parking fee of \$450 as part of a General Assistance case. Ingrid Gaither seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

IX. Adjournment

Katelyn Damon moves to adjourn. January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Adjourned 5:22 P.M