

BUSTINS ISLAND VILLAGE CORPORATION
BUSTINS ISLAND, MAINE
Meeting of the Board of Overseers
October 17, 2020
Approved November 14, 2020

Note: Meeting was held via ZOOM virtual meeting, authorized by the State of Maine under a state of Civil Emergency due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Board of Overseers met at 9:02 AM via ZOOM virtual meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Overseers present were: Hank **Rauch** - Chair, Mandy **Meyer** – Vice-Chair, Tanya **Sweatt**, Judy **Hayes**, and Craig **Allard**. Other officers/appointees/contractors present were Sue **Spalding**, Clerk; Tony **DeBruyn**, Treasurer, and Crawford and Candy **Taisey** of Straight Edge Construction, Superintendent. 6 islanders attended via ZOOM.

1. MINUTES. On a motion made and seconded it was **VOTED 5-0 by roll call vote** to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2020 Board of Overseers meeting, as amended.

2. CLERK’S REPORT – Sue Spalding

Of the 14 BIVC Committee chairs and appointees requested to submit an annual report for the 2020 Annual Meeting records, 11 have done so, to date.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

Tony presented the Treasurer’s report dated 10/16/2020. Many bills came due this month. He noted that the ferry revenue is down considerably, as expected this year. The Xola reservation system has worked well from an accounting standpoint. There are still many uncertainties about what next year will be like financially.

On a motion made and seconded it was **VOTED 5-0 by roll call vote** to authorize the payment of checks written and submitted by the Treasurer in the Register Report dated 10/16/2020 for the period 9/12/2020 through 10/16/2020.

4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- The Community House water system has been drained, and the batteries will be serviced. The fire truck has been drained, and the Dodge needs the clutch fixed. Leland’s fire pump now works, and we will get a 12V vacuum pump for priming it.
- The big oak by the fire barn has been taken down, as well as several branches overhanging the road.
- Two loads of gravel have been delivered, and the reclaim is mostly used up.
- He has the truck phone and will retrieve the Lilly phone and iPad. The public float will come out within the next few weeks.

5. APPOINTED OFFICIALS' AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Assistant** - October tasks were reviewed and revised as needed.
- d. BAC** – Bob Canu
Overall the season went well. The BAC will next look at models for managing and trash handling, and will look at the big picture of how people come and go to Bustins.
- c. By-Law Review Committee** – No report at this time
- d. CEO** – No report at this time.
- e. Finance Committee** – Will allow this committee to lapse due to inactivity. When a situation arises where the committee is needed again it will be appointed and reactivated.
- f. Harbormaster** - Suggestion to put a sign on the front deck of the public float indicating that it is the ferry tie-up place. Question of how to keep boats on the side from intruding into the front of the float.
- g. Landscape Committee** - No report at this time.
- h. Planning Board** – Planning Board has been asked to write a current charter/job description for the Planning Board after the annual report is in.
- i. Public Safety Committee** – No report at this time.
- k. Trash Committee** – D. Wentworth, our Freeport trash hauler, reports that trash hauling went better, i.e. bags and bins weighed less.
- l. Water Commissioner** – All wells have been shut down. Ice ponds are very low in water due to the drought. Perhaps fix the spillway in the Leland ice pond to retain more water.
- m. Webmaster** – Up-to-date at this time. Will take down Covid-19 information and store.
- n. ZBA** - No report at this time

6. Correspondence of note

- 9/16/2020 – EM from Rob Taisey re MV/LE equipment form for stump grinder 9/14-21/2020
- 9/17/2020 – EM correspondence with Marc Levesque from ESS Labs re soil testing
- 9/18/2020 – EM to Brownie Carson, Melanie Sachs and Sara Gideon re legislation in support of remote participation at meetings beyond current state of emergency
- 9/23/2020 – EM from Rob Boone providing info & signage re Archie Ross Public Landing
- 9/24/2020 – EM with Boat Committee re addition of MA to list of states exempt from 14-day quarantine requirements in Maine; Xola info updated re reservations for Lilly B.
- 9/30/2020 – EM from Matthew Rowe re summer 2020 and desire to retain positions for summer 2021
- 9/30/2020 – EM from Crawford re MV/LE equipment forms for Brewer Tree & Landscape 10/5-14/2020
- 10/2/2020 – Hank Rauch phone conversation with Charlotte Kahn re update on Green Infrastructure Project

- 10/2/2020 – EM from Ken Barrows re Firewise Chipping program from summer 2020, Bustins is # 1
- 10/2/2020 – EM from Amy McCoy re Road Advisory Committee and posted water testing results
- 10/9/2020 – EM from Sue Spalding re info from Speaker Gideon’s office on remote participation at meetings
- 10/12/2020 – EM from Charlotte Kahn invitation to island leaders to attend zoom session on Green Infrastructure.

The Power Point of the 10/15/2020 meeting will be posted

Email correspondence is stored in Google Mail.

7. ACTION ITEMS – The Board reviewed and revised as needed.

8. CAPITAL PROJECTS - The Board reviewed and revised as needed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. COVID 19 Preparedness/Response/Communications** – no updates needed
- b. Archie Ross Memorial** – sign and plaque submitted for Board review and approval. **On a motion made** and seconded it was **VOTED 5-0 by roll call vote** to approve the signage and location of the Archie Ross memorial plaque and public float runway sign.
- c. Annual Meeting reports** – see Clerk’s report
- d. Non-compete agreements** – table to January and add to BAC review.
- e. Postal payments** – No more information. No response from the USPS.
- f. Continue remote island meetings** – Sue Spalding and Judy Hayes

On 9/18/2020 a letter was sent to our district’s legislators requesting that we be given permission to continue remote participation in our meetings, as the situation requires, after the current Maine State of Emergency Executive Order has been lifted. We included detailed supporting information for our request.

Neither legislator will be in office after the election, so we will need to regroup and try again. We did have a response from Speaker Sara Gideon’s office, including several helpful phone conversations.

We continue to research the issue, including possible partners in the request, and will submit another letter after the election.

g. RAP update

- i. Water testing** results have been posted.
- ii. Soil testing** – in process. Delayed by Covid 19.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Vote to close roads. On a motion made** and seconded it was **VOTED 5-0 by roll call vote** to close the Bustins Island roads according to the following Order of Closing:

Following a public hearing pursuant to Title 23 MRSA section 2953(2), and authorized by the voters of the Bustins Island Village Corporation at their Annual Meeting on the 17th of October, 2020, the undersigned Chair of the Board of Overseers of the Bustins Island Village Corporation, Maine hereby orders all Bustins Island roads closed from November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

b. Committee Appointments – On a motion made and seconded it was VOTED 5-0 by roll call vote to appoint the slate of board and committee appointees as follows:

Jim Boone was appointed as a member of the **Planning Board** for a five-year term to expire on October 31, 2025.

Wendy Ralph was appointed as a member of the **Planning Board** for a one-year term to expire on October 31, 2021.

Anthony DeBruyn was appointed as a member of the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

Jeanne Santella was appointed as a member of the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

Mick McElwee was appointed as a member of the **Public Safety Committee** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

John Abramson was appointed as an alternate member of the **Public Safety Committee** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

Bob Dugan was appointed as a member of the **Boat Advisory Committee** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

Pam LaVoie was appointed as a member of the **Landscape Committee** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

Charlotte Kahn was appointed as an alternate member of the **Landscape Committee** for a three-year term to expire on October 31, 2023.

On a motion made and seconded it was VOTED 5-0 by roll call vote to appoint the slate of annual appointees as follows. All terms are one-year terms, and will expire on October 31, 2021.

Judy Hayes was appointed as **Administrative Assistant**.

Sue Spalding was appointed as **Board Secretary**.

John Abramson was appointed as **First Aid Coordinator**.

Rob Taisey was appointed as **Harbormaster**.

Andy Spalding was appointed as **Assistant Harbormaster**.

Sue Spalding was appointed as **Public Access Officer**.

Crawford Taisey was appointed as **Water Commissioner**.

Tony DeBruyn was appointed as **Webmaster**.

c. Review proposed meeting dates for early 2021

Saturday January 9, Zoom 9AM

Saturday February 6, Zoom 9AM

Saturday March 6, Zoom 9AM

Saturday April 10, Zoom 9AM

May – December 2021 TBD

Dates were accepted as proposed

d. Any other new business. None

11. PUBIC COMMENT

Crawford Taisey thanked everyone for all that they do.

12. NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 14, 2020 – 9 AM via Zoom

2020 Schedule for Board of Overseers:

Saturday November 14, Zoom 9AM

Saturday December 12, Zoom 9AM

Note: Meetings may be cancelled or additional meetings called with due notice. Please confirm by checking BIVC.net

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

14. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Susan Spalding, Secretary