

Selectman's Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2025

PRESENT: Donna Brewer, Evelyn Duncan, Travis Fifield, John Robbins,
Richard Larrabee

PUBLIC: Linda Nelson, Liz Alley, Pam Dewel. Joe Rackcliff,
Will (Newspaper), Kathleen Billings

Public hearing on third party requests held at 6PM.

Selectmens meeting brought to order at 7PM

Minutes: Moved Duncan second Brewer to accept minutes January 6th
Vote 4-0-1

Warrants: Moved Brewer second Robbins to accept warrants Vote 5-0

Budget: Go over the budget, discuss lowering the \$118,000 budget
line for police presence. Board decided to lower this line to
\$110,000. Budget has only a 2% increase over last year.
Moved Robbins second Brewer to accept budget off \$2,552,279
Vote 5-0

Discussed funds needed to cover difference between grants and
cost of the Oceanville seawater rise project. Amount should be
about \$250,000. Town taxpayers have already approved
borrowing of up to \$ 500,000 but Duncan suggested an
alternative of asking the taxpayers to get the \$250,000 by
transferring the unneeded funds from the Broadband reserve
\$60,000, using \$ 40,000 of the seawater rise reserve, using
\$75,000 from the rainy-day reserve, and \$ 75,000 from surplus.
Board agreed to put in a warrant article for town meeting for
the above.

Discussed warrant article to transfer funds from surplus to
various reserve accounts: Housing \$1,000, Fire equip \$20,000
Fire station \$ 20,000, Road Equip \$ 50,000, Sea rise \$50,000,
Odd Fellows \$10,000, Playground \$10,000, Dredging \$ 25,000,
School building \$10,000, Shellfish \$10,000, Paving \$80,000
and up to \$ 300,000 to reduce taxes.

Baler: Billings reported that the bailer at the transfer station needs a
new motor. Cost of repair is about \$ 4,000. Bailer is probably

30 years old. We could buy another refurbished bailer for \$ 10,000. This bailer would load from top and be more efficient. Board asked Billings to see if they would give us anything as a trade-in.

EPEC: Billings reported that our waste disposal company wants the Town to sign a letter of intent. As Board has not seen the new contract yet and as our lawyer has not reported back on the intent letter the Board decided not to do anything at this time.

Harbor: Duncan reported that the Harbor committee would like to wait until end March first April to remove the loading dock from the Fish Pier. Board agreed that would make more sense. Committee is recommending that the mooring fees be changed to \$100 resident commercial, \$200 nonresident commercial, \$ 200 resident pleasure, \$ 400 nonresident pleasure. Businesses located in Stonington having moorings would be considered residents. This year's fees have gone out, Billings would have to check to see if any wording in ordinances etc. need to be changed. Vote tabled until research done. Duncan reported that the Shellfish committee will need two new Stonington members come March. Also reported that Shellfish committee voted to share equally between the towns income from fund raising projects

Auditor: Billings requested that the Town Office be closed Monday as the auditors are coming, and work is going to be done on Quickbooks software. Moved Duncan second Robins Vote 5-0

School Bldg: Nelson reported on the grant with Deer Isle regarding solar power. Of two bids \$99,300 was lower. Grant is for \$100,000 with no match. It will involve solar panel and battery installation. Will provide net metering to Town. Moved Fifield second Brewer to accept PV Main's quote. Vote 5-0

Nelson passed out a profit and loss statement on renovations on building. Discussed security cameras, discussed budget, discussed doors. She will provide a long term proforma to cover five years soon. Still awaiting some numbers.

Allonge: The water company needs to extend the time to borrow;

Moved Brewer second Duncan to amend the \$65,000 Revenue Obligation Note dated February 12, 2024, and awarded to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, Augusta, Maine, by changing the maturity date to February 12, 2026 and to authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees to execute all documents necessary to complete said amendment. All other terms and conditions as stated in said Revenue Obligation Note will remain the same. Vote 5-0

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan

