



# *Bustins Island Village Corporation*

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**Meeting of the Board of Overseers  
May 31, 2026 @ 9:00AM  
Hybrid Meeting at the Community House and via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Overseers: Bob Canu, Barbara Mysona, Jeff Leland, Crawford Taisey, Chris Zook (joined after meeting start)

Jason Sweatt (Treasurer), Ken Barrows (Island Administrator), Phil Taisey (CEO and Island Superintendent), Melissa Canu (Secretary), Ali Bushman

**I. Acceptance of Minutes April 26, 2026 meeting**

A. Motion to accept the April 26th, 2026 meeting minutes:

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

B. The April 26, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

A. This Treasurer's Report includes employee drug tests and first payroll, printing, dock expenses, Lilly B service/maintenance, and the remaining 2025 audit fee and subsequent retention fees.

1. Jason will share Lilly B service and maintenance invoices with Ali for circulation among the Boat Advisory Committee.
2. The Chebeague transportation expense on May 22 was a bargaining expense for the outhouse trailer and new lawn mower that is set to be delivered on June 1.

B. Chris Zook joined the meeting during this discussion.

C. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 5/31/26 in the amount of \$41,001.80.

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Barbara Mysona - Yes

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3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Crawford Taisey - Yes
5. Chris Zook - Yes

- D. The Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$41,001.80 was approved.
- E. Jason paid the bill for the new lawn mower which will display on the next Treasurer's Report.
- F. The Overseers expect to spend a similar amount of money in July.
- G. Ferry earnings to date were used to pay some expenses in May.

## **III. Old Business**

### **A. Boat Advisory Committee updates**

1. Ali is requesting that Jason reroute the payroll processing fees to a different account.
2. Season pass update
  - a) 52 passes have been sold.
  - b) Overall revenue is ~\$17K.
  - c) Non-season pass revenue is about 25% of total revenue in the past few weeks.
  - d) The iPad on the boat was unable to implement some of the needed functions to process season passes so Ali donated a newer iPad from her household.
    - (1) Painter is holding the previous iPad and Ali will confirm that all ongoing expenses were transferred to the new iPad.
3. Long-term financial goal for ferry budgeting
  - a) The percentage of tax revenue spent on the Lilly B (not the percentage of the subsidy) should be analyzed to inform future budgeting approaches.
    - (1) From 2008-2019, the BIVC spent ~12% annually of tax revenue from Freeport on Lilly B expenses.
    - (2) 2020-2022 budgeting was considered an outlier due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
    - (3) From 2023-2025, the BIVC spent ~20% annually of tax revenue from Freeport on Lilly B expenses. If the Lilly B budget had remained constant since 2008, the amount

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during this period would be ~23%.

(4) The engine is not reflected in any of these percentages as it was considered a capital expense.

(a) Ali attributes the rise in annual percentage over time to the rise of minimum wage in the State of Maine which affects Lilly B staff but also Brewers staff who provide service and maintenance.

(i) Maine minimum wage has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

(ii) Brewers bills have skyrocketed in the past several years, far exceeding Lilly B payroll.

(5) The amount of revenue that the Lilly B is earning to cover its own expenses is declining year to year.

(a) From 2008-2019, Lilly B revenue covered 74% of its expenses.

(b) Now, Lilly B revenue is covering only 56% of its expenses.

b) Ali is requesting a percentage amount from the annual tax revenue from the Overseers to inform budget planning for the next year.

(1) The Boat Advisory Committee has expense reduction strategies to consider, but needs to understand how significant the spending reduction should be.

(a) The Overseers aim to finalize budget considerations in the next month or so and will contact the Committee.

(b) The Boat Advisory Committee plans to draft their own budget for Overseer review.

c) The Boat Advisory Committee has considered a rider survey in the past but maintains that ridership data communicates the preferences and “votes” from Islanders.

### B. Moorings Registrations

1. Mooring registration needs to be prioritized to register more Islanders.

a) Several Islanders registered following the newsletter circulation.

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2. Simplifying the online registration may increase registration completion.
3. Ken, Jeff, and Barbara will work with Andy Spalding to create a plan to register more moorings.
  - a) Ricki Morgan is digitizing existing mooring data from John Wood.
  - b) Barbara is willing to help organize and visualize collected data.

## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Summer projects**

1. The BIVC will continue to eradicate overgrowth over some of the roadways.
  - a) Phil is recommending purchase of an ~\$4500 flail mower/tractor attachment to maintain fire safety and work done to date.
2. Motion to allocate up to \$5000 to purchase an offset flail mower attachment for the tractor.
  - a) Bob Canu - Yes
  - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes
  - c) Jeff Leland - Yes
  - d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
  - e) Chris Zook - Yes
3. Motion to allocate up to \$5000 to purchase an offset flail mower attachment for the tractor was approved.
4. The Overseers and Island employees will contemplate other potential future projects.

### **B. Martens project**

1. The Martens project includes a segment on shoreline reserve.
2. There is a public hearing scheduled for June 13 at 9:30am regarding the Martens project before their CUP hearing at 10am.
  - a) Jim, Chrissy, and Taylor will be in attendance to answer questions.
  - b) At least 3 Overseers must be present in-person or via Zoom.

### **C. Summer Meeting Schedule**

1. June 20, 2026 at 9am - Overseer meeting (hybrid)
2. July 1, 2026 at 6:30pm - Overseer meeting (hybrid)
3. August 1, 2026 - Annual Meeting (in-person)
4. August 2, 2026 - Overseer meeting (TBD)

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## D. Gas tank enclosure at Steamer Dock

1. The gas tank and enclosure is no longer in use and should be considered for removal.
2. Phil will explore if it can be taken during large trash removal.

## E. Model T

1. Information was circulated to Overseers about a request to bring a restored Model T back to the Island.
2. Motion to bring back the Model T as soon as possible.
  - a) Bob Canu - Yes
  - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes
  - c) Jeff Leland - Yes
  - d) Crawford Taisey - Abstain
  - e) Chris Zook - Yes
3. Motion to bring back the Model T as soon as possible was approved.

## V. Island Administrator Report

### A. Committee budgets

1. Ken submitted to Jason a \$6500 request for the next fiscal year from the Fire Safety Committee for a new fire pump due to rust on the current pump.
2. CABI would like the BIVC to take over the tennis court budget to remove the CABI as middleman between BIVC And tennis court maintenance vendor.
3. Motion to approve up to \$6500 for Safety Committee budget for fiscal year 2027.
  - a) Bob Canu - Yes
  - b) Barbara Mysona - Yes
  - c) Jeff Leland - Yes
  - d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
  - e) Chris Zook - Yes
4. Motion to approve up to \$6500 for Safety Committee budget for fiscal year 2027 was approved.
5. Motion to approve up to \$6000 for the tennis court maintenance for fiscal year 2027.

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- a) Bob Canu - Yes
- b) Barbara Mysona - Abstain
- c) Jeff Leland - Yes
- d) Crawford Taisey - Yes
- e) Chris Zook - Yes

6. Motion to approve up to \$6000 for the tennis court maintenance for fiscal year 2027 was approved.

## **B. Well schedule**

- 1. The Ewing well failed to pass the recent test and should eventually be reviewed for formal abandonment.
  - a) It's a dug well which is more prone to intrusion.
  - b) It passed in the fall but failed again this past Spring.
  - c) Phil plans to follow State-recommended guidelines to treat and pump it out before testing again.
  - d) Formal abandonment could constitute pump removal.

## **C. School Parking**

- 1. The Sewell Street school owner continues to document infractions in the parking lot and circulate to Ken, Bob, and the police contact.

## **VI. Superintendent Report**

A. Inquiries have been received regarding windows being shot with a BB gun, which is not considered a firearm.

- 1. Phil has been directing Islanders to call Freeport police with concerns like these.
- 2. The affected windows have been replaced.

B. A barge will deliver the poop trailer and new lawn mower on June 1.

- 1. The new lawn mower has a roll bar and seatbelt that should be used when using the mower.

## **C. Large Trash pickup**

- 1. The volume parameters have been defined and circulated to Islanders.
- 2. Dumpsters will be delivered by the end of July.
- 3. A newsletter blast could be circulated about this and chipping scheduled for the fall.

## **VII. Public Comment**

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A. From which fund will the flail mower be paid? (Ali)

## **VIII. Adjourn**

A. Motion to adjourn at 10:30am ET.