## SELECTMAN'S MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2025

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

Evelyn Duncan

PUBLIC: Kathleen Billings, Will Robinson (newspaper) J. Rackliff

Minutes: Moved Duncan second Brewer to accept minutes February 9, 2025

Vote 4-0-1

Warrants Moved Duncan second Robbins to accept warrants Vote 5-0

Tax note; Moved Brewer second Duncan

That under and pursuant to Title 30A Section 5771 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended and supplemented, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance of up to \$2,000,000 principal amount of Tax Anticipation note of the Town in anticipation of the receipt of taxes for the principal fiscal year which commenced January 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2025.

Said note shall mature on January 31, 2026; shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Town Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; and shall be awarded and sold, and be in such form and bear such details, as the Treasurer and Chairman may determine.

Said note is hereby designated a qualified tax-exempt obligation of the Town for the 2025 calendar year pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

That all things heretofore done and all action heretofore taken by the Town, its municipal officers and agents in the authorization of said Note are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and the Treasurer and Chairman are each hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this voting, including delivering said Note against payment therefore. Vote 5-0

Appointments: Appointment papers signed by Board members

**Projects:** Billings is trying to get ahold of DOT regarding Oceanville Bridge but they have not gotten back to her. Project has been slow to date.

Oceanville Marsh project has also been slow. Eaton Paving has come back and leveled the road and fixed some pot holes. Engineer will be on site Friday.

Backhoe may arrive in two weeks. Interest rate and price lowered.

Billings has been talking to the engineer about Ship Grants for projects at the ODD Fellows property.

**Town Meeting** Parking for Town Meeting will be available a Hagan Dock and Fish Pier. Friday is the last day for absente ballots. Snacks will be available at meeting. Town report is available on line and at town office.

Moved Brewer second Robbins to close office at noon Monday Vote 5-0

Harbor Comm. Duncan brought up that the Harbor committee had discussed Harbor Ordinance issues with changing pricing of non-resident and resident commercial moorings. If the Board want to change this pricing then must have public hearing and vote at Town meeting. Discussion followed of definitions required, and if a pleasure boat has a mooring and owner is a Stonington property owner but not a registered voter. No action taken at this time

Regarding skiff lottery Harbor committee suggested \$300 they believe last year was \$200 Moved Robbins second Brewer to make skiff lottery \$300 Vote 5-0

**Nelson update**: Nelson has gotten a grant with Deer Isle to work on items of the Housing Task force. Stonington's share will be \$62,500 with not match needed. Moved Brewer second Robbins to accept grant Vote 5-0

She attended a meeting with DEP engineers regarding condition of cables and deck of Bridge. Final plan and results expected March.

Main Street sub-committee working on expanding shoulder season

Connectivity Hub renovations done. Security finished this week. Stacy Roberts is working hard with fisherman health

Talk of the Towns next meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> at Opera House Subject is the future of fishing communities. This will be followed by several other sessions on different subjects.

**New Business**: Billings reported that she went to the Deer Isle meeting on the proposed Aquaculture Ordinance. Deer Isle decided to remove the Ordinance from their warrant.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan