

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

One Executive Drive
Frenchboro, ME 04635
(207) 334-2933 Phone
(207) 334-2971 Fax
frenchboro@gmail.com

Selectboard:
Eric Best
Christopher Hodgkins
Joseph Lunt

Select Board Meeting
Minutes
Nov. 21, 2022
5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm by Chris Hodgkins, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**

I. Old Business

- a. Website Improvement Update – Important recent town business documents are being organized and uploaded as time on other projects allows. Dan DeBord is working on the town website usage survey to send to the community email list as well and hopes to have a survey ready to review at next Select Board meeting before sending out.
- b. Funding Options Conversation for Head of Harbor Repairs – Dan DeBord has reached out to Hancock County Planning Commission for help working on this situation and is waiting on a response. He plans to follow up with their office again before next Select Board meeting if no response is received by then.
- c. Solid Waste Improvement Conversation Update – Not much progress was made in discussing the situation with Rick Turner since the last Select Board meeting. Eric Best motions to specifically invite Rick to a Select Board meeting soon for discussion of solid waste and any interest he might have in leading the process of solid waste handling improvements, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**
- d. Any Other Old Business – Select Board discussed the current state of the failed town land sale with Lauren Jennings (in attendance via phone). The group had questions related to whether we can solve the existing problems with the deeds, or if we can sell the properties with the title issues as is. Collective thought was that we should reach out to Brooke Rhys (realtor) and Alison King (lawyer) for help with figuring out next steps and answering current questions. Dan DeBord will meet with Lauren to get background information on the land sale and discuss how best to proceed with the situation and outreach to Brooke and Alison.

II. New Business

- a. Town Clerk's Questions - Jan Keiper not in attendance and requested we table discussion of her questions until next meeting.



TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

- b. 2021 and 2022 Audit Status Update – Dan DeBord has heard from treasurer Daniel Swain that the auditors have all necessary materials to complete the 2021 audit now. He also has materials prepared to send to them for the 2022 audit once 2021 is completed. Select Board and Lauren suggest having Dan DeBord check again with the auditors directly to make sure we have all items submitted for the 2021 audit and see what the timeline is for receiving the finished audit back if so. Motion to have Dan do so by Eric Best, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**
 - c. Discussion of DOT Usage of Town Office Upstairs – Chris Hodgkins motions to offer fire bay as a workspace if desired as an alternative to the town office upstairs, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**
 - d. Update on Harbor Dredging – Eric Best spoke to Army Corps of Engineers to provide local information related to boats (specifically emergency boats) potentially being unable to get into the town float at high tide. Army Corps have us on the list for upcoming projects now - unlikely that we will be in 2023 but there is potential that our project could come up in 2024.
Discussion related to potential funding sources for fixing up town boat launch also brought up at this time by Chris Hodgkins. Dan DeBord will research this topic and share related grant info with the Select Board.
 - e. Any Other New Business – Joe Lunt motions to order one palate each of salt and sand from Hammond Lumber to be delivered next time they have a truck coming out, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**
Joe Lunt motions to ask Paul Saxby to examine and fix the community building oil furnace and to look at sealings around doors in the building, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**
Question raised about winter storage of Whales Ledge float with the town's float in the inner harbor. With new owners at Whales Ledge, is there any legal precedent requiring the town to continue allowing this arrangement? Eric Best will discuss this question with Steve Shelton to see if he has any background on legally binding requirements of the original arrangement.
- III. Warrant signing – Joe Lunt motions to approve the warrant as written, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**
- IV. Mail
- V. Next Meeting: Set for Monday, December 12th (later changed to Friday, December 16th) at 5:00pm

Motion by Joe Lunt to adjourn at 6:55 pm, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**

