

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Business:

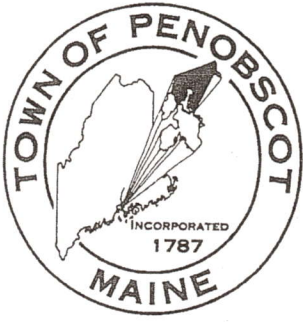
Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Discussed the upcoming Town Meeting. Everything is ready for the vote and the School & Town warrants.

Board signed a resolution for enrollment in the Community Resilience Partnership. Resolution (copy) attached to these minutes.

Received an email from Cindy Dane regarding the poor condition of the Dorr Road. Evidently the warm weather has caused traffic rutting of the unpaved surface, especially in front of 7 Dorr Rd. Rapp assigned to respond.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



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Resolution for Enrollment in the Community Resilience Partnership

WHEREAS the Climate Resilience Committee ("Committee") of the Town of Penobscot ("Town") has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held community workshops on October 13, 2022, November 10, 2022, and December 14, 2022 that focused on transitioning to cleaner heating and cooling and efficiency appliances in municipal buildings and included participation and advice by a representative of Efficiency Maine; and

WHEREAS the Committee subsequently concluded that the Town already had largely availed itself of energy retrofits and incentives from Efficiency Maine; and,

WHEREAS the Committee recognizes the negative impact of sea level rise, storm surge, heavy precipitation events, and astronomical high tides on vulnerable infrastructure within an important transportation corridor between Blue Hill and Castine as it crosses Mill Creek and its contiguous tidal marsh in Penobscot, i.e., State Route 175-199; and,

WHEREAS the Committee and Town's Selectmen turned their attention to the community's need to protect natural and working lands and waters in the Mill Creek Tidal Marsh habitat area in furtherance of Strategy Area E of *Maine Won't Wait*, which was the subject of site visits on January 5, 2023, and February 3, 2023 by community leaders and potential project partners, including the Maine Department of Transportation; a Select Board meeting on February 21; a Committee meeting on February 22, 2023, and a meeting by the Selectmen, Committee, community leaders and potential project partners on February 23, 2023; and,

WHEREAS as a result of those meetings the Committee has prioritized the following strategies from *Maine Won't Wait* as ways of enhancing stream water quality, marsh resilience, aquatic organism passage, habitat resilience, aquifer protection, public safety, public recreation, and accessibility to and appreciation of the natural and historic heritage of the Mill Creek watershed that flows from its source at Pierce's Pond, which lies below the Penobscot Community Forest on Wallamatogus Mountain, and drains into Northern Bay of the Bagaduce River, a tributary of Penobscot Bay, an inlet of the Gulf of Maine:

- E3 Create or update a watershed plan to identify flooding and water quality priorities and adaption outlines.
- E4 Develop a natural resource and habitat inventory that includes climate stressors and impacts

- E5 Conserve, revegetate and reconnect floodplains and buffers in riparian areas.
- E7 Implement a source water protection plan.
- E8 Adopt policies that prioritize natural, nature-based or ecologically enhanced shoreline protection for coastlines, rivers, and lakes.
- E9 Identify and protect sites for living shorelines and salt marsh migration areas.
- E10 Identify and protect open space in the floodplain to increase flood buffers and community resilience; and,

WHEREAS the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to towns for activities that increase community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals; and,

WHEREAS such Community Action Grants to towns with a population size of Penobscot do not require a local match; and,

WHEREAS enrollment in the Community Resilience Partnership will qualify the Town to seek a Community Action Grant in the next available grant round as a way of attracting support for the Mill Creek Tidal Marsh Resilience Project from federal and non-government sources of funding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Penobscot commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Penobscot designates its Climate Resilience Committee to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.

WITNESSETH this 28th day of February, 2023 by:

Harold Hatch

Harold Hatch
Selectman Chair

Phil Rapp

Phil Rapp
Selectman

Sara B. Leighton

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Selectman