

Town-Owned Property Management Board Georgetown, Maine

Minutes of Meeting—June 16, 2009

A meeting of the Town-Owned Property Management Board (“TOPMB” or the “Board”) was convened at the Town Office at 4:00 pm. Those present for the Board were Myrick Freeman, Chairman, Bruce Blessington and Bronwen Tudor. Charles Collins, Selectman, appeared in his capacity as liaison with the TOPMB.

Mr. Freeman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed Ms. Tudor as the newest member of the Board.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board, with Ms. Tudor abstaining, voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2009.

Mr. Freeman then solicited nominations for the positions of Chairman and Secretary respectively for the 2009-2010 term. Mr. Blessington moved that Mr. Freeman be re-elected as Chairman. Ms. Tudor seconded the motion and with no further discussion a vote was taken and Mr. Freeman was duly elected. Mr. Blessington then moved that Ms. Tudor be elected as Secretary. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion and after a brief discussion, Ms. Tudor was duly elected.

Mr. Freeman directed the Board’s attention to two (2) outstanding invoices: (i) from Easterly Winds Landscaping and Property Maintenance Co. for \$860.00 for mowing and (ii) from Central Maine Power Company in the amount of \$39.12 for electrical service at the Five Islands Wharf. Each was reviewed by the members. Upon separate motions duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously voted to approve these invoices for payment. Subsequently, Mr. Freeman agreed to speak with Easterly to reassess the frequency of the mowing services, the anticipated charges therefor and to remind this provider that invoices must be submitted promptly at the end of the mowing season.

The Board again reviewed the remaining balances in the 2008-2009 TOPMB budget. The Board determined that there were sufficient unspent funds to proceed with the fendering project on the recreational floats, as originally planned, at an estimated cost of \$750. Mr. Blessington agreed to purchase the fendering materials and to coordinate the installation with Atlantic Mechanical.

Mr. Freeman reported on some needed tree work at the entrance to the Richards Library. It appears that, due to the proximity to CMP’s overhead plant, professional removal by CMP or their contractor is in order. Mr. Freeman agreed to coordinate this.

Ms. Tudor informed the Board that some of the wharf users expressed concern about the lack of a designated handicapped parking location at the Five Islands Wharf. After some discussion Mr. Freeman agreed to procure such a sign and Mr. Blessington agreed to install it.

The Board then discussed the outreach effort to try again to establish some direct communication with Wharf users from the commercial fishing and recreational boating community. Mr. Blessington solicited comments from the Board and Mr. Collins on his most current letter drafted for this purpose. After receiving helpful comments from the members and Mr. Collins, Mr. Blessington agreed to mail this letter to the commercial and recreational users and to post it at the General Store, the wharf and with Mr. Trabona's assistance, on the Town website.

Mr. Freeman then reported on his long awaited meeting with Elaine Todd Trench concerning the Town's lease of Todd's Landing (the Shipyard). After some useful dialog concerning the condition of the site with respect to vegetation and soil erosion, Mrs. Trench made the following main points:

1. The permitted uses of the site were to be limited to commercial fishing and recreational boating by Georgetown residents.
2. The area degraded by vehicle use should not be allowed to expand.
3. If dingy storage is allowed it should be configured to protect the remaining vegetation.

Mr. Freeman agreed to draft a new set of "Rules for Use" of the Shipyard incorporating in them a useful suggestion from Mrs. Trench that notice be given that the Shipyard is private property on loan to the Town for the use of its residents. Mr. Freeman kindly agreed to circulate the draft "Rules" before the next meeting with a view to incorporating them in new signage at the site.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Blessington, Secretary