

# TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:  
Eric Best  
Christopher Hodgkins  
Joseph Lunt  
Cody Lunt (Elect)

Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
June 26, 2023  
5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 4:58pm by Joe Lunt, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion passed**

Warrant approval moved to beginning of meeting for Select Board time availability limitations on meeting length. Chris Hodgkins motions to approve the warrant as written, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**

- I. Approval of Minutes from 06/12/23 – Eric Best motions to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**
- II. Old Business
  - a. Town Building Projects Update – Paul Saxby had electrician from Stanley look at lighting and fire alarm system in the community building to provide a quote for improvements to be done in the fall with funding help from Efficiency Maine. He also now has the MMA insurance audit improvement list and will begin reviewing and working on a plan to make necessary improvements.
  - b. Solid Waste Improvements – Eric Best has taken over for Chris Hodgkins as Select Board point for Gott's trash pickup service scheduling. He would like to work with Gott's and the ferry service on a set regular pickup schedule.
  - c. 2021 Audit Status Update – Daniel Swain has said that our CPA has requested one more invoice from Trio that we need to get from them again, and that should round out all documents submitted that they've requested.
  - d. Ferry Service Issues – Jan and Dan DeBord are working on a new letter to send to Bill Geary, ferry service manager, to resume the conversation about Frenchboro ferry service issues. Jan also plans to invite him out for the August Dinner and discuss other times this summer that he might be able to come out for a community conversation meeting
  - e. Head of Harbor Repairs and Grants – The Island Institute has awarded us a ShoreUp planning grant of \$14,000 for an engineering study of road and culvert



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improvements/repairs. Dan DeBord will be working on a draft RFP to send out to interested firms for doing the study work.

- f. Planning Board – Dan DeBord is planning to reach out to Averil Varney at Hancock County Planning Commission for assistance finding potential Local Plumbing Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers willing to work in the role for us. Kirk Emerson, now on the planning board would like to have us begin working towards being able to set up a regular planning board meeting to reorganize later in the summer.
- g. Broadband Update – Dan DeBord spoke to Brian Lippold, the consultant negotiating on our behalf with TDS recently. Brian has been in conversations with them to discuss our interest in them pursuing island infrastructure improvements grant funding from the state. At this time Brian says we have nothing that needs to be done on our end.
- h. Any Other Old Business – Joe Lunt motions to appoint Kirk Emerson as our second Hancock County Planning Commission board representative, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**

## III. New Business –

- a. Office Assistant Job Posting – Dan DeBord has created a draft job description for a new Office Coordinator. Joe Lunt motions to post the job description and begin soliciting applicants, with plans to begin initial review at next regular Select Board meeting, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**
- b. Public Bathroom Contract – We have a draft contract similar to ones used in past years. Chris Hodgkins motions to post and solicit interest in the usual bathroom contract again this year, with plans to review timing and language of the contract next year to consider potential of opening them earlier, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**
- c. Review of Candidates for Post Office Positions – Joe Lunt motions to enter executive session for consideration of applicants conversation, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**
- d. Any Other New Business – Lauren Jennings suggests the idea of considering whether or not we want to consider a special town meeting in the fall to discuss spending of more reserves to offset taxes. Discussion of how much money we want to keep in reserves with some potential costly projects on the horizon.

## IV. Warrants – See above, approved at the beginning of the meeting.



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V. Mail

VI. Next Meeting: Not set at this time

Chris Hodgkins motions to close this meeting at 6:32pm, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**

