

# TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:  
Eric Best  
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Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
65:00pm

Attendance:  
Eric Best  
Cody Lunt  
Jan Keiper  
Dan DeBord  
Sarah Saxby  
Paul Saxby  
Lauren Jennings  
Kirk Emerson  
Mable Lunt  
Alex Zipparo

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm by Eric Best, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

- I. Approval of minutes from 3/4/24. Eric Best motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
- II. Old Business
  - a. MAC – Reviewing the action items, the MAC is currently looking at breaking down the \$50,000 as follows. \$5,000 to medical and fire supplies and \$30,000 for engineering of the roads and culvers, potentially this would be for Wright Pierce if FEMA does not come through. The left over amount could potentially be for consult for the future of the island economy and outlook. Motion by Eric Best sign the Frenchboro Community Resilience Partnership Resolution, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
  - b. Head of the Harbor – The town is still waiting on the BRIC application.
  - c. Ferry Service – There is not an official word as of yet, but the unofficial word is that the only change will be a latter Thursday ferry. Open Comment for the tariffs increase is the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once all comments and questions have been submitted the state must answer each individual one.



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- d. Planning Board – They have a meeting planned for March 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be reviewing the draft shore land ordinance. They have representatives from the state also looking at the draft. They hope to have a public town meeting in May for the shore land ordinance. In July they plan on starting work on the land use ordinance. The Planning board would like to make sure a fair wage is in the 24/25 budget for the LPI/CEO.
- e. MCHT Letter – A letter has been drafted to be sent to MCHT for an increase of the in lieu of payment. Motion made by Eric Best to send the letter, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
- f. Town Land Discussion – Paul Saxby had a discussion with Peter from Island Institute about the townland that is currently tied up. Peter said that the institute is willing to sign over the rights to the land. The board wants to weigh options and see if they can find a way to have the Institute assist with clearing title before they deed any potential interest in the lands over to the town. Paul and Dan DeBord will meet with Institute staff and legal team to discuss options for best course of action. After that the town may need to hire certified title lawyers to figure out how to create clean titles for the land depending on outcome of negotiations with the Island Institute.
- g. Documentary Film – A town poll needs to be created to investigate further interest. The MAC will create and pass along for the office assistant to circulate.
- h. Audit and Initial Municipal Budget Conversation- A draft budget was sent; the board will take them home and review to bring to the next meeting. Questions arose about reserve accounts and how those can be used. This question will be addressed at the meeting with the auditors.
- i. Town of Tremont- They have checked in about the letter they sent in the fall in regards of the building of new floats and the financial support. Motion by Eric Best to have Dan write them a letter clarifying questions about the distribution of the funds requested, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

## III. New Business

- a. Swans Island Fire Department- They have requested a letter of support for a grant they are applying for. Motion made by Eric Best to write the letter of support, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

## IV. Executive session

- a. Motion by Eric Best to break into executive session, seconded by Cody. **Motion Passed.**
- b. Motion by Eric Best to exit executive session, seconded by Cody. **Motion Passed.**



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- V. Warrants – Cody Lunt motions to approve the warrants as written, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**
- VI. Mail – nothing to report.
- VII. Set Next Meeting – April 8th at 5:00pm
- VIII. Eric Best motions to adjourn at 6:43pm, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

