

# *The Beaver Island Association*

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## **Beaver Island Association Board Meeting Minutes** **Igoe's House, 26145 Carlisle Road** **Wednesday, September 9, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.**

Board Members present: Pam Grassmick, Bob Anderson, Andy Kohls, Peter Igoe, Jim Jones, Bob Tidmore, Mark Engelsman, Taffy Raphael (telephone call in).

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

### **1. Island Institute project.**

- a. The Maine Island Institute personnel will arrive on Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> on the 2:30 p.m. Island Airways flight (air transport donated by Island Airways).
- b. Pam will organize tours of Beaver Island to visit important facilities. CMU has donated a 15 passenger van and Pam will drive.
- c. Pam reviewed the schedule for the open house September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3-6 p.m. at the BI Community Center. Pam will update the schedule and distribute and it will be made part of these minutes.
- d. The format will be round tables of about 10 persons; each table to include a note taker and a spokesperson (Bob Anderson to organize). We are expecting 70 people but can accommodate as many as 100.
- e. The meeting will be covered on video by Joe Moore. Kevin Boyle will organize WBVI radio interviews with as many participants as possible.
- f. Peter Igoe will make a short intro and then turn over to Pam.
- g. Jim Jones will distribute a list of "thought starters" to get the table discussions underway.
- h. Ideas from the table groups will be posted on flip charts, discussed and prioritized according to significance. We are looking for a final list of a relatively small number of **actionable** ideas.
- i. The role of the Island Institute participants will be mostly as observers at this stage. Once the actionable ideas are identified, it will be determined which Maine Islands have had similar issues/opportunities and these are the ones to be visited by the Beaver Island group of 5.
- j. It is important to have key island players attend this open house, including the local newspapers. Board members are encouraged to beat the bushes
- k. The Igoes will host a casual dinner afterwards at the Igoe home. Mark Engelsman has volunteered to assist. Ruth will be in touch! Pray for good weather.
- l. Mark Engelsman offered the use of bikes and kayaks to participants. Thank you Mark!
- m. Additional island tours and perhaps discussions will take place on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Maine Island Institute participants to depart at 5:00 p.m., via Island Airways.

**2. Emergency Services Thank-You Pig Roast (this Saturday at 5:00 p.m.)**

- a. Mark has the 100 pound pig ready to roast. Peter Igoe and Andy Kohls to be there at 4:15 to help Mark “pull pork” – a great learning experience!
- b. There is a sign-up sheet at ??????? for other dishes. Ruth plans to bring potato salad.
- c. Peter Igoe will make sure the Health Center staff knows it has been invited.
- d. Jim Jones will ask wife Judy to do an introductory “thank you”.

**3. Fall Newsletter update. See attached Board Meeting Agenda.**

- a. Patrick McGinnity is hereby asked to do an article on the Island Institute project.
- b. Peter Igoe will ask Kitty McNamara to do an article on the resolution of the St. James finance issues; article to include results of the audit, magnitude of the financial shortfall, and steps being undertaken to prevent recurrence and to resolve the dollar shortfall.
- c. Peter Igoe will attempt to get next year budget info from the Township Supervisors, and the BI Community School board; along with data on changes in Beaver Island property assessments over the last year.

**4. EMS summary**

- a. There was a lengthy discussion of the various issues surrounding Beaver Island Emergency Services and the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.
- b. Jim Jones agreed to draft a summary letter to the ESA board and the Health Center Board detailing critical priorities. This letter should be carefully reviewed by BIA board members and comments sent to Jim. The letter will not be sent until the Island Institute project is well underway to avoid spillover controversy.
- c. Jim will undertake continuing dialog with Lynn Jenks, CEO of the Charlevoix Area Hospital and its Executive Director, Chelsea Townsend.

**5. BIA Website**

- a. Bob Anderson will review the BIA website and let Jim Jones know of missing information, if any.

**Agenda attached below on the next page**

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**Island Institute Project Beaver Island Meeting planning session (Pam Grassmick)**

**Pig Roast (Sept. 12th, 5 p.m.) for Health Providers plans (Bob Tidmore)**

**Status of EMS research (Jim Jones) and identified priorities; next steps**

**Fall Newsletter Articles (target pub date – October 30, 2015)**

- Island Institute Project (Pam Grassmick)
- Pig Roast (Bob Tidmore)
- EMS research (Jim Jones)
- Fall Pelagic tour (BIBT) (Pam Grassmick/Beth Leuck)
- Marina Reservations (Peter Igoe)
- St. James Financials (Kitty McNamara)
- Property Taxes update (Peter Igoe)
- Beach Clean-up 2015 (Ken McDonald)
- WBVI radio update (Kevin Boyle)
- BICS update (Taffy Raphael)
- Phragmites treatment & status of Administrator position (Cindy Ricksgers)
- Waterways Trail update (Pam Grassmick)