

**Peaks Island Council
July 2013 Meeting Minutes (Approved)**

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 6:30pm
MacVane Community Center

Present: Eric Eaton, Ted Kelleher (Treasurer), Cheryl Miner (Vice-Chair), Mary Anne Mitchell, Marjorie Phyfe, Mike Sylvester (Chair)

Absent: Jimal Thundershield

I. Call to Order

Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

II. Police Report

Rob Lauterbach, senior police officer on Peaks, gave a police report and answered questions from the Council and the public. Topics covered included the frequency of patrols, fires on the back shore, parking enforcement in the long-term parking lot, and enforcement of the double parking ban in the traffic circle.

III. Presentation of Check to ITS

Mayor Brennan presented a check for \$20,000 to ITS (Island Transportation System). The \$20,000 was part of the budget presented by the PIC and approved by the City.

IV. Announcement of Replacement Fire Truck

The Mayor announced that a new-to-Peaks-Island fire truck had been brought to the island tonight, to replace the older one.

V. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief, Jerome LaMoria, covered 4 topics: 1) fire regulations (he asked that **if residents see a fire that they believe is in violation of the regulations, to please call/report it**); 2) today the Fire Dept replaced the 1983 fire truck with a 1989 model with 400 gallons of water and a 75 foot ladder; 3) an ambulance designed for island needs is estimated to arrive on Peaks in 4 to 5 months and will replace the current 1988 ambulance (he also noted that whenever the ambulance has to go to mainland, a spare ambulance is brought over); 4) the Fire Dept plans to make the Peaks firefighter an officer position (someone who will be able to provide an advanced level of care, and it will no longer be someone in marine division). Chief LaMoria then fielded questions from the public regarding the number of volunteer firefighters currently on the roll for Peaks (24); the rule change for fires; and the use of LifeLight, the emergency medicine helicopter.

VI. "Winter Rate" Car Ferry Tickets on Summer Wednesdays

Those in attendance were asked to fill out a short survey about the “Cheap Wednesdays” Car Ferry Ticket program currently running during the summer.

VII. Parking Manager’s Report

John Peverada, Parking Manager for the City, provided updates regarding spaces available at the Thames St. and Oceanside lots, and answered questions from the public regarding the following topics: number of parking spaces, and \$10 discount for islanders, in Casco Bay Garage; how the residential sticker program works; possibility of painting lines or other changes in Peaks long-term parking lot.

VIII. Mayor’s Report

The Mayor and his staff answered questions from the Council and public on a variety of issues including: water pressure to fight fires; water for community garden at Trott-Littlejohn Park; impact of the state budget on the City budget; local option sales tax; latex paint recycling/hazardous waste pick-up programs; process for handling commercial trash from island businesses; challenges with “fast track” permitting; City communications; afterschool programming.

IX. Maine Island Coalition

Ellen Mahoney raised the issue of who is representing Peaks on the Island Institute’s Maine Island Coalition. The PIC elected Councilor Mitchell to represent Peaks at a prior meeting. Mahoney indicated that she was not informed of Mitchell’s election and had not resigned from her position. The issue will be discussed at the next PIC meeting.

X. Need-Based Ferry Ticket Program Continuation

Councilor Kelleher moved that the PIC authorize him to disburse the remaining ferry tickets as part of the previously approved need-based ticket program. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

Kelleher moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Miner and passed unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS:

Councilor Kelleher: Disburse the remaining ferry tickets to the community organizations that are giving them out as part of the PIC’s need-based ticket program.