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Report for Meeting of April 4, 2024

Perhaps the rain of the last week of March will get things out of the way for a warm and sunny spring and summer. Perhaps not. We have lots of daffodils and crocus poking their stems out of the front garden areas, perhaps a little afraid to show themselves yet. When they do, it should be very nice. Our thanks to Iris Simon and crew who planted them last fall.

The Flattop 5K is supposed to be this Saturday morning. It's not supposed to be very nice on Saturday morning. At least no one will get overheated!

It has been very busy since you last met. The sale of the nearly 2 acres and two dwellings on Map 3 Lot 2 has closed, and the check is in the bank. The gentleman who purchased the property plans to keep it residential and may look for another acre. He is starting a school to work with HCTC on building trades, and school staff would be living in the homes. He was very pleasant and is quite excited about the project.

Frenchman Bay Conservancy has purchased the parcel that had been proposed for the glampground project that was withdrawn following the moratorium that passed last August. There's a request from them on the agenda.

We've been short staffed in the office (just me) for much of the week as the norovirus has hit again. I am in hopes that Katie will be training in mid-April while I'm out of the office so that she can fill in on the counter.

Nathan will not be able to attend, so Vice Chair Gary will run the meeting.

[Minutes – March 21, 2024](#) – Please look over the minutes for corrections that might be needed. Written corrections are easiest for me.

[Expenditure Warrant 23](#) – This will be periodically updated on the website and printed for meeting night. As of this writing (Wednesday the 27th) there was less than \$3,000 on the warrant. It will grow (payroll, school expenditures).

[Checking Account Reconciliation](#) – I'll e-mail the files ahead of the meeting. It should be done on the 2nd or so.

[Quarterly Excise Tax Report](#) – This will be printed for your meeting. The quarter ends on Sunday the 31st.

TV System – The **[Tech Committee](#)** met last night and is in strong favor of the proposed TV system upgrade. The **[minutes](#)** of their meeting are in your packet. Justin Zinke said he would try to attend your meeting in case there are questions. I've reprinted the proposed project and those are in your packet as well.

Frenchman Bay Conservancy Request – FBC has purchased the property that had been proposed for a resort. An e-mail requesting a letter of support for potential donors is in your packet. I've asked if they might have a draft letter in mind, so we should be seeing that too. I was quite surprised to see this develop so quickly.

Draft Town Meeting Warrant – I might have an updated warrant depending on the Planning Board's action on the LD2003 amendments to the Building & Land Use Ordinance. The other non school budget item is what to do with the proceeds of the sale of a portion of Map 3 Lot 2. The check we received was for \$139,429.87. We have \$3,600.00 that was spent on the survey that probably should come off that. It was booked as a legal expense. That would leave \$135,829.87. The Community Center Fund contributed \$15,000 to the original purchase. Not sure if you wish to reimburse that fund, and apply the rest to the outstanding loan. Good topic for discussion.

FEMA-Storm Recovery – A representative from FEMA is coming on Tuesday to gather information on the December 18, 2023 storm. I spoke with him on the phone yesterday – there was a bit of a language barrier. We've already met with a FEMA team and they collected information at that time. I have no idea how the Federal Government operates, and no idea when we might see a check.

Brownfields – There's a memo in your packets about the EMDC Brownfields program. We have some property in town that might be good candidates for this.

Sweeping – I spoke with Tim Richardson of TGP Enterprises and he is willing to sweep again this year (was hoping to start last weekend, then winter hit!). He'll get back to me with a price, it'll be a bit higher than the previous years understandably.

Paving Plans – The town meeting approved paving for Asa's Lane and the Transfer Station. B&B Paving called recently and said they'd be willing to do our paving for the same price as last year. I told him that's something we have to put to bid. This is usually the best time of year to advertise for bids, and I would be happy to prepare a bid package for the 18th if you wish.

Board Chair/Dept Head Meeting – Jo suggested it would be good to schedule this.

Voting Booths – The Town of Hampden was giving away portable voting booths, much like the ones we currently have. I plan to get 5 more booths which will greatly increase our capacity on Election Day in November. (we still need more parking, they're not giving that away!). I'll have a thank you note for the town to sign.

Memorial Day Plans – I suggest we start planning in earnest for the event ASAP.

Next Meeting – As you might recall, I'll be out of town on vacation from April 10 through the 15th. Your meeting is on April 18th at 6:30 starting with an executive session. I will plan on having things prepared by the 9th.

All for now – see you the 4th.

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