



Bustins Island Village Corporation
Established 1913

**Meeting of the Board of Overseers
August 3, 2025 @ 10:00am
Community House and Zoom**

In Attendance:

Overseers: Bob Canu, Chris Zook, Jeff Leland, Barbara Mysona, Crawford Taisey

Ken Barrows (Island Administrator), Phil Taisey (CEO and Island Superintendent), Jim Boone

I. Acceptance of Minutes July 13, 2025 meeting

- A. There was a small revision to the budget number after the last meeting that was voted on, approved via email, and added to the minutes.
- B. Motion to accept the July 13th, 2025 meeting minutes:
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - Yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Abstain
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Abstain
- C. The July 13, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. The Treasurer's Report was circulated to the new Overseers for review. A brief summary of typical and recent charges was provided.
- B. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 7/31/25 in the amount of \$29,311.81.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - Yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
- C. The Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$29,311.81 was approved.

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- D. There remains \$70,000 in the General Fund. The Overseers will consider moving at least half of that balance into the Emergency Reserves Fund in September.
- E. Motion to move \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Emergency Reserves Fund effective September 1.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - Yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
- F. The motion to move \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Emergency Reserves Fund effective September 1 was approved.

III. New Overseer board: nominate and vote on chair and vice-chair

- A. Motion to appoint Bob Canu as Chair.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Abstain
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - Yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
- B. The motion to appoint Bob Canu as Chair was approved.
- C. Motion to appoint Jeff Leland as Vice Chair.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - Abstain
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
- D. The motion to appoint Jeff Leland as Vice Chair was approved.

IV. Annual Meeting follow up

- A. For future meetings, more clarity regarding spikes in numbers is needed.
 - 1. Explanations might include additional projects, inflation, etc.
- B. The Overseers need to consider succession planning for outhouse maintenance and the honeywagon.

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- C. Meeting minutes will be posted on bivc.net in the coming days.
- D. If meeting moderator information could be posted publicly, the Overseers could post it to the BIVC website to resolve questions in the future.

V. Planning Board update

- A. Charlotte Kahn's seat is currently available on the Planning Board.
- B. Motion to approve Becky Pieciewicz to the planning board.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
- C. Motion to approve Becky Pieciewicz as an alternate to the planning board is approved.
- D. Julie Zook or Jeanne Santella will move into the alternate role.

VI. Electric Bikes

- A. An application was received for a Class 2 bike, which presents speed concerns but is not currently prohibited on the island's form.
- B. The application form language will be edited to allow Class 1 bikes only due to speed concerns.
 - 1. The form will also request additional detail to justify the need for the accommodation without violating HIPAA.

VII. Meeting Dates through CY2025

- A. This past year, the Overseers met Sunday evenings once per month at 6:30pm ET.
- B. Confirmed dates:
 - 1. September 6, 2025 at 9am ET
 - 2. October 19, 2025 at 6pm ET
 - 3. November 16, 2025 at 6pm ET
 - 4. December 14, 2025 at 6pm ET

VIII. Vehicle Policy

- A. The Overseers will review the policy as it pertains to contractors and their vehicles based on discussion and islander feedback.

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IX. Old Business

A. Island Survey

- a. Ricki Morgan will be invited to join the meeting in September or October to discuss the potential digitization of the island survey work and its benefits.

B. Freeport Council partnership

- a. Bob, Craig, Ali, Ken, and Phil accepted Freeport's invitation to their dinner and meeting on July 15.
- b. The Freeport Council is invited to Bustins on August 19, 2025.
 - i. Complimentary passage will be provided on the Lilly B.
 - ii. There was discussion and interest in purchasing a grill but there is a grill in the Community House that could be used.
 - iii. Motion to purchase [this grill](#) or one similar and attachments not to exceed \$600.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
 - iv. Motion to purchase [this grill](#) or one similar and attachments not to exceed \$600 was approved.
- c. The Overseers will prepare burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, along with some salad options and desserts.
 - i. Beer and wine will be purchased to enjoy at the Historical Society.
- d. Motion to provide beer and wine at the Historical Society on August 19, 2025.
 - i. Bob Canu - Yes
 - ii. Chris Zook - Yes
 - iii. Jeff Leland - yes
 - iv. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - v. Crawford Taisey - Yes

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- e. Motion to provide beer and wine at the Historical Society on August 19, 2025 was approved.
- f. Volunteers are needed to help with food.
- g. Bob will circulate the invitation for Overseer review.

X. Island Administrator Report

- A. Ken is seeking support about how to handle quotes received for chipping, road widening, and similar projects.
 - 1. Clarity on budget for tree projects is needed.
 - a) This work can be funded by the Capital Projects Fund.
 - b) Ken will coordinate a trip with Roger to generate a quote.
 - c) There are several arborists who are interested and able to complete this work.
 - 2. Ken will circulate the quote received to the Overseers.
 - 3. The vendor will initially focus on branches hanging over the roads/interior areas versus the shoreline.

XI. Superintendent Report

- A. Phil shared a firebarn door replacement estimate to Ken and Bob via email (~\$9,500).
- B. Phil is brainstorming options to replace the skylight plastic that has been eroded by the sun.
 - 1. A solution is useful to provide light in the barn.
- C. Rob Taisey has offered to explore power options for the barn.
 - 1. Equipment would be donated but time would need to be compensated.
- D. Motion to approve the firebarn door replacement project.
 - 1. Bob Canu - Yes
 - 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 - 3. Jeff Leland - yes
 - 4. Barbara Mysona - Yes
 - 5. Crawford Taisey - Yes
- E. Motion to approve the firebarn door replacement project was approved.

XII. Appointed Officials, Employee & Committee Reports

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- A. Boat Advisory Committee
- B. Erosion Committee: have sent info to Jason R to share with Committee: Question about
downed trees on shoreline - better to clean up or leave for protection? research??
- C. Brewer Cottage Advisor
- D. By-laws Review Committee
- E. Code Enforcement Officer - Oaths Complete?
- F. Harbormaster - Moorings & Bustins Harbor - Andy Spalding
- G. Landscape Committee
- H. Planning Board
- I. Public Safety Committee - New Fire Hoses Purchased? Pumps from Freeport
- J. Water Commissioner
- K. Webmaster
- L. Zoning Board of Appeals

XIII. Correspondence of Note

**XIV. Running Action Items Review: circle back to Rikki M. Surveys, (meeting), Comm
House solar and roof, Rob T. , shoreline projects, Brewer cottage, Grant
application, Wells on Island, New Mail contract, Freeport dinner date, Attachment
to Tractor purchase**

**XV. Public Comment (moving Public Comment to beginning of meeting 3 min limit to
comment)**

XVI. Next Meeting: tbd

XVII. Executive Session

XVIII. Adjourn

XIX. Motion to adjourn at 11:30am ET.

- A. Bob Canu - Yes
- B. Chris Zook - Yes
- C. Jeff Leland - Yes
- D. Barbara Mysona - Yes
- E. Crawford Taisey - Yes

XX. Motion to adjourn at 11:30am ET was approved.