

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Select Board Meeting
Minutes
September 23rd, 2024
5:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Chris Hodgkins, seconded by Joe Lunt. Motion Passed.

- I. Approval of Minutes 9/9/24, Joe Lunt motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Chris Hodgkin's. Motion Passed.
- II. Old Business
 - a. Town Clerk - Chris Hodgkins motions to appoint Kim Smith as Frenchboro Town Clerk, second by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.** Kim Smith was sworn in as Town Clerk.
 - b. MCHT updates – Still no response back from our letter. We hope to have an meeting with them by end of October. Trails are still in rough shape and need to be tended too. Some sort of reporting system for the trails need to be discussed and implemented before the next hiking season. If we do not hear back by them by the 30th, we should reach out to set up the meeting.
 - c. Head of the Harbor – Jamie Wallace at Wright Peirce had a phone conference with the engineer from FEMA and has the first drawing for the project. They did discuss by upgrading the size if the culvert, if the box will still drain off enough water. The engineers will be discussing and coming up with what they believe is best. When we are fixing the head of the harbor, we should make sure the ditch is cleaned out on the west side road.
 - d. FFDC Property status - Rick has been in contact with Casey and he is still working out the agreement. Casey did have the question, if it was the towns intent to sell them as building lots and the board agreed we will be.
 - e. Planning Grant Update – October 16th the Department of Marine Resource and Department Agriculture along with the Island Institute will be coming out to do a walk around. Once we have everything signed fully, then we can start a subcontract with Hancock County to keep the project moving forward.
Shore Land Ordinance - The Maine Department of Environmental Resources has reviewed and amended the shoreland protection ordinance the town passed last June. DER offered two options to handle the amendments. One, Accept a conditional approval by adding a supplemental revisions document to our approved ordinance or two, fix the required changes and present them to the town



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again at a town meeting. Kirk asked for advice from the Select board on how to proceed and they agreed unanimously to take the first option.

- f. Computer equipment acquisition – Island Institute got us in contact with GETIT and we have a new computer and printer/scanner that will be coming to the island soon. The OWL is still in works and will be coming soon. Rick has a head set for his computer as well that he will be reimbursed for that from the grant.
- g. Ferry Service Meeting Review – The meeting went well, and it was very beneficial to have him come in person. Bill made the board feel like he does his best to make the best decision possible. He reassured us that he is not planning on taking away any of our trips. The board still feels, that if it can be passed in a noncontroversial matter, we would like to change the state statute that Frenchboro is included in the ferry service and no longer just “may” be serviced.

III. New Business

- a. Financial Statements – Rick has been working more closely with Daniel and he will be getting monthly statements. Rick will be giving us his thoughts each month and will be sending them electronically to the board. Rick has been in touch with Wadman office, they will be working on our towns audit in the next two weeks. Rick let us know that instead of a full town revaluation, we can just do a desk update. This is something we should talk to Mike about when he is out on the 4th.
- b. Island Medical Transport Operation – The DOT would like to get out of the EMS service, so this is the solution that has been thought of by other group efforts. The annual operating cost would be around 2 million dollars. Alex is happy to help facilitate a meeting between island municipalities and state officials. There is not a lot of clarity around this. The board feels we are just too far for this boat to make a difference for our island, landing issues, it just does not make sense for us to be a part of it. This created a larger discussion about life flight, and if we should investigate insurance options for life flight.
- c. Kirk has been going Acadia National Park meetings and would like to give the board an update next meeting
- d. The library now has a heat pump. The old propane tank has now been removed.

IV. Warrants - Chris Hodgkins motions to approve both warrants dated September 23rd, 2024, as written, seconded by Joe Lunt. Motion Passed.

V. Mail- nothing to report.

VI. Set Next Meeting – October 7th 2024

Chris Hodgkins motions to adjourn at 6:35 pm, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

