



## **BRUSH COMMITTEE CHARTER**

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### **Purpose:**

The Brush Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Bustins Island Village Corporation Board of Overseers by researching and recommending solutions for the effective management of brush, logs and other surplus vegetation on Bustins Island.

### **Objectives/Work Plan:**

#### 1. Determine the extent of the problem:

- A community wildfire risk assessment will be done in order to receive an assessment of brush issues or ability to qualify for a fire reduction program from Maine state or federal agencies.

#### 2. Research - The committee will look into the following:

- Biochar-cooking wood, not burning it
- Land to store brush and chips
- Equipment needed and associated costs: - chipper, root grapple, etc.
- Recycling, composting, other reuse options
- Resource protection issues
- Other options and resources

#### 3. Process/Methodology for Implementation:

- Provide a business model to include:
  - Model for Ecology/Sustainability
  - Permitting requirements
  - Provide cost estimates
  - Input from Islanders and Outside Professionals

#### 4. Reporting:

- Provide preliminary reporting as needed to the Board of Overseers
- Provide a written annual report to the Board of Overseers

#### 5. Membership:

- Committee members shall be appointed by the Board of Overseers for 3 year staggered terms