



Bustins Island Village Corporation

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Meeting of the Board of Overseers

February 22, 2026 @ 6:00PM

Via Zoom

In Attendance:

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

Ken Barrows (Island Administrator), Phil Taisey (CEO and Island Superintendent), Jason Sweatt (Treasurer), Matt Rowe

I. Acceptance of Minutes December 14, 2025 meeting

A. Motion to accept the December 14th, 2025 meeting minutes:

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Barbara Mysona - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Crawford Taisey - Yes
5. Chris Zook - Abstain

B. The December 14, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. This Treasurer's Report includes three months.

B. Phil received an accidental extra check from payroll so he will get one less in the Spring.

C. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 2/22/26 in the amount of \$36,113.16.

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Barbara Mysona - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Crawford Taisey - Yes
5. Chris Zook - Yes

D. The Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$36,113.16 was approved.

E. All five of the CDs expired this month so Jason is working with the bank to

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reestablish the terms.

1. The longer terms provide less returns.

F. Jason received a bill for the mooring in the harbor.

1. Given the BOO decision to let that go ([vote was passed in March 2025 BOO meeting](#)), he is not planning to pay the bill.

2. The Lilly B boat captain reported that he hasn't used it in a long time, though it does provide a type of insurance if the slip at the dock becomes unavailable or if there is a significant storm and tying at the dock is not safe.

3. If there is a future issue with slip access at Brewers, the BOO could speak to Charlie Tetreau, the Harbormaster regarding ongoing access for the Lilly B.

- a) Bob will contact Charlie.

G. The Square One fees are going up from \$35 to \$49 per month.

H. Earned Paid Leave (EPL) is available for all employees but Jason declined it given the seasonal structure of employment for Bustins.

1. EPL is separate from workmen's compensation.

I. Jason researched adding names to the Island Truck insurance, but the policy is for the vehicle, not drivers.

1. Paid Island employees are covered under workmen's compensation.

2. This will be discussed in more detail during the executive session.

III. Vehicle Policy: <https://bivc.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/101-Motor-Vehicle-Policy-v1.7.pdf>

A. Next steps from meetings between Ken, Crawford, and Bob were circulated via email to the Overseers.

1. Proposed changes will be reviewed in detail during the March meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Boat Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting Recap - 2/21/26

1. Aly Bushman is the new Chair.

2. The BAC requested growing their committee presence from five to seven members with two alternates.

- a) They believe a larger group would bring more skills and expertise to the group.

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- b) The BOO is fine with adding two more members.
3. Aly plans to lead a deep dive on Lilly B subsidy increases.
 - a) Ridership has declined in recent years, and expenses have gone up considerably.
4. The BAC is working on a behavior “common sense law” policy for the Lilly B.
 - a) The BAC will share with BOO once ready for review and approval.
 - b) Though the Lilly B provides public transportation, it is a private vehicle so a policy like this is permitted.
 - c) Freeport police and Harbormaster would be looped in regarding this policy as well.
5. The BAC Chair may attend the BOO March meeting to present the 2026 schedule and payroll.

B. Harbormaster Conference

1. Andy Spalding is confirmed to attend.
2. Expense receipts have not yet been submitted to Jason.

C. 2026 USPS Contract

1. Contact has been made to initiate the contract for the 2026 Summer season.

D. Martens project

1. In Aug/Sept 2024, there was a public hearing to secure the banking in front of their house.
 - a) The project has since expanded to include nearby lots which requires another CUP hearing with the Planning Board.
 - (1) Materials were circulated to the BOO via email for review, including a draft letter from the BOO regarding proceeding with permitting paperwork.
 - (2) The BOO will host a public hearing in June
2. Motion to provide a letter to the Martens’ so they can proceed with permitting paperwork.
 - a) Bob Canu - Yes
 - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes

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- c) Jeff Leland - Yes
 - d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
 - e) Chris Zook - Yes
3. Motion to provide a letter to the Martens' so they can proceed with permitting paperwork was approved.
 4. It is worthwhile to bolster the shoreline, especially if Islanders will pay for it.

V. Island Administrator Report

A. 2026 Employee Contracts

1. Ken will share 2026 employee contracts for BOO review ahead of the next meeting.

B. Mapping project

1. A bill has been shared to compensate for Ricky's work completed to date.
2. She is using mooring coordinates in base layer

C. 2026 Budget Requests

1. A 2026 budget request will be sent. If no response is received, their budget will stay the same.
2. Committees can contact Jason with questions about their budget.

D. March trip to Bustins i

1. A trip is tentatively scheduled pending weather.

E. Rotary Club partnership

1. The Rotary Club is interested in another returnables partnership for 2026.
2. Clearer information is needed to clarify the type of bag for use for returnables.
 - a) Ken will inquire if the Rotary Club has bags to provide.
 - b) The BOO could also provide certain bags for use.
3. The Clynk does not generate a lot of money and is a lot of work. The Rotary Club program provides Bustins with an opportunity to contribute to their local causes and community investments.
4. Motion to continue partnership with the Rotary Club and eliminate the Clynk program.
 - a) Bob Canu - Yes
 - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes

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- c) Jeff Leland - Yes
- d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
- e) Chris Zook - Yes

5. Motion to continue partnership with the Rotary Club and eliminate the Clynk program was approved.

F. Well Drilling

1. Two requests have been received for well drilling in Fall 2026 from the McElwees and the Martins.

- a) Phil will ensure the road is equipped to handle the well driller but will not lead on logistical coordination for the specific projects.
- b) Maine well drillers are heavily regulated by the State, so they are typically involved in a permitting process and determination of well location.

(1) This information should then be shared with Phil for mapping of resources.

- c) Islanders have water rights to access clean water, but the location needs to be strategic based on other nearby resources.

VI. Superintendent Report

A. Steamer Dock

1. Work is still underway but is wrapping up.

B. Drainage project at the Library

1. Phil plans to develop a design to present at a CUP hearing, but needs to contact DEP to ask some questions first.

- a) A public hearing would be required after the CUP hearing given its proximity to the shoreline.

2. Phil has some resources from Jim Boyko for reference.

C. Public Float

1. Phil will do routine maintenance on the Public float once snow melts but estimates that it will need significant investment in the next 5-10 years.

2. It may be more cost effective to build a new one versus replace all of the areas and parts that need investment.

D. Skylights at Fire Barn

1. Crawford found lenses that fit the frames for ~\$100 per skylight or

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skylights could be replaced for ~\$1,000 per skylight.

- a) The BOO will discuss and vote on next steps at a future meeting.

E. Building permits

1. A few Islanders have mailed their building permits to the address on the BIVC website but Phil has not received them.

- a) Jason received several and is forwarding them to Phil via email.

- b) Mail addressed to “BIVC” will not be delivered since the name is “Bustins Village Corporation.”

F. Large trash pickup

1. There is a large trash pickup scheduled for 2026.

G. Community House Roof and Solar project

1. No quotes have been received yet since contractors don’t travel over in the winter.

VII. Public Comment

A. Matt does not anticipate being off island much in Summer 2026 and would like to continue as full-time Truck Driver.

1. Bob, Ken, and Matt met to discuss potential new schedules. Any change to the existing schedule would be informed by legal and insurance implications, versus performance.

VIII. Next Meeting: Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 6pm

IX. Executive Session

A. Motion to move to Executive Session at 7:22pm ET.

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Barbara Mysona - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Crawford Taisey - Yes
5. Chris Zook - Yes

B. Motion to move to Executive Session was approved.