

**ATTENDING:** Ruth Adams, Teri Anderson, Bob Axelsen, Emil Braley, Pete Childs, Doug Hubbard, Bonnie Lord Laughlin, Tammy Ramsdell, Chairperson.

**Absent:** Franz Jongerden, Calvin Lewis.

A quorum was present.

**Attending from the Town:** Selectmen Ray Cullen, Darryl Hubbard, Bruce Rozett.

Tammy convened the meeting at 7:10PM and invited all present to salute the flag. Minutes of Meeting of Oct. 8, 2013: Doug moved to accept, Pete seconded, and all voted to accept.

**Budget Requests 2014:**

**Moy Mo Da Yo Recreational Oversight Committee**

**\$19,800**

Howard Allen presented his request for \$19,800 for MMDY. \$19,000 will be for construction of the boat ramp, \$550 will be for accessories for the kayaks, \$250 will be for the purchase of a ladder for the float. Howard explained that although \$19,550 was appropriated by the Town for 2013 that only about \$6150 of this was spent (for engineering for the boat ramp, including permits); the balance, about \$13,400, has gone back to the General Fund.

Howard gave information about other aspects of the MMDY Recreational Area, none of which will require town appropriations other than boat excise fees. For beach operations, MMDY account #5900, a total of \$10,373 is projected to be spent in 2014 (for the RV host, part-time attendant, electricity, publicity, maintenance, etc.); of this, only boat excise fees comes from town money. The rest comes from gate receipts (canoe rentals, area use fees, season pass sales).

As for the summer recreation program, MMDY account #5920: Howard said this is self-funded; no tax payer dollars are involved. MMDY will request a Narragansett grant to keep the costs of camp lower in 2014 (\$80 per child per week) than in 2013 (\$100 per child per week). Discounts are given for multiple child families and for kids that go all summer.

Discussion ensued about MMDY projects and programs. The boat ramp construction is currently on hold because it turned out to be more expensive than anticipated. Boat ramp construction would have cost a minimum of \$145,000. We hope to build the ramp next year; it will be a 75%/25% split with federal funding; the Town would pay for 25%. Bonnie asked what Town funds would make up the Town's 25%, which would be about \$38,000. Howard said that there will easily be enough money considered to be Town funds to equal \$38,000, including: 1) an available \$10,000 grant we didn't spend; 2) another \$10,000 grant, 3) about \$3000 remaining from another grant; 4) a commitment from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a \$30,000 grant that will roll over to 2014. Howard will know in December 2013 or January 2014 if the federal funding will be available. If the federal money falls through, the boat ramp construction project will not go forward, Howard said.

Discussion of the boat ramp itself: Each dock section is 16 feet long and 6 feet wide; they bolt together and float. At the end of March Howard will file a report with Narragansett Number One Foundation regarding the purchase of these sections.

Tammy asked about cutting the trees for the boat ramp. Howard said we aren't going to cut them until spring so that we don't cut a nice forest needlessly if the whole project falls through.

Darryl asked if the program had trouble getting campers down there this year: Howard said they did.

Tammy asked if MMDY has programs that help subsidize some campers? Howard said yes, there is a program for Limington kids. Also there is a private subsidy program from the Friends of MMDY Inc.. which pays for 14 children to go to camp for up to

2 weeks each child in a summer.

Bob asked about grading the MMDY road. Bruce said the town can grade the road even though it is a private road because state law says that if we have a public easement on the road the Town can spend town funds to maintain the road. The Town spends this money from General Highway; we can identify how much is spent on the MMDY road but it isn't detailed out in the end of year General Highway detail. We spent about \$500 of gravel and a few hours of labor for grading; these costs came from General Highway.

Tammy asked about p.1 of Howard's hand-out; why are there question marks next to gate receipts and season pass sales? Howard said the total of \$11,594.60 was the correct total income for beach operations; which part of this total came from gate receipts or season pass sales wasn't broken out.

<b>Fire/EMS Department</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>\$34,775.00</b>
	<b>EMS</b>	<b>\$53,525.00</b>

Michael Hartford, Chief, directed the committee to p. 15 of his handout. The future projected capital improvement cited here has already been approved (special town meeting a few months ago); "a little over \$160,000" for the new ambulance.

EMS operations were up slightly last year, Fire Department operations were down. Requests:

1. EMS \$53, 525.00
2. Fire \$34, 775.00
2. \$25,000 to be placed in a reserve account for the future purchase of ambulance/fire apparatus. Next projected need for Engine One replacement is \$250,000 in 2017 - 2020. Next projected need for Rescue 2 replacement is \$175,000 in 2018 - 2020.
4. Compensate volunteer firefighters at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for a major incident or incident exceeding 8 hours' duration. Chief Hartford said this rarely happens. Funding to be taken from surplus up to \$10,000 only as required to meet the needs of a major event and only upon approval of the Selectmen.
5. Dispatching and communication; \$26,000. Discussion about whether this is the exact amount needed; no agreement at this time.
6. \$6,000 for matching grant amounts if awarded a Rural Fire Protection Maine Forest Service grant 50/50 match. Actual expenditure is \$3,000 but we would have to spend \$6000 up front.
7. Up to \$20,000 in 5% matching grants if awarded a U.S. Fire Grant for Health and Safety: 5% town funds, 95% federal share. This will pay for hydraulic rescue tool replacement. Present hydraulic rescue tools are over 30 years old now and can't be rebuilt. The cost of replacement will be about \$64,000; Mike submits his grant request by Dec. 5; the Town's share would be \$3600. Mike suggests that we talk about this at Town Meeting only if we get the grant.
8. Up to \$10,000 for Stipend Compensation of firefighters at \$500.00 each for completion of trainings and meetings.
9. To abolish the Medical Reimbursement funding system as a separate account. Allow for all EMS funds to be deposited to the General Fund.
10. \$40,000 to cover the cost of volunteer EMS stipends. This is paid monthly.
11. To raise \$120,000.00 to pay per diem personnel for day shift coverage of Fire EMS calls. This is paid weekly.

Mike said if we can get volunteers that's great but we can't get enough now so we have to pay for per diem personnel. In response to questions, Bruce said we will not overspend the general EMS appropriations this year even if we overspend from the Medical Billing account because we will shift money from other accounts within the EMS department if needed; moving money between accounts in a department is OK without a new vote. Emil asked how we rate in getting grants. Mike said he doesn't know; Emil said we should be lucky we get the grants that Mike pursues. Mike said if you have to cut the budget you could close Coventry. Emil asked about ISO rating. Mike said it hasn't been done since 2000. We need numbers of gallons and personnel for ISO rating and the truck that is at Coventry does have a lot of water. Bob said do we really need Coventry. Mike said it is costly but both Mike



Services and to put the balance into the General Fund. Tammy asked to clarify how we announce Special Town Meetings; that we should do it in a timely manner and that the announcement for the Special Town Meeting last month had been in the Shopping Guide a few weeks before that meeting, which was too long a time-frame. Bruce said Shopping Guide is not the only venue for notification of meetings but that a notice of the meeting was intended to be put in the Shopping Guide the week before that meeting.

The Committee voted on the following proposed articles for the Dec. 5 Special Town Meeting:

2. Article 2 to put \$11,677.27 of the settlement money of \$22,000 into the Legal Services account. The balance will go to the General Fund. Vote 8-0. in favor.

3. Article 3 to transfer \$10,237.02 from EcoMaine assessment, which was over-estimated in last year's budget, to Curbside Contract, which was underestimated. Vote 8-0 in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pete moved, Bob seconded to adjourn at 9:03PM. Vote 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Lord Laughlin, Secretary