

BUSTINS ISLAND VILLAGE CORPORATION
Meeting of the Board of Overseers
August 8, 2021 – 9:00 AM
Approved September 11, 2021

The Board of Overseers met at 9:00 AM at the Community House, Bustins Island, ME on Sunday, August 8, 2021. Overseers present were: Hank **Rauch**, Chair; Amanda **Meyer**, Vice-Chair; Tanya **Sweatt**, Judy **Hayes** and Craig **Allard**. Other officers/appointees/contractors present were Sue **Spalding**, Clerk; Tony **DeBruyn**, Treasurer; Crawford and Candy **Taisey**, Straight Edge Construction (Superintendent); and Matthew **Rowe**, Truck Driver.

1. MINUTES. On a motion made and seconded it was **VOTED 5-0** to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2021 Board of Overseers meeting, as amended.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

3. CLERK’S REPORT - None at this time

4. TREASURER’S REPORT – Tony DeBruyn

There have been no new balances since the Annual Meeting Report.

On a motion made and seconded it was **VOTED 5-0** to approve the Treasurer’s Authority & Disbursement Practices Policy of August 8, 2021.

Tony appointed Judy Hayes and Hank Rauch as Deputy Treasurers, and they accepted.

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- An owner wants frequent emptying of her rental cottage outhouses into the honeywagon due to frequent renters from her commercially advertised cottage. Since this is no longer a household, but a commercial property, a \$25 fee will be imposed.

People have been using the winch at the Steamer Dock to swing on when swimming. It needs to be secured.

• **Report from Matthew Rowe**

- He is being asked to dump outhouse waste into the honeywagon, This is not an island service. Owners must dump their own waste into the honeywagon, under island supervision. They can hire someone to transport it to the honeywagon in their own receptacles.

- He reports that the Verizon phone service for the truck is unusable. Tony will look into changing carriers. Lilly B. is getting a signal booster to facilitate working with Xola.

- He reports that people are leaving too many bags out to be picked up. Question of what to do with trash if the owner is not able to put it out on Sunday. Lengthy discussion followed, with no clear solutions yet. Trash Committee will follow up with recommendations.

6 APPOINTED OFFICIALS' AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Assistant** - August tasks were reviewed. Possibility of discontinuing safe deposit box and using locking box in BIVC storage unit instead.
- b. BAC** – Islanders are encouraged to talk to BAC re feedback from this year and ideas for next year.
- c. By-Laws Review Committee** – will work on issues for next year
- d. CEO** – Continuing issue of slow response time from CEO. Discussed alternatives.
- e. Harbormaster** - Discussed putting “Make No Wake” sign or signs for boats coming through our anchorage.
- f. Landscape Committee** - No report at this time.
- g. Planning Board** – Needs to write a current Planning Board charter/job description.
- h. Public Safety Committee** - Maine CDC is recommending use of masks indoor, as are we.
- i. Water Commissioner** – All wells will be tested this coming week.
- l. Webmaster** – Tony will enter Annual Meeting follow-up updates.
- k. ZBA** - No report at this time

7. Correspondence of note

- 7/6/2021 – EM from Mandy Meyer re draft warrant for annual meeting
- 7/7/2021 – EM from ESS Laboratory re soil sample test report
- 7/9/2021 – EM from Jean Santella re requested funds for Landscape Committee from Pam LaVoie
- 7/14/2021 – EM from Ken Barrows re availability of masks and other PPE for annual meeting
- 7/14/2021- EM re posting hearing notice for July 25 Remote Participation
- 7/15/2021 – EM from Coley Mulkern re Bailey Coffin Aquaculture application
- 7/16/2021 – EM from Sue Spalding re receipt of COI for Pat Reardon
- 7/20/2021 – EM from Peter Shepard re Flying Point neighbor group concerns with Bailey Coffin Aquaculture
- 7/22/2021 – EM from Bob Canu, Boat Committee re plan to purchase cell signal booster for Lilly B

- 7/23/2021 – EM from Eric Hamlin, Maine DEP re analysis of soil samples and use of reclaim on island roads
- 7/24/2021 – Ems from Ken Barrows and John Abramson re Public Safety covid protocol update
- 7/25/2021 – EM from Mandy Meyer re final draft warrant for annual meeting
- 7/27/2021 – EM from Mark Bower (legal) re McCoy article; phone call re same
- 7/29/2021 – EM from Hank Rauch re Gov. Mills update on Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings
- 7/30/2021 – EM from Hank Rauch to David McCoy re article 5 RAP prohibition
- 7/31/2021 – EM from David Gosnell re posting agenda for next Planning Board meeting 8/28

Email correspondence is stored in Google Mail.

8. ACTION ITEMS – The Board reviewed and revised as needed. We need lockable storage in the Community House for the new sound system.

9. CAPITAL PROJECTS - The Board reviewed and revised as needed. Waiting for grant reports before we proceed.

10. ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

- a. Article 4** – Remote participation; managing off-season meetings
We need to establish an in-person room to meet with Zoom off-season.
- b. Article 5** – RAP Prohibition.
Islanders voted not to prohibit the use of RAP. We will continue to investigate other options for road treatment.
- c. Article 6** – Election of Board Officials
 - On a motion made** and seconded it was **voted 5-0** to elect Hank Rauch as Board of Overseers Chair.
 - On a motion made** and seconded it was **voted 5-0** to elect Mandy Meyer as Board of Overseers Vice-Chair.
 - On a motion made** and seconded it was **voted 5-0** to appoint Sue Spalding as Board of Overseers Secretary.

The issue of succession of BIVC electees and appointees as we look ahead was brought up

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Airboat noise** – No update
- b. Bailey Coffin Aquaculture** – No update
- c. Large Equipment Permits** – No response from Vinal Energy for required permits.
- d. Roads, Equipment, Traffic** – Discussion of what to do about increased traffic on Bustins. There are 7 pickup trucks, 5 tractors, and 2 large pieces of equipment using the roads. We need to look ahead to ebikes.

e. Short-Term Rental “policy” & Island Safety Guidelines

There are many more short-term renters on the island this year, and there have been issues that point to their lack of knowledge about island living.

- Owners need to be informed of any problematic behavior of renters in their property.
- Owners need to inform renters re island safety, protocol, and customs. The Owners’ and Renters’ Guide needs to be updated as well as a bullet point card to post in all cottages. Safety map needs to be reprinted and posted.
- Examine Freeport’s short-term rental policy

12. NEW BUSINESS - No new business

12. NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is Saturday, September 11, 9:00AM, at the Community House (note change to Saturday)

2021 Schedule for Board of Overseers:

Saturday, September 11, Community House 9:00 AM (note change to Saturday)
Saturday, October 16, Location in Freeport & Zoom
Saturday, November 13, Location in Freeport & Zoom
Saturday, December 11, Location in Freeport & Zoom

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 11:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Susan Spalding, Secretary