SELECT BOARD
KATELYN DAMON, BOARD CHAIR
JANUARY BENNETT
INGRID GAITHER

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER
BENJAMIN SUMNER

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE SELECT BOARD
JAMES FORTUNE

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR
SHARON MORRELL

Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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
Sharon Morrell, PSC (video)
Ron Axelrod
Phil Whitney
Hannah Folsom (video)
Erica Merrill
Joanne Thormann (video)
Cheryl Sholl
Mike Zboray(video)
Michael Miller(video)
David Brooks(video)
Alison Hess(video)

I. Call to Order: 8:45 A.M. by Chair Katelyn Damon

II. Review/Sign Financial Warrants

Select Board reviews Financial Warrants:

#121	$16,505.21	#128	$540.88
#122	$9,308.69	#129	$906.36
#123	$8,223.39	#130	$7,215.27
#124	$8,897.50	#131	$8,672.88
#125	$47,115.00	#132	$25,542.80
#126	$7,225.24	#133	$179,484.00
#127	$20,534.56		
Total:	$340,171.78		

Katelyn Damon asks about the Manset Mowing contract and size of mowing area. General discussion. All warrants were approved and signed by the Select Board, without dissent.

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

Ingrid Gaither moves to approve meeting minutes for September 1, 2026, as written. Katelyn Damon seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

IV. New Business

A. Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant for RSU Referendum

Select Board reviews and signs warrant.

B. Schedule Public Hearings for RSU Referendum on School Consolidation

General discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to schedule the Public Hearing for October 22, 2026 at 6pm and to provide return transportation to Islesford after the Hearing.

VI. Other Business (out of order)

David Brooks presents a request by the Islesford Neighborhood House Association for additional funding by raising the annual Donation. General discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent to continue the discussion through budget season.

C. MSW Contract

James Fortune presents an amended MSW contract. General discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent, to put the proposal out for bid by October 16, 2026.

D. Joy Road Lease (Chelsea Holdings, LLC)

James Fortune presents updated letter for request to purchase Joy Road lot. General discussion. James Fortune will amend and send letter.

E. Sutton Dock Replacement, Access Planning & Dredging (Updates)

Katelyn Damon advises that Prock Marine has adjusted the date of construction for the end of October to help reduce disruption. General discussion. Regarding dredging, Katelyn Damon advises that Greg Johnston has sent probes to be tested and is awaiting results. General discussion.

F. Komusin Lane (GCI) Winter Plowing

Katelyn Damon presents a request from the Cranberry Isles Realty Trust to plow Komusin Road during snow events this winter. General discussion. Benjamin Sumner advises that Komusin Lane is a private road and cannot be deemed a public way without voter approval. January Bennett advises that state law allows provisions under which snow can be plowed on private roads, but that approval would require an affirmative vote at a town meeting. Ingrid Gaither moves to deny the request. January Bennett seconds the motion. Katelyn Damon abstains. Motion approved 2-0.

G. LCI Town Garage Update

James Fortune advises that he is waiting on a site plan. No action taken.

H. Comprehensive Plan Committee Updates

Katelyn Damon reports on the Comprehensive Plan priorities meetings. General discussion.

I. Broadband Committee Updates

Katelyn Damon reports on the Broadband Committee Meeting. General discussion. Katelyn Damon moves to ask MCM Electric to replace a stator in the Islesford internet shack generator. January Bennett seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

J. Town Manager Transition Committee Updates

Ingrid Gaither reports on Town Manager Transition Committee and advises that the final report is being worked on. Benjamin Sumner advises that mid-January is the deadline for inclusion in the Town Report.

K. Text My Gov

Select Board reviews current Text My Gov texting groups. General discussion. No action taken.

L. Amendments to General Assistance Ordinance

Benjamin Sumner presents General Assistance Ordinance amendments. No public comments are received. Select Board reviews and signs.

M. 2027 Budget Items

Katelyn Damon advises that Islesford will need new skiff floats. Other budget items include: LCI Broadband Generator, Sutton dredging, Manset dock upkeep; chains and floats, junk car removal, GCI ambulance ramp repairs, and LCI dock repairs. General discussion.

V. Old Business

A. Work Plan Review

Katelyn Damon reviews work plan. General discussion. Select Board agrees, without dissent to visit adding plowing of private roads as a warrant article.

VI. Other Business

Benjamin Sumner recognizes the Town Report Editor, Johnathan Bennett for winning the Supreme Award for towns with a population under 500 residents.

VII. Audience Communication

Phil Whitney asks about the current Manset Rentals status. Katelyn Damon advises she is waiting for information from the Town Attorney.

VII. Review/Action Items

Katelyn Damon reviews and assigns action items.

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

None.

IX. Adjournment

Katelyn Damon moves to adjourn. Ingrid Gaither seconds the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Adjourned 10:59 A.M