TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Select Board Meeting Minutes January 16th, 17th, 20th, 2024 5:30pm

Meeting Called to order January 16th at 5:42pm by Eric Best, seconded by Cody Lunt. Motion Passed.

- I. Eric Best motions to sign Municipal Quitclaim Deed of the Wolfgang property, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
- II. Motion by Eric Best to adjourn at 5:50pm and re-assemble January 17th at 9:00am, seconded by Cody Lunt. Motion Passed.

Meeting Called to order January 17th at 9:02am by Eric Best, seconded by Cody Lunt, Motion Passed.

- I. Eric Best motions to sign warrants as written, seconded by Cody Lunt, Motion Passed.
- II. Motion by Eric Best to adjourn at 9:17am and re-assemble January 20th at 5:00pm, seconded by Cody Lunt. Motion Passed.

Meeting Called to order January 20th at 5:02 pm by Joe Lunt, seconded by Eric Best. Motion Passed.

- I. Approval of Minutes from 12/9/23 and 12/29/23 Joe Lunt motions to table minutes until next meeting, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**
- II. Old Business
 - a. MAC Update/CRP Resolution Eric Best motions to resolve to support the community resilience program and appoint the MAC to represent the Town of Frenchboro interest, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
 - **b.** Head of the Harbor- Eric Best has filled in and sent photographs to FEMA for possible aid for the head of the harbor. Eric Best and Dan DeBord will work together with Jaime and Island Institute staff to see if it is best for the town to move forward with a solo BRIC application or join large island group application. Wright Pierce will also be consulted on this matter as well. Eric Best moves to resolve the BRIC application either singularly or



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jointly in terms of what is best for the town moving forward, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

- c. Ferry Service There is a ferry advisory board meeting on January 25th. Ferry tariffs will be increasing in 2024. Jan Kieper has asked for a meeting to be set with Bill Geary, terminal workers, AB workers, and possible Swan's to help sort out a 2024 summer schedule that will work better for the community. Joe Lunt motions for Duncan Bond to be Frenchboro's representative and Jan Kieper to be the alternate on the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed**. Sarah Saxby will send the letter to Bill Geary on this motion.
- d. Planning Board The Planning Board Meeting is set for February 13th. They will be reaching out to HCPC in guidance and possible partnership in the rewriting of the Land use Ordinance, as well as shoreline zoning.
- III. New Business
 - a. MCHT The meeting with MCHT set for January 17th at the town office was canceled due to illness/weather concerns, a zoom meeting has been set for January 22nd. The board discussed the letter sent from MCHT after the in-person meeting was canceled on the factual inaccuracies that were within it. In preparation for the zoom points that will be discussed are as follows.
 - i. The Wolfgang property, how the sale came to be. What will the future look like with the property in the hands of MCHT. Will they allow a private seller to buy the property and what restrictions will be placed.
 - ii. In lieu of taxes
 - iii. Relationship both past as well as the future relationship with MCHT
 - b. Documentary Filmmaker Interest in Frenchboro A production company has reached out on the possible documentary on why people choose to live on an island. The board has asked for a letter from the production to distribute to the town residents so that we can start a discussion if moving forward would be best for the town. The board would also like a bit of a reasoning as to why this would be a good thing for our town.
 - c. Town Job Descriptions Updates Dan DeBord has been working on job descriptions. Currently there are job duties that will be moved from the administrative assistant to the office coordinator, and compensation to make these changes. Joe Lunt motions to approve \$1,000 allocation move from Dan DeBord compensation to Sarah Saxby compensation, seconded by Eric Best. Motion Passed.
- IV. Motion by Joe Lunt to adjourn at 6:31pm, seconded by Eric Best. Motion Passed

