

# TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:  
Eric Best  
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Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
5:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm by Joe Lunt, seconded by Chris Hodgkin's. Motion Passed.

- I. Approval of Minutes 9/23/24, Joe Lunt motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Chris Hodgkin's. Motion Passed.
- II. Old Business
  - a. Tax Commitment Joe Lunt motions to set the mil rate at 18 mils per one thousand for the 2024 commitment, seconded by Chris Hodgkin's, **Motion Passed** Bills have not been printed due to TRIO, as soon as they print, we will change the due date to reflect when they do print.
  - b. Dredging Update – We have a project manager at Army Core Eng now. There is a questionnaire that needs to be filled out that Rick and others will work on.
  - c. Head of the Harbor – There is an estimate from the engineers, and the FEMA number is too low due to the nature of added cost of being an outer island. We need to let FEMA know of this update.
  - d. Coastal Community Planning Grant Update – Site visit with on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Participants include representees from the Maine Municipal Assistance Program, Hancock Count Planning Commission, Island Institute, and Frenchboro residents.
  - e. Ferry Service Letter Request – Letter was sent in support for the ferry crew in creating a long term solution for fair wages.
  - f. FFDC Land Update – The title company has said they will insure the property. They will be the ones to draft the quick claim deed for the institute to sign. There will still be a requirement for the land to be used for residential development, and the parcel that was split will need to be combined back together. The board will review the quick claim as soon as it is available. There is still lots more that will need to be discussed if the town will put any further restrictions in the deed we create when time comes to sell. We will need to hold a special town meeting to both accept the quick claim and to get permission to sell the land. There lots of questions from islanders on this land. We have discussed having either a meeting before a SB meeting that is just on this topic or have a second meeting before the special town meeting is held. Something to also think about is at last town meeting we had warrants on discussions about street lights and qualifications of



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residency for being a SB member, these topics still need to have further discussion.

- g. Treasurer Report – Motion by Joe Lunt to postpone this agenda item until next meeting so all three board members can be present, seconded by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion Passed.**

## III. New Business

- a. Plow Contract - Joe Lunt motions to approve draft contract with the new dates and the library added back in, second by Chris Hodgkins. **Motion Passed.** Sarah Saxby will send the contract out to bid tomorrow.
- b. Town job openings – Sarah Saxby will be resigning from her town positions, post office, office assistant, and excise tax collector at the end of the month. Job postings will go out for those in the coming days.

## IV. Warrants - Chris Hodgkins motions to approve both warrants dated October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as written, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

## V. Mail- nothing to report.

## VI. Set Next Meeting – October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm.

Chris Hodgkins motions to adjourn at 5:58 pm, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

