

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:
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Select Board Meeting
Minutes
August 26th, 2024
5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Joe Lunt, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion Passed.**

I. Approval of minutes from August 5th, 2024, Joe Lunt motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**

II. Old Business

- a. FEMA – \$68,000 is earmarked for this project by FEMA, but this is just a base number and can be adjusted if needed. We will need a permit from the Army Core of Engineers to increase the size of the culvert. Rick is working with Jamie from Wright Pierce to come up with the plan for it and FEMA will be also picking up his fee as well. This is going to be a design build. We still need to run an ad in the newspaper. Side project of Rick working with Jamie to discuss an overall larger project of both raising the road and fixing the beginning part of the gooseberry road. Some aspects of this project may be able to be tied into the work with FEMA but this will be an ongoing project overall. There is money left over from an original grant with the Island Institute that can help aid in this project. The original grant was signed before the January 2024 storm.
- b. Dredging – Alex Zipparo from the Island Institute gave us the name of the person who replaced Jay Clement at the Army Core of Engineers. Frenchboro is on the list for dredging with an amount of \$500,000 for the project. There is still no date currently for it. They have these projects out to bid right now, but the last bid came into high. Rick will continue to be a part of these meetings with the state dredging committee to keep us updated. We are not even sure the 500,000 will be enough for this project and that is worrisome. Rick has been appointed the owner of this project with the MAC as a support to him.
- c. FFDC Lots – Nick Battista is ready with the quick claim deed. We are moving forward with working with Casey Olson at Eaton and Peabody to aid us in this project. Casey will be taking a copy of the quick claim deed from Island Institute and will help work through all the title issues to make sure we can gain a clear title, with the hopes that this will answer all-other questions about the remaining deed restrictions. Once we have the lands in order, we will have a town meeting to accept the quick claim as well as get the town's permission to sell the land. We plan to use a real-estate agent when the time comes to sell.



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- d. MCHT PILOT - They have agreed to pay us 50,000 this year and 54,000 next year and moving forward, and they will also be giving the town the money from the sale of the Wolfgang property which will be roughly \$260,000 in some sort of format. Kirk Emerson has been appointed to write a response letter to Amanda. Draft to be approved at the next meeting. Points to be included of timeline of keeping communication open about the payments and what does our involvement is like in the discussion of the use of the \$260,000.
- e. MCHT Trail Maintenance – Trevor Hicks sent the town a MOU and agreement for the trail maintenance for town residence. Eric Best will be writing a response to Trevor with the points of low hourly rate, 100 hours does not seem to be enough time, and the question of clarification of them is also doing the clearing and trail maintenance.
- f. Computer Equipment – Rick has been working with Bri White at the Island Institute and we are moving forward with the OWL and printer.

III. New Business

- IV. Warrants – Chris Hodgkins motions to approve both warrants dated August 21st, 2024, as written, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
- V. Mail – nothing to report.
- VI. Set Next Meeting – September 9, 2024
- VII. Joe Lunt motions to adjourn at 6:39 pm, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**

