

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN/EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN OF FRYE ISLAND
OCTOBER 13, 2007**

The meeting was conducted at the Town Office.

The Public Hearing meeting was called to order at 8:25 AM by John Nun.

SELECTMEN: John Nun, Mark Thomas.

BIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Bruce Nisula, Debbie Anthony, John Nun, Mark Thomas.

TOWN MANAGER: Wayne Fournier

The EC and absent members were all unable to establish a teleconference connection due to Verizon problems. Even though there was quorum it was minimum and it was agreed by those present to defer any decisions that were not necessary to the next EC meeting.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Town Officers per Town Charter:
Deferred to next meeting.

Appointment of SAD-6 Representative:

MOTION by Nun to appoint Oleg Svetlichny to the position of SAD-6 Representative until the next regular Town Meeting in October 2008, second by Thomas – UNANIMOUS:

Project Updates:

- **Toomey Appeal:** No Change
- **Frye Island vs State of Maine:** No Change
- **Water System Upgrade:** No Change
- **Marina Dredging:** Permit in hand; hope to start before the island closes.
- **East Pump House:** Exterior still not completed due to materials shortage. Electrical and plumbing underway.
- **Pending Permits/Applications:** Only 1 permit pending – Transfer Station.
- **Transportation Committee:**

Brian Nisula and Dave Bond presented a status briefing for the Transportation Committee. They provided the Board with a summary of the Naval Architect's preliminary report including a summary of the conclusions, recommendations and a discussion of further work to be done. Of the \$5K approved for the analysis approximately \$1200 have been spent. The remaining \$3800 is estimated to be sufficient to complete the work which will include specific prioritized plans for deck and bottom structure modifications to make them good for the next 10 – 15 years, an analysis of ferry modifications to improve safety, and a cost analysis.

The briefing also included a presentation of a proposal by LSI services of Raymond to perform survey of the boundary, topographical and existing improvements of the Willis property, mainland ferry landing area and island ferry landing area to include terminal(s), traffic patterns, parking and a storm water system. Mark Thomas requested that LSI include CAD design data and drawings to the town as a deliverable. Paul White recommended public hearings – John Nun said he felt that we would not be ready for public hearings until after the LSI work was performed and we would be moving to include any recommendations into the Town Comprehensive Plan. Paul also recommended the Transportation Committee consider Raymond use and tax implications of whatever is done.

MOTION by Thomas to authorize expenditure of up to \$10K from the Island Improvement Reserve to contract for LSI services to perform the land use study recommended by the Transportation Committee, second by Nun – UNANIMOUS.

Winter Office:

Wayne reported that he planned to start moving town office facilities to the mainland ferry trailer on 22 Oct.

Fee Complaint from David O'Grady Lot # 1112: No change.

Store Lease – Current Lease expires Dec 31, 2007:

Wayne is in possession of a letter from the Russo's indicating that they intend to exercise the option. The option changes the terms of the lease to include half the taxes and insurance on the space used by the store in the shared town buildings. It was noted that since the town does not pay taxes the rent should be half the insurance plus \$1,000; half the taxes should not be included in the new lease. The discrepancy originated when the lease was between FII, who did pay taxes, and the lessee.

Consent Agreement for 273 Leisure Lane:

Wayne reported that, due to all the confusion between the DEP and the Zea's that the town was not in a position to move further. Numerous letters have passed between the two and Wayne has provided a letter indicating the town position (except for any recommended fine which is still somewhat in the hands of DEP) The onus is still on the Zea's and their attorney to provide an acceptable revegetation plan to DEP and the town and to respond to the town on the draft Consent Agreement. No action was taken by the EC.

Report on Lake Level:

Wayne reported that SAPPI was on track to bring the lake level down to 262 feet by end of October. He has concerns that the ferries will not be able to bring emergency vehicles across at that point. The EC recommended that he post a notice in the FINS and on the web page that such services might not be available for the last week the island is open. There should be no problems hauling automobiles up to 5 November.

Other Old Business:**Parking in Office Store Area:**

Work by DPW has been deferred pending results from the LSI land use study approved above.

Registration of Utility Vehicles:

John Nun reminded the EC that an ordinance for registration of additional (beyond those grandfathered this year) utility vehicles for island road use was not addressed by the Planning Board this year. Some island residents have indicated that they were planning on bringing additional utility vehicles to the island; those individuals were reminded that could not be done until further actions were taken by the town. Wayne was asked to place a notice in the FINS and on the web page for residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Marina Committee Report:

Dave Bond presented the Marina Committee report. While they have no specific capital projects planned for FY 08, they will be requesting approval to spend funds for channel and hazard markers and requested Wayne contact PWD for two emergency spill kits for Quail Circle. The Committee recommended adding a few slips, to include personal watercraft slips, at Long Beach marina. They also indicated that they and the beaches would like to get some police officer time to occasionally patrol for enforcement of rules and regulations. There was a discussion on the hazards present when people fuel their boats from gas cans in the marina. It was unknown whether PWD or any other agency has rules regulating such procedures but Dave indicated he would check and asked Wayne to also check. The town may have to consider some form of regulation for safety purposes.

Assessors proposed neighborhood adjustments:

There was a discussion on the status of the proposed assessment adjustments. All agreed that comments by Joe Potts were valid and important enough that further work needed to be done and that the adjustments should not be implemented until 2009. Nun expressed concern that the work to date had placed too much emphasis on what amounted to a complete, detailed house-by-house reassessment when what was asked for and funded by the EC in the summer was meant to be a more general adjustment to achieve equity in the tax process in time for the 2008 budget. There were many factors which also complicated the process and would have led to a less than perfect general equitable adjustment but the current proposed assessment, for all its imperfections still appeared to be better than the current situation. No action was taken.

Complimentary tickets for Volunteer Fire Dept Training:

Deferred until the next meeting.

Other New Business: None

REVIEW and APPROVALS

September Financial Report:

There were a few questions on the September report which were answered by Wayne. The ferry was still projecting a \$10K surplus in the operating fund.

The meeting was interrupted to discuss a significant breakdown of the ferry pullout that would have to be repaired as soon as possible at a currently unknown cost. Costs could be borne by the town, all or partially covered by insurance, or all or partially covered by the contractor. A special EC meeting might have to be called to authorize expenditure of funds for the repairs.

There was some discussion on the formats of financial reporting. Mark felt that the Balance column in the General Ledger report was misleading, that another column might be needed in order to make sense. Most of the EC members felt that EXCEL was preferred to PDF, especially since Wayne had to have the EXCEL format to do tailor reports and that the Summary was more useful than the detailed item by item reports. Mark was satisfied with the Summary report in his role as Selectman and would separately get a detailed report if needed for his role on the Golf Committee.

Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Nun to approve minutes of 22 Sep 07 Board meeting, previously provided; seconded by Thomas – UNANIMOUS.

Treasurers Report: None

Golf Report: None

Marina Report: None

MOTION by Nun to adjourn at 10:42 AM, seconded by Thomas – UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Nun