

BUSTINS ISLAND VILLAGE CORPORATION
Minutes of the Board of Overseers
January 26, 2008

The Board of Overseers met at 10:00 AM at the Freeport Emergency Operations Center on January 26, 2008. Those present were: Tony DeBruyn - Chair, Scott Bonney, Roger Leland, Bill Roberts, John Garfield - Treasurer, and Sue Spalding - Clerk. Also present were Bob Ewing, Lorraine Leland, Bill Cooper, Taylor Martens, Rob Boone, Faith Baker, and Leslie Taisey.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Roger and seconded by Scott it was **VOTED** 4-0 to waive the reading of the minutes of the Nov. 17 meeting.

Correspondence

- From Laura Vitali, Water Commissioner, re renewal of membership in the Maine Rural Water Association. The membership will be renewed.
- From Freeport: Lilly B. mooring application and survey.
- From Linda Sweatt : notification of interest in joining the Finance Committee.

Clerk's Report

Sue reported that she is watching action on several bills before the Maine legislature, including one on legal notification requirements for hearings, and one on Transfer Station liability. Annual Meeting minutes were distributed to Board members. They have been posted on bivc.net.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Scott, and **VOTED** 4-0 to authorize the payment of checks written and submitted by the Treasurer in the Treasurer's Register Report dated 1/23/08 for the period 11/1/07 - 12/31/07. A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Scott, and **VOTED** 4-0 to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Talking Points dated 1/24/08. John reported that the fire truck repair cost \$1800 more than allotted. He reported that the BIVC has received \$15,670 in donations from 7/25/07 through 12/07. Donations totaled \$16,000 in the period ending 7/25/07.

Superintendent Report

Tony reported in the absence of Charlie Johnson, Superintendent.

Fire engine repair status: has been completed with an overage of \$1800. New policy requires a written estimate for all work done for the BIVC. On a motion made by Roger and seconded by Scott \$2,000 additional funds for finalization of the repair and transportation to the island were **VOTED** 4-0. Scott recommended that all systems be tested before moving the truck back to the island.

Steamer Dock repair status:

1. Some steel rod tie-downs to bedrock had rotted through. The start of the repair by Prock was postponed due to the early arrival of bad winter weather. Will resume in better weather.
2. New pilings will be installed at a separate time when Prock has the barge in the area to reduce cost.

Transfer Station License: BIVC has not yet received this. DEP promises license before

the season starts.

Superintendent Contract

Expired 12/31. On a motion made by Tony and seconded by Bill it was **VOTED** 4-0 to offer the job to Charlie Johnson again for the year at same salary and general contract terms as previous contract. John asked if we need to put the job out for bid each year. Roger will check the terms of the contract and state law.

Appointments

Finance Committee - Two more members needed.

Planning Board - Associate position open for renewal or appointment.

Tony stated that the items are tabled until he has spoken with those interested in the positions.

Clam Flats - no definitive information as to whether or not the flats around Bustins are still listed as unfit for clamming.

Road and Shore Work

Scott presented Ross Cudlitz's engineering recommendations for remediation of several areas of rainwater erosion on the east shore. Scott will to ask Ross Cudlitz to add an 'overview' page in order to make the project more understandable to potential contractors. The next step is to send the plans to contractors for bids for the repair work for the Board's consideration.

By-Laws Review Committee Report

The By-Laws Review Committee presented their findings and asked for Board direction to complete their task. The areas of concern were prioritized by the committee. Action recommended for summer 2008:

1. Define ourselves as seasonal. The Board directed the committee to pursue the state procedures for closing roads for the winter, and to draft language that would make it clear that island services are provided only in the summer.
2. Article XVII Enforcement: The Board directed the committee to review state laws, enforcement language in the Zoning and Harbor Ordinances, and to draft language stating that each day comprises a separate offense.
3. Article XVI Motor Vehicle policy: The Board directed the committee to look at different aspects of vehicle problems on the islands - safety, noise, road wear, traffic - and to draft several different versions addressing these issues, along with the issue of transportation for medically disabled islanders.
4. Article XXII: Remove the 2/3 requirement for assessment. The Board acknowledged that it is likely that expenses will increase on the island, possibly due to the state school consolidation plan, and asked the Finance Committee for guidance in how to raise funds.

Some Articles that need minor word changes and could be acted upon this summer:

1. Article II: Constable - remove "night watchman" and review other wording
2. Article XXII: add "as approved by the Overseers" before "certified..." to be consistent with Article VI.
3. Article XIV: add the words "the public lands" after "upon"
4. Article V Quorum: raise from 12 to 25.

Any By-Laws changes would be presented as warrant articles for island consideration at the Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports

•Planning Board

Bill Cooper reported that the revised Zoning Ordinance has been approved by the state and has been distributed. Revised By-Laws from the Annual Meeting need to be printed. Since there will likely be more changes and revisions to the By-Laws ahead the Board discussed cost and distribution options.

Ron Tozier is on track for getting his CEO/LPI certifications.

•Zoning Board of Appeals

Bob Ewing reported that there has been no activity.

•Finance Committee

Roger Leland reported that the committee is preparing a report for the Annual Meeting.

•Public Safety Committee

Rob Boone, Bob Ewing, and Leslie Taisey reported that there will be a meeting today on how to manage the Fire Department. Looking into various wireless siren, notification, and warming systems.

•Parking:

Faith Baker reported that the South Freeport Parking Committee has filed its final report and that the committee has been discontinued. It was found to be not cost-effective to have the shuttle. The report did not address parking along Main Street down to the Harbor. Further action on parking is now in the hands of the Freeport Traffic and Parking Committee and the Town Council.

•Boat Advisory Committee - no report

•Landscape - no report

•Brewer Cottage

On a motion made by Roger and seconded by Tony it was **VOTED** 4-0 to reverse the condemnation of the Brewer barn and to make a determination as to what other uses we can make of the structure.

Other Business

- Sue presented a list of unfinished and new projects to be prioritized by the Board.
- Faith brought up the possibility of establishing a memorial garden on the island. The Board supports the idea, but considers its only involvement would be in granting use of public land.

Next meetings: The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Saturday, March 8 and April 19 at 10:00 AM in the Emergency Operation Center.

Sunday, May 25 at 9:00 AM in the Brewer Cottage, Bustins Island

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Spalding
Acting Secretary in Diane Jellis' absence

