



# *Bustins Island Village Corporation*

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## **Meeting of the Board of Overseers**

**April 26, 2026 @ 6:00PM**

**Via Zoom**

### In Attendance:

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

Jason Sweatt (Treasurer), Ken Barrows (Island Administrator), Phil Taisey (CEO and Island Superintendent), Melissa Canu (Secretary), Jayne Rowe, Debbie Crane, Chrissy Martens, Ali Bushman, Andy Spalding, Rob Taisey

### **I. Acceptance of Minutes March 22, 2026 meeting**

A. Motion to accept the March 22nd, 2026 meeting minutes:

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

B. The March 22, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

### **II. Treasurer's Report**

A. Chris will work with Jason to review end-of-year budget documents and prepare for FY2027 budget.

B. This Treasurer's Report includes typical monthly expenses, payment to Brewer's for the slip, and a reimbursement to Andy Spalding for the Harbormaster Conference.

1. Fiberglass work may be needed on the Lilly B based on a reported leak.
  - a) Ali is awaiting more information.

C. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 4/26/26 in the amount of \$16,678.24.

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Barbara Mysona - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes

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4. Crawford Taisey - Yes

5. Chris Zook - Yes

D. The Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$16,678.24 was approved.

E. A small amount of interest is being earned, and amounts for this year are higher than what was had last year.

1. Based on lack of use, the satellite service that was being paid for the Lilly B (\$39/month) has been turned off and a small reimbursement was received.

## **III. Old Business**

A. Harbormaster Conference (Andy)

1. The conference was 2.5 days, and divided up between beginner and advanced curriculum.

a) Attendance is encouraged every three years, and Andy hadn't been in ~10 years, so he attended the beginner track

b) Much of the information covered Harbormaster jurisdiction, some of which was not relevant since Bustins is a seasonal community.

c) Mooring placement is up to the Harbormaster, and is not dictated by cottage location.

(1) Andy suggested a dedicated location near the Nubble for larger vessels to be moored.

(a) Anything under 46 feet is considered a small craft.

d) Bustins's approach to centralize all emergency response activity through the Public Dock was celebrated at the conference.

e) There was lots of discussion about how to handle bad actors and derelict boats since Harbormasters cannot take on law enforcement roles, but do have civil responsibilities to uphold harbor ordinances.

(1) In some communities (not Bustins), Harbormasters are also law enforcement professionals (like in Freeport).

f) Andy estimates that only about ~10% of moorings around Bustins are registered.

(1) Ken has some mooring data from John Blood that can be shared with Andy.

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- (2) A portable GPS could be purchased to chart the moorings.
- (3) Registrations submitted through the BIVC website (there are 11) can be shared with Andy for recordkeeping.
- (4) Rob Taisey has some paper files that can be shared with Andy.

## B. Mail Contract

- 1. No update from USPS - last follow-up was on 4/10.

## IV. New Business

### A. Boat Advisory Committee (BAC) Update (Ali)

- 1. Given the continual rise in minimum wage in Maine, raises are needed to keep Lilly B jobs competitive.
  - a) The BAC is requesting a 4% salary increase for each crewmember, which stays within the payroll budget.
  - b) Nominal annual increases support cost-of-living increases and can help with retaining employees.
- 2. Square has a monthly \$98 fee based on a recent tier subscription change to accept more credit cards.
- 3. The winterization expense for the Lilly B was paid in December.
- 4. Payroll processing costs are listed in the Lilly B budget, but they represent the costs for the entire BIVC budget.
- 5. Motion to authorize a 4% increase for Lilly B staff.
  - a) Bob Canu - Yes
  - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes
  - c) Jeff Leland - Yes
  - d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
  - e) Chris Zook - Yes
- 6. Motion to authorize a 4% increase for Lilly B staff was approved.

### B. Summer Meeting Schedule: May thru September

### C. Spring Newsletter

- 1. The draft has been circulated for review.
- 2. There is a suggestion to add a sentence about brush fires given the drought risk.
- 3. Jason will reformat the schedule so it can be uploaded to the website for

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linking.

4. Please send edits by May 5, 2026.

D. Motion to authorize the Bustins Island Historical Society (BIHS) to serve wine during the opening event on July 4, 2026.

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

E. Motion to authorize the BIHS to serve wine during the opening event on July 4, 2026 was approved.

F. Employee raises

1. Raises should be consistent across all Island employees.
2. Annual increases can be budgeted.

## **V. Island Administrator Report**

A. Secondary Driver contract

B. Motion to authorize a 5% increase for the Code Enforcement Officer and Code Enforcement Officer Assistant position.

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

C. Motion to authorize a 5% increase for the Code Enforcement Officer and Code Enforcement Officer Assistant positions were approved.

D. A committee budget was received from CABI.

E. Fireworks money has been allocated.

## **VI. Superintendent Report**

A. Public float

1. The float is ready to go in the water.
2. The major connecting points are at the end of their lifespan.
3. Phil is awaiting quotes for a repair as well as full replacement of the float, which he thinks has ~5 years of life left.

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- a) Phil will contact the Ulricksons who built the current float as well.
- 4. ½ inch chains were surveyed and two will be replaced on one side.
  - a) The other side will need to be replaced in the next few years.
  - b) If the anchoring is adjusted, BIVC can save on chain cost.

### B. Zero Turn Mower purchase

- 1. The current mower is not commercial grade and has held up well, but investing in a commercial option could further prolong the life of the mower.
  - a) The Bustins terrain and roads affect the mower and its maintenance.
- 2. Phil went to a store in Brunswick to look at the 700 series (730 model) (~\$9,930) commercial grade mowers, but they were not in stock.
  - a) The store employees did not think the Bustins community needed a commercial grade mower.
  - b) There is a 700 series mower that is not a 730 model (~\$8000) that is an in-between option for a slightly lower cost and in-stock in Maine.
    - (1) Phil will get a final price and confirm if it has mulching capability, as well as explore if we can get a municipal discount.
- 3. A 500 series mower (~\$6600) is an estate mower, but not technically commercial like the 700 series.
- 4. Motion to authorize purchase of a 700 series (not 730) mower up to \$9,000.
  - a) Bob Canu - Yes
  - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes
  - c) Jeff Leland - Yes
  - d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
  - e) Chris Zook - Yes
- 5. Motion to authorize purchase of a 700 series (not 730) mower up to \$9,000 was approved.

### C. Trash barrels

- 1. Ace Hardware in Yarmouth sells the barrels we use for \$100/barrel and

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Uline sells them for \$130/barrel.

- a) Phil will purchase 4 barrels from Ace Hardware.

## D. Opening

1. The Island is drying out quickly.
2. The first priority is putting in the public float and then pulling out the vehicles.
3. The first trash pickup will be May 26, 2026.

## E. Store drainage project

1. Phil spoke with Mike Morse and DEP approval will be needed for any project this close to the shoreline.
  - a) Phil is working with Mike to understand what drawings and information will be needed, as well as cost information.
  - b) If the outhouse changes in size to accommodate a handicap accessible plan, a new septic plan will be needed.
    - (1) Phil will get more information about associated costs.

## F. Steamer Dock repairs

1. Brad will complete repairs in the next few weeks.

## **VII. Public Comment**

### A. Debbie and Chrissy - tennis courts

1. The CABI would like to petition the BIVC to directly receive and process tennis court invoices to remove CABI as a middle contact.
  - a) Tennis court expenses are currently paid out of the CABI parks and recreation budget via invoice to the BIVC.
2. Prior to 2013, the tennis court expenses were a line item on the BIVC budget before they were moved to the CABI budget.
  - a) As a line item on the CABI budget, the money is directed by a much smaller turnout of Islanders who attend CABI meetings instead of the majority turnout at the BIVC meeting.
3. The tennis courts are an amenity that add property value to all Islanders, even if they don't use it.

### B. Rob - zero turn mower and Community House solar

1. There is an outfit in Yarmouth that could provide a mower recommendation based on an outlined budget.

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- a) Rob has worked with clients that use Toro and Kubota.
- b) Zero turn mowers may be difficult on slopes.
- 2. Rob performed some maintenance work on the Community House batteries last week.
- 3. The Overseers are considering future work on the Community House roof and solar system and Rob can support as needed.

## **VIII. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Sunday, May 31, 2026 (hybrid) - 9am
- B. Saturday, June 20, 2026 (hybrid) - 9am

## **IX. Adjourn**

- A. Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm ET.