

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:
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Select Board Meeting
Minutes
Dec. 16, 2022
5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm by Joe Lunt, seconded by Chris Hodgkins **Motion passed**

I. Approval of Minutes from 11/21/22

- a. Chris Hodgkins motions to approve minutes as written from 11/21/22, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**

II. Old Business

- a. Website Update – Dan DeBord is still working on updating the town website contents as time allows and has prepared a draft survey for soliciting community input on website improvements. The Select Board discussed the draft community website usage survey and agreed it is fine to go ahead and email out with a response deadline at the end of January.
- b. Head of Harbor Conversation Update – Dan DeBord spoke with Jen from Sunrise County Economic Council (Washington County) about CDBG and other grant options. Jen advised investigating the State's Community Resilience Partnership as a better potential source of assistance and funding for this type of infrastructure work. Joe Lunt motions to have Dan reach out to the Island Institute (a service provider for this state program) for further information and guidance related to the program, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**
- c. Solid Waste Improvement Conversation Update – Discussion tabled with Rick Turner unable to attend this meeting and Eric Best having issues with phone connection.
- d. 2021 Audit Status Update – Dan DeBord reached out to the auditor's office to confirm that all materials necessary to complete the 2021 Audit have been submitted. Auditor responded that this was not the case, as we had previously thought, and gave a list of remaining documents needed. Dan and Daniel Swain have been unable to find the missing documents thus far but will continue looking and will reach out to the auditor again to make sure these materials were not submitted to them already with the 2020



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audit materials. Dan will also reach out to Maine Municipal Bond Bank to let them know we will likely be unable to submit a final 2021 audit report to them by the end of 2022.

- e. Any Other Old Business – Select Board continued discussions of the current state of the failed town land sale with Lauren Jennings (in attendance via phone). Dan DeBord spoke recently with Brooke Rhys, realtor, who confirmed that all the land sale contracts had been terminated and all earnest money returned, so we should be clear of obligations related to past land sale attempts. Brooke will forward copies of termination paperwork to the town. Select Board discussed current issues with moving the project forward and communications between legal counsel, realtor, and town. Some alternatives for assistance were discussed, Joe Lunt motions to have Dan research and pursue alternative counsel options for land sale assistance, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**

III. New Business

- a. Town Clerk's Questions - Jan Keiper not in attendance, Dan DeBord brought up her questions about updating software on the Clerk's computer and about soliciting nominations for Frenchboro's seat on the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission. Dan will follow up with Daniel Swain regarding software updates. Joe Lunt motions to have Dan send out an email soliciting nomination interest from community members for the Advisory Commission position, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**
- b. Any Other New Business –
Paul Saxby provided an update on community building and furnace repairs work. Weatherization work on doors has been done, and Paul has diagnosed problems with the furnace and researched costs and parts needed for repairs. Paul has also worked with electricians to do walk through of community building and school to plan for lighting improvements. Joe Lunt motions to ask Paul to proceed on all active projects and work plan presented by Paul, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**

- IV. Warrant signing – Chris Hodgkins motions to approve the warrant as written, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**

- V. Mail

- VI. Next Meeting: Set for Monday, January 9th at 5:00pm

Motion by Joe Lunt to adjourn at 6:43pm, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**

