

ISLAND CURRENTS

Beaver Island Association Special Newsletter - December 2015

Supporting Environmental & Economic Sustainability

Special Report: Joint Project of the Island Institute (Maine), Beaver Island Association, and the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes

Overview The project is a joint effort of The Island Institute (Maine), the Office of Great Lakes (Jon Allan, Director) and The Beaver Island Association to establish a collaborative network among the Beaver Island community in Michigan and one or more of the unbridged island communities in Maine and, eventually, other islands in the Great Lakes. The objective is to identify actions to improve island prosperity including: education, health care, tourism, transportation, communication, the economy and the environment. Project members will explore the potential to collaborate with other Great Lakes and Maine island communities. It is the goal of the project to serve as a springboard for long-term, broader collaboration. The Maine Island Institute and the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes will provide programmatic, technical, and logistical support. The Project will be funded by the three collaborating organizations, and in-kind donations by a number of private individuals and businesses.

The initial stages of the project were:

I. A Maine Island Institute project team visited Beaver Island from September 21-24, 2015. The team met with various community members and then toured all of our major public facilities including the Health Center, Community School, and the CMU Biological station.

II. A Community Open House, was held at the Beaver Island Community Center, Tuesday, September 22nd, 3-6:00 p.m. The Open House was attended by approximately 75 island residents. Jon Allan, Director, Office of the Great Lakes and Matt Preisser, Lake Michigan coordinator kicked off the meeting. They were followed by two representatives from the Island Institute (Maine) who described in detail the kinds of projects in which the Island Institute has been successfully involved over the years. After the presentations, island participants broke into small groups tasked with the objective of identifying key areas for programs to improve island life. At the end of the Open House, each small group presented its priorities for improvements and these ideas were then posted to determine which ideas had the greatest support from the entire group. The results in order of priority were:

1. Establishing broadband connectivity for the internet, available to all businesses, households,

BICS and health care organizations; along with good island wide cell phone coverage;

2. Island health care and emergency services;

3. Maintaining and improving the quality of K-12 education;

4. Assuring the availability of affordable housing for the island workforce;

5. Effectively marketing Beaver Island as a wonderful place to live and work.

III. On November 9th to the 13th, the Beaver Island Program team (Kitty McNamara, Ernie Martin, Patrick McGinnity, Pam Grassmick, and Bill McDonough) visited the islands of Islesboro and Vinalhaven, Maine. A report on that trip by Patrick McGinnity follows.

The Maine Island Institute is a non-profit founded in 1983 with a goal of ensuring balanced use and a healthy future for the islands and waters of the Gulf of Maine. It has a staff of 41 full time and 4 part time employees, and 10 Island Fellows who live and work in communities. The Institute's priorities are developed in collaboration with island residents and its 22-member Board of Trustees. It has a membership of 4,500.

Its mission is to work to sustain Maine's island and remote coastal communities and to exchange ideas and experiences to further the sustainability of communities there and elsewhere. Its staff is engaged in environmental protection, island energy efficiency and cost reductions, parental support and distance learning in local schools, documenting and creating school curriculum regarding island agricultural history, health awareness in substance abuse, aging in place, fitness and nutrition, building a directory of resources for island professionals, building a website to increase awareness and transparency in town government in collaboration with the Town Selectmen, working with the local Fire & Rescue Departments to create resource maps for hydrants and other emergency locations, helping to streamline administrative operations and to develop a community safety awareness program.

November 27, 2015 report by Patrick McGinnity following the Beaver Island team visit to Maine, November 9-13, 2015.

An ambitious knowledge exchange was recently initiated by the Beaver Island Association in collaboration with the Office of Great Lakes and Maine's Island Institute. Once funding was secured through the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, The Comer Foundation Fund, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, an Open House was held this past September at the Community Center for the purpose of explaining the proposed exchange between Beaver Island and selected Maine islands and gathering community input. During the well-attended Open House, The Beaver Island community identified many issues for which the island might benefit from other islands' experience. The list was narrowed down to the top five key issues that a team of Beaver Islanders traveling to Maine islands should explore, which included: broadband and cellular service, quality K-12 education, health care and EMS, an improved marketing plan, and affordable workforce housing. Accordingly, a diverse group of Beaver Islanders recruited by the Beaver Island Association board undertook the trip to pursue those issues. The itinerary and the islands the group would visit were chosen by the Island Institute in response to the issues identified by the community during the Open House.

The morning of our departure dawned clear and bright as four of our five-member team boarded our first flight of the day at Island Airways. The drive from Charlevoix flew by thanks, to the lively conversation. After passing through TSA screening, we rendezvoused with our fifth team member inside the terminal. Boarding began shortly, and we were off to LaGuardia for our connecting flight to Maine. Those of us on the left side of the plane (not the author) were lucky enough to get a picture-perfect view of Lady Liberty as we made our approach. My own first glimpse of New York was incredible; the sheer scope of the place boggles my mind. I have to admit to being relieved that this was not our final destination.

We arrived in Portland, ME in full darkness, though the sunset over the Western Maine Mountains had been amazing from the air. We picked up our rental car, and with Pam at the wheel, we set out for Camden, where we'd be meeting the other two Michiganders (Jon Allan and Matt Preisser of the Office of the Great Lakes) for dinner along with some of the Island Institute folks.

Even in the darkness, Camden was a picture perfect costal town, with a timeless downtown following the curve of its busy harbor. Upstairs at Cappy's, a nautically-themed pub and restaurant, we met up with Jon and Matt, both of whom had arrived in Maine earlier in the day. Our hosts from the Island Institute were Karen Burns, the Community Development Director, and Briana Warner, the Economic Development Director.

Dinner that evening marked the real beginning of our exploratory adventure to the Maine islands. Over a scrumptious variety of seafood, we discussed the economic situation of the area, learning that lobster truly is king in the area, but also that the creatures have been migrating steadily north and east along the coast as water conditions change. At the moment, Vinalhaven is the epicenter of the industry, but everyone is aware that a fishery is a dynamic thing and that there may well come a time when the lobster numbers in the area drop off, and the island communities will likely have to reinvent themselves economically in order to survive. Sound familiar?

When fishing ceased to be the main economic driver here on Beaver Island, some forward-thinking individuals saw that tourism would one day have to support most of our economy. Over the years, we have become more and more dependent on tourists, and have decades of experience dealing with the delicate balancing act between remaining an insular community with a limited and primarily local economy and becoming something like an amusement park that practically shuts down as soon as the flow of visitors slows in the fall. Many in the Maine islands are looking ahead to the planning decisions that will have to be made to help their islands too find and maintain that balance.

We stayed that night (and the next) in delightfully appointed log cabins at the Point Lookout resort. Early the first morning in Maine, we started the day with a visit to the top of the mountain for a sunrise look out over the islands. Penobscot Bay spread out below us with Islesboro, our destination for the day, straight ahead. Further to the south, Vinalhaven (the second island we would visit) was easy to pick out by its trio of wind turbines. After breakfast at Dot's in Lincolnville, we assembled at the Lincolnville ferry dock to buy our tickets and wait for our ship to come in.

All of the island ferries are operated as part of the Maine State Ferry Service, and so the actual docks are all set up in a similar fashion and the ferries themselves are largely interchangeable. Truth be told, the vessel itself reminded me more of the Ironton Ferry or the ferry that services Arranmore than of our BIBCO boats. Passengers with cars drive their own vehicles on and off, and stay in the vehicle or not as they prefer. Like the Ironton Ferry, these boats are "drive through" vessels, which dock with alternating ends to allow vehicles to drive on and off without the necessity of going in reverse.

The trip to Islesboro was quite short, twenty minutes or so, and the weather was such that our cadre of Michiganders and Institute guides enjoyed the trip (and the view) from the open deck. Walking off the boat, we were met by Shay Conover, Vice President of Programs for the Institute and Islesboro resident. We piled into a van for a brief driving tour of the island before our visit to the Islesboro Central School.

Islesboro is located approximately three miles off the coast and boasts over 600 year-round residents. The narrow, 14 mile-long island was first settled by fishermen and farmers. In the late 1800s and early 1900s a summer colony was established there by wealthy northeasterners. Today, the economy could best be described as a "caretaker economy." That is, most of the year-round, working islanders are involved in the some aspect of caretaking for the vacation homes and estates owned by the likes of John Travolta and Kirstie Alley. There is also a certain amount of lobstering, of course, and the school and local government also employ a number of people. Real tourism appeared to be almost nonexistent on Islesboro, as evidenced by the lack of restaurants, bars and gift shops.

While visiting their beautiful K-12 school, we got to see some of the things our own community has in common with Islesboro, as well as some of the differences. Of course, one of the quintessential issues with island schools is enrollment. Islesboro has come up with a fairly novel way to keep enrollment numbers fairly steady. To start with, Islesboro Central School is a Magnet school; its high-quality programs draw students from the mainland. These students commute over and back each day, and have host families on the island should they ever find themselves stuck overnight. With such a short ferry trip, it makes sense for the school to bring students from the mainland to keep enrollment high enough to maintain the wide variety of programs they offer. Of the ninety or so students enrolled each year, nearly twenty are typically magnet students. For purposes of comparison, Islesboro Central School employs 11 full-time staff members, 4 part-time teachers, 2 administrative assistants, and 2 ed. techs. The principal is one of those staff members, but the superintendent is only part time and commutes from the mainland.

Our next stop was the Islesboro Community Center for a tour followed by lunch at the Center's Rabbit Corner Café. The Community Center has a story not unlike our own. Established to replace a town hall (think Holy Cross Hall) that had served the role of a community center from the 1850s until it was sold off in the 1980s, the community center started with a drive to reclaim what had traditionally been a public space, and in 2005 the organization purchased the Town Hall back in order to include it in the planned Community Center as a link between the past and the future. Sounds kind of like the story behind our own Community Center, doesn't it? One area where theirs differs from ours is that part of their mission is to promote community health, and to that end the center has a large and well-equipped fitness center. Another difference is that while our Community Center has an emphasis on being a visitor center and therefore cater to the needs of tourists, they are focused primarily on residents, though interestingly their mission statement does include that the Community Center work to "help attract to the island (and retain) young year-round families who are the strength and future of this

island." Our subsequent discussion over sandwiches in the café dovetailed nicely with that idea.

For lunch, we were joined by Islesboro Affordable Property's Rick Rogers. He explained that as far back as the late 1980s, residents both year round and seasonal recognized the growing need for affordable housing on their island. Just like on Beaver Island, finding a weekly rental on Islesboro can be relatively straightforward, while finding a home to rent year round is not. Much of Islesboro is developed in multi-million dollar estates and summer homes, and while there are many homes empty through the winter, the vast majority are not available for rent. Others might be available for nine months out of the year, but a tenant would have to move out for the summer months. Purchasing or building a home in such a community is likewise often beyond the reach of many members of the working, year-round community (who are the EMTs, firefighters, etc.), as the finite number of properties and desirability of islands for vacation homes drives property prices out of their range. In order to maintain a viable year-round community, it was decided, some properties had to be kept available in a significantly lower price range. Enter Islesboro Affordable Property, a nonprofit corporation intended to help residents find affordable, decent housing. They buy and build homes that they then rent out or else sell with restrictions. We heard from Rick about both the successes and the challenges of running such an organization.

Following lunch we cruised over to the Town Office to meet with Islesboro Town Officials. Archibald Gillies, the Chair of the Board of Selectmen, along with Janet Anderson, the town manager, and Page Clason, a consultant working on the Islesboro Broadband Initiative. We discussed a variety of issues, ranging from deer tick control to, of course, broadband.

Some fundamental differences to note when discussing how Maine towns (think townships) function include: More centralized administration and more direct voter participation in the process of governance. While Islesboro has an elected Board of Selectmen, it also has a town manager, a full-time administrator who also serves as the Town Clerk (responsible some duties our Secretary of State offices handle) as well as the Registrar of Voters. Departments that report to the town manager in Islesboro include the library, the health center, the school, and a museum. In addition, the town has a Public Safety department (includes fire, EMS, Law Enforcement) and a Public Works department (includes roads and transfer station). The other major difference from our own local governmental structure is that rather than electing board members to make decisions in place of the electorate, Maine towns hold town meetings where registered voters in attendance can vote on everything from whether to approve the school or town budget to whether or not the Selectmen deserve a raise.

One major topic of discussion when we visited the Town Building was the Town's initiative to bring high-speed broadband internet access to Islesboro. When all is said and done, they will have the fastest internet in the state, and the town will own the infrastructure itself. They see it as key to attracting and retaining educated young people, including graduates of their own school who've gone out and completed college, who might want to work remotely or run an internet-dependent business. Obviously, their proximity to the mainland makes laying fiber optic cable more feasible than it would be for us, but they also worked it out so that it will be put in when the power company replaces their underwater cable from the mainland, thereby defraying some of the initial cost.

Following the meeting in the Town Office, we visited the preschool located upstairs. One thing both islands we visited are committed, in addition to K-12 education, is the education of kids in the 0-5 age group. This focus helps ensure that every kindergartener enters school fully prepared to begin formal schooling and that any developmental challenges are identified as early as possible. There appeared to be some overlap between the function of these preschools as schools and their role as daycares, which enable parents to work without

worrying about babysitters. This dual purpose seems to further both the school's mission to educate and the town's goal to attract young families, many of whom rely on two incomes. As an example of the islands' commitment to early childhood education, Islesboro had just purchased a property on which to build a new preschool building adjacent to the Town Office.

Our return trip to the mainland was for us, perhaps, a bit quieter, as we had a lot to think about. It was however, a good deal more crowded as we departed on the last ferry of the day (a 4:30 departure). The boat was loaded with school kids, and not just the commuters. There appeared to be a basketball game on the mainland scheduled for that evening—like our kids do, the team would be spending the night at the school they were visiting. As the crowd of kids flooded down the ramp and up the long dock, it suddenly felt like these could almost be our own students, off to Grand Marais or Mackinac for weekend games. The Maine islands often felt oddly foreign—what with ocean tides, the different governmental structures, and the occasionally thick accents—and yet also reassuringly familiar. It was, I think, the very "islandness" that made us feel at home, no matter how different their communities may have seemed from ours on the surface.

Reflections by Karen Burns, of the Island Institute, on the Beaver Island team visit to Maine. *Islanders are Islanders: Five lessons from Great Lakes visitors.* The top five Things I Learned from Beaver Islanders' visit to Maine.

Beaver Island, Michigan is one of 26 year round island communities in the Great Lakes. It is 32 miles offshore and requires a 2 1/2 hour ferry ride or 15 minute flight in a small plane. This month, the Island Institute hosted an information exchange with five guests from Beaver Island and two guests from the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes. Prior to their visit, residents of Beaver Island identified five priority areas for their island communities' sustainability. During their visit, the Beaver Island delegation focused on learning what Maine islands are doing to address these very issues. The list was strikingly familiar to those of us working at the Island Institute: economic diversification (including broadband), K-12 education, marketing/tourism and emergency services.

This collaboration and sharing of information will continue into the spring, when a group of Maine islanders will visit Beaver Island to gain new insights. Although they were here to learn from us in this leg of the exchange, I was amazed at what the experience of having Beaver Islanders visit my island home, Vinalhaven, taught me.

1. Islanders love islands. As an island resident, I am constantly hosting visitors who are having their first experience with island logistics. During these visits, I

often find myself apologizing. I'm sorry that the ferry was late (or not running!); I'm sorry that the store closed so early; I'm sorry that we don't have any choices for take-out tonight. While hosting the Beaver Islanders, I made a startling realization: the things that others find inconvenient, they find comforting. One of the Beaver Islanders walked off the boat on Vinalhaven and said, "Now, this is more like it." By the end of the day, he had planned a return trip with his family. It's a fact that islanders like to visit other islands. We ask ourselves, how is it done there? How do we compare? What can we learn? Although each island is different, islanders are naturally at home on islands.

2. Islanders love islanders. I warned the Beaver Island guests that Mainers were not 'warm and fuzzy' like Midwesterners. I told them not to expect too warm of a welcome as outsiders venturing into our community. Boy, was I wrong. As soon as island residents heard that these particular visitors lived on a more remote island than ours, the classic New England freeze melted. They were welcomed, warmly, into homes, businesses and offices. One of the Beaver Islanders found himself in the wheelhouse of the ferry, and inside the back room of the grocery store; places many year-rounders have yet to visit. Islanders immediately recognized the shared experience.

3. It is so important to see your home through someone else's eyes. As an islander, I find myself getting bogged down in the controversy that surrounds so many of our institutions. I worry so much about the school population that I forget what a gift it is to have

teachers who truly know and love our students and the benefits to working in small classes. I worry about the sustainability of our medical services and I forget how lucky we are to have trained medical personnel close by and on call 24 hours a day. I get so frustrated by the never ending politics surrounding the town that I forget what a privilege it is to be able to attend a local meeting and have your individual voice and concerns heard. The Beaver Islanders had all of the same concerns, yet I could see from the outside how lucky they were. They were blessed with the same small school, dedicated medical personnel and locally controlled town government. Showing other islanders what we have come to expect forced me to hold a mirror to my own community and appreciate all that we both have.

4. Every island is different, but island politics and pride are universal.

It is very difficult to bring someone from the outside into our community and explain how certain projects have flourished or struggled based on personalities and history. There was no shock or judgment when it was revealed to the Beaver

Charlevoix County Community Foundation support.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) has been a major supporter of the Island Institute program. Their grant of \$4,025 came entirely from the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund, which is endowed and can be added to at any time by anyone. The purpose of the fund is to support those in need, and other projects and programs that enrich the lives of Beaver Island resident's now and in the future. A portion

Islanders that a single personality, connection or conflict could change the course of a town, for better or for worse; instead there was a nod of understanding. There was no need to explain the pride that we take in each of our children, even the ones not related to us, and how a successful basketball season or community theater production can change the tone of a winter. I never once had to say, "It's an island thing." They simply understood.

5. We have a lot to learn from each other.

From straightforward solutions such as how to best get rid of garbage, to complex issues such as the education around Lyme disease and substance abuse, islanders have a lot to learn from each other. In the four days that we were together, there was a constant exchange of questions, ideas and a shared history. Hours of debriefing with the Beaver Islanders led to rich conversations about the future of all of our communities. These strangers to our island knew us so well and taught us so much in a short period of time. I can only imagine what continued collaboration could bring us.

of the fund is used for the grants awarded twice a year, through the CCCF's grant cycles. An advisory committee comprised of Beaver Island residents reviews the grants and make recommendations on which agencies receive the grants, and how much they will receive. A letter from "Chip" Hansen communicating the grant award follows. The BIA is very, very grateful! BIA members are encouraged to support the CCCF in its worthwhile endeavors.



Mr. Peter Igoe, President
Beaver Island Association
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November 18, 2015

Dear Peter:

It is my pleasure to confirm that the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) Board of Trustees approved a grant to the Beaver Island Association, pursuant to the October 1, 2015 grant cycle. A summary of the grant follows:

Grant Purpose: for travel costs for the Island Institute program

Grant Amount: \$4,025.00

Special Conditions: Final reports due

Please contact us when you start incurring expenses and are ready to receive the check. Note that by endorsing the check, you are agreeing to the conditions stated herein. Violation of the conditions could result in termination of the grant, and a request to return all or part of the grant funds. Modifications of these terms must be requested by you in writing.

The Beaver Island Association agrees to:

1. Use the grant only for the purpose stated in your grant application.
2. Publicize this award from the CCCF using at least one of the following methods: in your newsletter; on your website; on Facebook; on printed posters and/or brochures; in verbal announcements at events or programs; or with a press release to the local media. A copy of your efforts to publicize the award must be included in your Final Report.
3. Submit your Final Report on or before the end of the grant period, December 1, 2016, using the Final Report Form found at www.c3f.org. For the Financial Report, complete the Project Budget Reporting Form from your original grant proposal.

Thank you for partnering with the CCCF to make your organization's program or project a reality to benefit the residents of Charlevoix County. On behalf of the CCCF Board of Trustees, we extend our best wishes to you for a successful project.

Sincerely, R.A. "Chip" Hansen, Jr., President

Next Steps Patrick's excellent recap of one island visit illustrates the immense opportunity that the Maine trip provided. We shared ideas and had in-depth discussions on some of our island's most pressing issues. Despite the geographical distance and changes in topography, islanders are islanders and we have much in common. The Island Institute is embedded in everyday island life and functions. It impressed us as an important professional life line for Maine islands.

The question has been repeatedly asked, "After you've visited the Maine islands and returned with some ideas- now what?"

The next steps in this project continue to unfold for 2016. A series of articles are being written to explain the Maine trip and capture thoughts from the exchange as it pertains to our island. Contacts are taking place between Maine islanders and Beaver islanders seeking out further information on specific issues. A winter meeting is being planned for late January to bring the five Beaver Islanders together to discuss the Maine islands' trip and allow for questions from the public. This group was tasked with bringing information back to our community related to (more information will follow):

1. Establish broadband internet connectivity along with good island wide cell phone coverage: Islesboro will have the fastest internet in the state, and the town will own the infrastructure itself. They see it as key to attracting and retaining educated young people who might want to work remotely or run an internet-dependent business.

2. Improve Island health care and emergency services: The Islesboro Community Center differs from ours in that part of their mission is to promote community health, and to that end the center has a large and well-equipped fitness center. More information on Rural Health will be in the next installment.

3. Maintain and improve the quality of K-12 education: To increase enrollment, Islesboro Central School is a Magnet school; its high-quality programs draw students from the mainland. They commute each day whereas BICS would need to board them. Preschool, located in the Town Offices, educates 0-5 year-old kids to ensure kindergarteners are prepared for formal schooling. Preschools also act as daycare enabling both parents to work furthering the town's goal to attract young families.

4. Increase the availability of affordable housing for the island workforce: Islesboro Affordable Property is a nonprofit corporation that helps residents find affordable, decent housing. To maintain a viable year-round

community, some properties are kept available in a significantly lower price range. Purchasing or building a home in Maine island communities is often beyond the reach of many year-round workers (e.g., EMTs, firefighters, etc.), as desirability of islands for vacation homes drives property prices out of their range.

5. Market Beaver Island as a wonderful place to live and work: Maine Island's marketing objective is to increase permanent residents. While our Community Center caters to tourists, Islesboro's community center focuses primarily on residents, and works to "help attract to the island (and retain) young year-round families who are the strength and future of this island."

The Beaver Island team has met informally to discuss potential opportunities while they are fresh on our minds. A similar meeting will be held during the summer to allow for seasonal residents to become further involved in the process. Presently, we are reviewing funding options to continue the conversations between Beaver Island, the Island Institute, and the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes (OGL). Careful use of the initial Comer grant allows for professional staff time from the OGL and the Island Institute for action steps and planning.

BIA is pleased to announce being the recipient of a grant recently awarded from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The funding will be used to fly two Maine islanders and two Island Institute staff back to Beaver Island for a community meetings in the spring. The Maine islanders will be chosen based on identified needs of their island communities. This meeting will allow the Maine islanders to associate with island businesses and organizations. An additional open house will explore Island Institute programs in-depth.

The Beaver Island Association board believes that Beaver Island has much to celebrate and share. We hope you join us as we discuss the future of our island community and elevate those discussions to funding proposals and active projects.

Other longer range discussions outside of Beaver Island projects might include: Could Great Lakes islands use the Maine's Island Institute as a template for coordination of efforts and ideas? Are there opportunities to support a Great Lakes Island Fellows program? What would a Great Lakes Islands Collaborative look like? Would there be value in providing an inventory of Great Lakes island success stories for other islands? Are there other common island issues to be explored and solved? Pam Grassmick

For an informative live discussion of the Island Institute project, visit our own WVBI radio:

<http://bit.ly/1LRqPBq>

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. The Beaver Island Association is an organization of dedicated volunteers who seek to represent the interests of all residents and visitors on Beaver Island. From Phragmites and other invasive species control, to township governance, to support of the Community School, and everything in between, the BIA is working to support environmental and economic sustainability. If you have friends or neighbors who are not members, send the BIA their names and addresses and we will send them a copy of this newsletter.

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If you do not see your name as an active member in the preceding list, please consider joining to support our efforts and to continue to receive the BIA newsletter. Our membership year runs from July 1 to the following June 30. Please join us by sending a check for \$20 to Bob Anderson, Treasurer, The Beaver Island Association, PO Box 390, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

*******Yes, please renew our Beaver island Association membership for 2015-2016 *******

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