

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:
Eric Best
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Select Board Meeting
Minutes
August 5th, 2024
5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm by Chris Hodgkins, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

I. Approval of minutes from July 23rd, 2024, Joe Lunt motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion Passed.**

II. Old Business

- a. FEMA – We are officially registered with the FEMA Portal. We are still working on the bid process; FEMA needs to see that we attempted to gain multiple bids for the project. Chris will be contacting Goodwin, even if it is just for a letter stating they will not come.
- b. FFDC Lots – Rick is waiting for a response back from Nick Battista to discuss where this project is currently at.
- c. Data Protection – Rick Erb said that St. George uses Carbonite for their data backup. The cost is between \$57.00-\$97.00 per year, or an option of \$288 for all data backups besides just what is in the cloud. The board also brought up the possibility of finding a company to come out and help organize the paper copies of everything in the office. We may need to find a company to help with mass scanning ability.
- d. MCHT – Eric Best was contacted by Amanda Divine and they will be increasing their PILOT, we will be informed soon on what those changes will be. The land is now up for sale as well.
- e. Bathroom Cleaning – The bathroom contract has reached its allotted 20 cleans. Chris Hodgkins motions to allow for once-a-week cleaning until the end of the contract, seconded by Joe Lunt, **Motion Passed.**

III. New Business

- a. Tax Commitment - Mike Rogers informed the board last year that he would be willing to do both assessments and tax commitment for the town. Mike needs to be contacted to see if he is still willing to do so, if not Bob Gingras will need to be contacted to come and do the assessment.
- b. Jason Joyce – Jason Joyce came to the meeting. He is running for the Maine House of Representatives District 15. He hopes to keep open line of communication to all his town constituents.



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- c. CRP – The next steps is hiring a planning consultant. The funds will be being released to us soon and we need to make sure our accounting is kept separate and tracked for all of it. Next spring/summer we would like to have a meeting on the island with as many state representatives as possible. This timeline is in hopes we have projects then that they will be able to help in.
- d. Frenchboro Fund – The fund is currently around \$150,000. We need to take a contribution from the fund as directed by the community foundation. It is around \$21,000. We cannot use it for the school budget as that has already been set, but it can be used for other purposes for the health and education of the island children. The committee will be meeting soon to come up with ideas, one idea is to update the school playground.

IV. Warrants – No Warrant to approve

V. Mail – nothing to report.

VI. Set Next Meeting – August 26th, 2024, at 5:00pm

VII. Chris Hodgkins motions to adjourn at 6:11 pm, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

