

- h. Sewer Department
 - Working on draft federal discharge permit
 - Awaiting the draft capital improvement plan
- i. Sheriff’s Department

| Date | Incident | Deputy |
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| 3.11.24 | Utility problem | Lemoi |
| 3.12.24 | Fish & Game | Lemoi |

- j. Town Properties – None
- k. Transfer Station
 - New container – Awaiting a delivery date
 - Lower Building – Developing an invitation to submit bids to repair roof, etc.
 - The Board wants the Transfer Station to operate three days per week starting 15 April (tax day) and running through Indigenous Peoples Day (14 October).
- l. Water Department – Awaiting the draft capital improvement plan

6. Old Business

- a. *Community Priorities Update* – The Town continues to discuss access to housing with North Haven Sustainable Housing. An architect is looking at the old fire station to determine if that space/land could be used for housing. The Thorofare Waterfront Project remains on track to help us with Economic Diversification & Workforce Development. Claire Oxford and Lattimer will set up a meeting with the Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change Impacts Working Group in the next few weeks.
- b. *Thorofare Waterfront Project* – Town Office staff continue to work with our engineers, GEI, to discuss the results of GEI’s 10-12 February visit to the island and to roll out a survey to collect more information about people’s concerns and ideas.

7. New Business

- a. *EMS Stipends, 2024* – The EMS Co-Chiefs recommend adjusting this year’s stipends to provide more funds for Advance EMTs, to create an Ambulance Lieutenant position at \$2,000 per year, and to offer increased “on-call” rates during the summer weekends. The Board discussed the stipends and would like to ensure we adjust them regularly to keep pace with inflation and to ensure they are consistent with the funds paid to firefighters.

Motion to approve the EMS stipends as recommended made by Baribeau, seconded by Curtis
Approved 5-0-0

- b. *Town House, Sump Pump Battery Backup* – Property Manager Shields recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of a battery backup to power the Town House sump pump. Recent storms coupled with power outages have left the basement wet.

Motion to authorize the purchase of a battery backup for the Town House sump pump for approximately \$800.00 made by MacDonald, seconded by Curtis
Approved 5-0-0

- c. *Underage Drinking* – School Principal Shaun Johnson and Guidance Counselor Kelsey Jones expressed their concerns about underage consumption of alcohol across the island. Unlawful drinking puts children at risk in obvious ways, such as when driving. But it also causes performance and academic issues among the students who drink illegally, and interferes with the schooling of children who do not engage in this behavior. Johnson and Jones recommend taking a comprehensive community approach to this problem, including awareness, parental action, and law enforcement. The Board expressed their concerns and pledged to help. The Board also directed Lattimer to prepare a letter to Vinalhaven’s Select Board requesting a joint meeting to discuss underage drinking on both islands.
- d. *Mullin’s Head Park* – Chuck Curtis requested access to Maine Municipal Association’s (MMA) attorneys so that he could talk with them about protecting the park and other related matters. MMA attorneys say that since Bernstein Shur has already provided advice to the Town on this matter, MMA would need Bernstein Shur’s permission to discuss the same issue with Curtis. Bernstein Shur said they would need the Select Board’s consent to allow Curtis to discuss legal matters with MMA.

Motion to authorize Chuck Curtis to discuss protecting Mullin’s Head Park and related legal matters with MMA’s attorneys and to notify Bernstein Shur of this decision, made by Baribeau, seconded by Campbell Approved 5-0-0

- e. *Small School Bus* – The School no longer needs the small bus and has asked the Board if the Town wanted to take ownership. The Board expressed no interest in owning the bus.
- f. *Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)* – Treasurer DeBlois recommends the Board approve a TAN in the amount of \$1.2 million from Machias Savings Bank. Machias proposed the lowest annual interest rate among the banks that responded to the Town’s solicitation.

Motion to approve the Town’s borrowing \$1.2 from Machias Savings Bank at 5.65 percent interest in the form of a Tax Anticipation Note made by Curtis, seconded by Campbell. Approved 5-0-0

- g. *Town Appointments* – Clerk DeBlois prepared the written appointments for the positions the Board must approve each year. Board members signed the appointments as requested.
- h. *Select Board Workshops* – MacDonald recommended the Board schedule workshops far enough in advance to ensure they have adequate time to review relevant materials and to talk among themselves before consulting with outside experts or other interested parties. The next workshop will take place on Wednesday, 27 March, during which the Board will discuss harbor management.

8. Other

- Baribeau wants the Town to add gravel to the transition between the road and the beach at Ferry Landing Beach. He also noted there is an old float there that should be hauled away and that trees need to be trimmed.
- Cambell would like to have the Road Commissioner meet with the Board to talk about the safety at Ferry Landing Beach.

- Campbell wants the Town to take steps to remove the standing water in the Ball Field.
- Campbell and Baribeau noted the dip in South Shore Road just to the west of Turner Farm and asked have the Road Commissioner address it.
- Campbell wants to be sure to schedule a budget meeting concerning the 2025 budget with Treasurer DeBlois in the near future.
- Campbell wants to make sure people who have anything to do with Code Enforcement are properly trained.
- Campbell would like to have Gabe McPhail talk with the Board about a Comprehensive Plan.
- Campbell would like to move forward with planning for a bicycle path from the school to the junction of South Shore Road, Pulpit Harbor Road, and Main Street.
- MacDonald welcomed Josie Jackson to the Board and thanked her for agreeing to serve in that position.
- MacDonald reminded Lattimer to issue a request for bids for cemetery mowing.

9. Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm made by Baribeau, seconded by Curtis

Approved 5-0-0