

## REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2022

Prepared by Alison Freeman

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, plus administrator Amanda Campbell, were together in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 8 members of the public in attendance on Zoom many of whom are committee members who were available to answer questions about the work of their committees.

The minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2022, were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- **First Church Steering Committee progress report:** The Structural Analysis report has been received. The building is basically sound. Depending on future use, the floor may require additional support which could impact use of the basement space. Overhead installation of utilities or sprinklers in the first-floor space may result in extra weight and will require additional consideration. All agreed to a workshop session at the 1/20 FCSC meeting to discuss options and priorities for use of the space. Bronwen Tudor suggested that resolution of the water intrusion issue should be the first step regardless of future uses.
- **Conservation Committee:** Bronwen Tudor reported that committee member, Ruth Indrick, has alerted the committee to a new grant program focused on energy efficiency and climate mitigation. The committee is investigating and will report to the Selectboard at the next meeting if there are weatherization or storm water mitigation grants available for municipal buildings such as the First Church.
- **Recreation Committee:** Aria Eee requested guidance about the Rec Committee's responsibility for maintenance of and decisions about the tennis court. Rich Donaldson summed it up as TOPMB = facility and RC = activity. TOPMB acts as a landlord regarding the maintenance of the lot where the tennis court is, but the RC oversees activities  
Aria Eee advised the Selectboard that there is no longer a volunteer "caretaker" for the tennis courts. The RC will talk directly with the TOPMB about the tennis courts. Bronwen Tudor recommended that the courts remain multiuse  
Amanda Campbell reported to Aria Eee that the response from the MMA regarding fees was "no to fees" under the current structure even if it is a fundraising event
- **Financial Advisory Committee:** A workshop to discuss expectations for the FAC was scheduled for 7pm Thursday 1/18/2022. Bronwen Tudor opened the discussion that led to the scheduling of this workshop by reminding the Selectboard that the FAC was not created through an ordinance and has no criteria or mandate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- The usual summary letters for the Town Report, funding request or thank you notes from organizations, and OSHA updates

NEW BUSINESS:

- Drainage issues in Five Islands/Ledgemere Road – discussions regarding a solution are ongoing with the Road Commissioner, Selectboard, and the resident
- Road hazards due to congestion in Five Islands – traffic, safety, parking etc. – everyone agreed to contemplate solutions and schedule discussion at a future meeting
- Request from Shellfish committee regarding reallocation of commercial license was granted

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- none

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Solid Waste Committee	Thursday January 13	7pm ZOOM
Energy Working Group	Monday January 17	7pm ZOOM
TOPMB	Tuesday January 18	4pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday January 19	7pm HYBRID
First Church Steering Committee	Thursday January 20	7pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday January 25	7pm HYBRID
Recreation Committee	Tuesday February 1	7pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday February 2	7pm HYBRID
Shellfish Committee	Thursday February 3	7pm Town Office

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday January 24, 5pm

AOS 98 Budget Hearing Tuesday February 8th in Boothbay

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
02/06/2022	Recreation Committee Skating		
02/08/2022	AOS 98 Notice for Budget Hearing		

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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