

# Freeport Insider

What's going on at Planning Board, Coastal Waters, Sustainability, Council, etc. A weekly news source on issues of concern taken up at Town Hall .

**1 April 2024 No.24-13**

## **CORRECTIONS/UPDATE**

No report.

## **TOWN COUNCIL**

No meeting. Next meeting 2 April. Carter Becker lease at Porter's Landing to end?

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

No meeting. Hearing 1 April. Carter Becker again seeking a building permit.

## **BUDGET**

No meeting. Council meeting 9 April has five workshops scheduled: Shellfish, Complete Streets, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Coastal Waters Commission.

## **CENTRAL CORE DISTRICT WORKING GROUP**

No report. Awaiting Design Review RFP.

## **COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION**

No report. *Island Rover* launch may return to the agenda, probably not at next meeting 10 April. Council workshop 9 April.

## **COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE**

No report, next meeting 9 April, Council workshop same day.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

No meeting. Next meeting of Planning Board 3 April to receive Housing, Economy, and Natural and Water Resources inventories. *Logo and website appeared*. [See graphic.] Preview of Housing.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

No report. Next meeting 9 April, Council workshop same day.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Meeting 26 March discusses work plan for 2024, need for "a win," moving director to Town staff.

Bartol building open house.

## **HOUSING TASK FORCE**

No report. See *Economic Development* for support of proposals. See *Comprehensive Plan*

for preview of inventory.

### **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

No report. Next meeting 4 April.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

No report. Next meeting 3 April. Council workshop 9 April. *Preview of inventory.*

### **PROJECT REVIEW BOARD**

No report. Next meeting 17 April.

### **RAILROAD**

More traffic.

### **SEWER DISTRICT**

Emergency meeting 25 March okays payout to estate of general manager. Next meeting 17 April.

### **SHELLFISH COMMISSION**

No meeting. Bailey Coffin aquaculture permit denied by state. Next meeting 4 April at 17h30 to prepare for Town Council workshop 9 April.

### **SOCIAL AND RACIAL EQUITY**

No report. Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> of March cancelled, lack of quorum.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Meeting 25 March prepares for Town Council, will decide in future a procedure for political positions.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

### **TREE TASK FORCE**

No report. Next meeting 3 April.

### **PEOPLE**

New Deputy Fire Chief Luke Vashon.

### **SOME PUBLIC EVENTS**

No report. The Energy confab was cancelled because of the ice storm.

**Town calendars April. May**

## **WAITING FOR GODOT OR, SOMETHING TO HAPPEN IN FREEPORT**

On Wednesday morning I trudged to Bow Street Market to buy milk for my coffee. Every step brought me alongside a site awaiting action. Have a look at my path, on the next page.

### **Eleven projects slowly happening**

The Council, the committees, the grant recipients are all progressing on these efforts, as quickly as they need to, or are permitted to. If they all happen, my grocery shopping walk will be transformed!

- Chalmers

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## *COUNCIL / APPEALS*

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1 & 2 April. ***CARTER BECKER HAS A DOUBLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE TOWN.***

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Becker owns a parcel of land at 0 Shore Drive.<sup>1</sup> In 2021 he applied for a building permit for a single-family residence there. The code enforcement officer denied the permit.

Becker appealed to the Board of Appeals, which heard the matter 2 May 2022. The Board concluded that 0 Shore Drive is unlawfully nonconforming and unbuildable.

### **Superior Court decision: remand to Board**

On appeal to Maine Superior Court, [the Court](#) vacated the Board's decision in January 2023. It stated that 'The Town's interpretation of the definitions of "lot" and "lot of record" is overly technical and does not square with other provisions of the Ordinance, including the merger provision....'

'However, because the CEO asserted other grounds for the denial of Mr. Becker's application that the Board did not address in the Decision, further proceedings before the Board will be necessary.' {*Becker v Town of Freeport and Michael Delahunt et al (parties in interest)*, AP-2022-019}

### **Board second hearing**

On 7 August 2023, after considerable debate, the Board agreed to formally deny Becker's application for a building permit on three grounds. {minutes of hearing}

### **Superior Court again**

The Court, apparently on appeal, again remanded the matter to the Board of Appeals,

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<sup>1</sup> Not before the Court, or the Board of Appeals, was Becker's effort to launch the *Island Rover* over the parcel of land. The application for a hearing to do so is pending at the Coastal Waters Commission.

which will take it up on 1 April.

## **LEASE OF PORTER'S LANDING BOATYARD**

Some years ago, Elise Dunning's eponymous boatyard at Porter's Landing,<sup>2</sup> was sold to the Town of Freeport as a result of an effort led by Bob Stevens to preserve the public access which Ms. Dunning had always permitted.

According to Stevens, after finding no appropriate public uses for the property, the Town leased it to Carter Becker. Becker operates the property as Falls Point Marine.

The Town retains public access for launching small boats. {*Insider* discussion with Stevens}

### **Lease ending**

Becker's lease ends 31 December 2024. Town Manager Sophie Wilson has placed the lease on the Town Council agenda for discussion on 2 April. {agenda}

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## ***BUDGET WORKSHOPS***

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9 April. ***THE COUNCIL HAS FIVE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED THIS DAY:***

1. 6:00 pm **Shellfish:** Chad Coffin/Charles Tetreau
2. 6:20 pm **Complete Streets:** Liz McDonald
3. 6:50 pm **Planning Board:** Sam Kapala
4. 7:10 pm **Conservation Commission:** Ryan Burke
5. 7:30 pm **Coastal Waters Commission:**  
Mark Morrissey

The agendas for the next two meetings, on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>, are not yet shown on the Town calendar. {Town calendar}

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## ***COMPREHENSIVE PLAN***

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March. ***THE LOGO AND THE WEBSITE APPEARED.*** <https://www.futurefreeport.com/>

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<sup>2</sup> An ancestor, Agnes Dunning, taught at the [Porter's Landing School in 2010.](#)



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## Freeport Comprehensive Plan Update

3 April. ***THE CONSULTANT REPORT ON HOUSING INVENTORY IS TELLING.*** A summary below; the [complete draft inventory](#) is on the web:

### **Freeport Comprehensive Plan Inventory DRAFT Housing highlights**

- Freeport housing stock is mostly comprised of single-family homes, but there has been a substantial increase in larger housing developments (10+ units) since 2010.
- Since 2010, there has been a slight decrease in rental units (4% decrease) and an increase in owner-occupied units (4% increase).
- The median home price in Freeport has increased from \$265,000 in 2010 to \$710,000 in 2023.
- According to the Maine State Housing Authority, homeowner affordability has gone down from 43% in 2017 to 3% in 2023.
- Rental costs are continuing to climb which has caused a higher burden to lower household income families paying rent.
- The Freeport Housing Trust has a total of 183 units across eight properties in Freeport. FHT operates 82 rental units for families on four of those properties.
- Housing in Freeport is becoming increasingly unaffordable and out-of-reach for many segments of the community. {text of inventory}

### **Two other inventories**

On this day the Planning Board will also hear about the Economy and the Natural and Water Resources inventory.

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## *ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*

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26 March. ***THE BOARD OF THE CORPORATION CALLED FOR “A WIN.”***

### **VARNEY HEIGHTS GOING AHEAD**

Six months ago the plus-55 senior housing project was last discussed. Freeport Housing Trust is putting forward a package with developer Tim Gooch for a 50% TIF, now that the zoning change makes it feasible.

Earlier zoning required 7000SF per unit. The [changes required by the new state law](#) (informally “LD2003”) give a density bonus of 2.5 for such housing and reduces the required square footage to 2200SF. The project should move in front of the Project Review Board “in the next couple of months,” said Richardson.

Another easing of restrictions: the district in which Design Review standards apply was shrunk to north of the railroad tracks, so the location of Varney Heights now lies outside the Design Review district.

### **DOWNTOWN HOUSING & TASK FORCE**

Members had a long discussion about advancing FEDC goals, after Richardson described the Housing Task Force presentation to the Town Council. He believed that the FEDC effort [to do the dog-bone](#) TOD as a whole package is “building consensus among different groups.”

Member Stefanie Millett asked whether developers await the changes [proposed by Housing](#), or move ahead concurrently.

### **Design Review limits**

Member Mark Malone applauded the change to eliminate “stories” and allow buildings to 45 feet, but pointed to the Design Review standards which “trump all other standards.” He advocated removing that language.<sup>3</sup> Developers

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<sup>3</sup> **Design Review Ordinance, section XVII Conflict with Other Ordinances**

“This Ordinance shall not repeal, annul, or in any way impair or remove the necessity of compliance with any other rule, regulation, bylaw, permit or provision of law.



don't want to spend \$150,000 to \$250,000 in engineering and design only to be told that the building “feels too big.”

Richardson noted that the Planning Department is close to issuing an RFP for a consultant to assist with revising the Design Review standards. He agreed that the development process now seems to take five or six meetings and last eight to ten months. Planning is putting together a grant application to get funds to make the application process clearer.

He added that the Design Review RFP is one leg of the stool, the housing TIF another, and the third would be changing land use.

Malone asked whether these efforts would “run ahead of the CompPlan?” Richardson said yes. The current CompPlan does designate the Town growth areas.<sup>4</sup>

He said “we are focused on that. The Downtown Vision calls for at least 1200 more people downtown, build foot traffic, and workforce housing.”



*Interior of Bartol building on 26 March. That's Brett Richardson talking to Wild Seed people about the Town offering the building for lease. {Insider}*



### **No green light for development**

Member Tawni Whitney said, “I don't see a green light, a message that we [the Town] seriously do want development.” She wanted an advocate voice at the Project Review Board. There is not a structure “right now to provide that voice.”

The fiscal impact of development is not well-known. The 22 Main Street project would have created \$90,000 in revenue.

The mountain biking project, “I got kicked for saying” it would bring economic gain. “But the argument is not about economic gain, but about butterflies. ... We need to get a win.”

### **Make clear who will live in the housing**

Stefanie Millett agreed that “economy” seems to be a word to avoid. FEDC could emphasize who will live in the housing. The target audience is the young professional, the Freeport workers, and the ageing community.

Richardson said senior housing downtown can serve the people who want to downsize and still stay in the town. When they move, they free up houses for single families.

And starter homes, on small lots dense neighborhoods, can provide those who want their own homes. Those who support butterflies, those who want sustainability, those who see a lot of value preserving habitat? “Best thing we can do is build housing downtown.” And he believed FEDC could build a broad coalition of stakeholder groups.

Member Rebecca Lizotte agreed. There are people who only pay attention to town government at “tax bill time” – but they should be educated earlier about the advantages.

### **Push notifications**

Millett said the ones who “vote with their wallet” are not the ones who come to Town meetings. “We need push notification” because those people are “not going to come to us.” A message (a flyer?) which is easy to read, saying “we need your support at Town Council.” The effort should realize “it's a lot of units” [for example, adding 1200 residents downtown] but the fiscal impact will be positive.

Who should do the advocacy? FEDC? Richardson liked the “value proposition.” FEDC

is separate from the Town and could send out something without questioning the use of dollars. But “coalition-building should come first.”

Malone said “FEDC should do this.” And it should happen before something gets to the Project Review Board. “To show the value of actually having a village” and, emphasized member Leanne Nichols, show that “we did have 1200 people downtown in the past.”

## **GOALS FOR THIS YEAR**

Richardson, labelling himself as “down in the weeds,” gave his input as “keep working on the same stuff.” He suggested that the Fit-Up grants program continue for another year, as the “return is compelling” and the bankruptcy of Village Station shows something is needed to address the vacant spaces in Freeport.

Member Leanne Nichols agreed. Changes are “now happening” and FEDC has “laid groundwork” so “stay focused.”

Member Mark Malone suggested getting the Comprehensive Plan melded into the FEDC goals. He again mentioned the need for rezoning the parcel he recently acted as agent for, near Maine Beer, which is zoned “rural residential.”

Richard said he will meet with the CompPlan consultant on 28 March, and acknowledged that it can get “too general.”

Tawni Whitney wanted to “get something done, get a win.” The Fit-Up grants were a supportive illustration of the collaboration between the Town and business.

Stefanie Millett agreed the grants are “a positive story” and a way to show the effectiveness of FEDC. “Make a goal of making clear to the community what you are doing.”

Member Jason Sulham, who is manager for public affairs of LLBean, called for “achievable wins” in particular “PRB and Design Review reforms.”

## **EXPANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Richardson said that Chris O'Neil, a member of the Housing Task Force and also a board member of Freeport Community Services, will talk with Sara Lundin, the executive director,

about Depot Street and how to grow, as FCS needs to.

### **ATTITUDE OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL**

Member Mark Malone asked Dan Piltch, the town councilor liaison, “How does [the effort outlined by Housing] align with the current council? It is achievable?”

Piltch responded, “Yes. I support almost everything. Design Review is the trickiest.” Residents seem to be saying apply the Review standards on Main Street, less so on Depot Street, and even less on Lower Main Street.

Piltch said a May date for FEDC to come for a Council workshop is likely.

### **VILLAGE STATION – USE OF SPACE**

The manager, [Tom Wilder](#), will visit Freeport in the near future. Richardson will discuss with him strategies and goals.

Millett suggested splitting the dollars of Fit-Up grants with the center. If long-time parties saw spaces with activity [see Bartol photo], that would help. Member Tawni Whitney said she had heard “no reasonable offer” for a space would be refused at Freeport Village Station. The Town, in part due to the Fit-Up Grant program, is sending a different message than in the past.

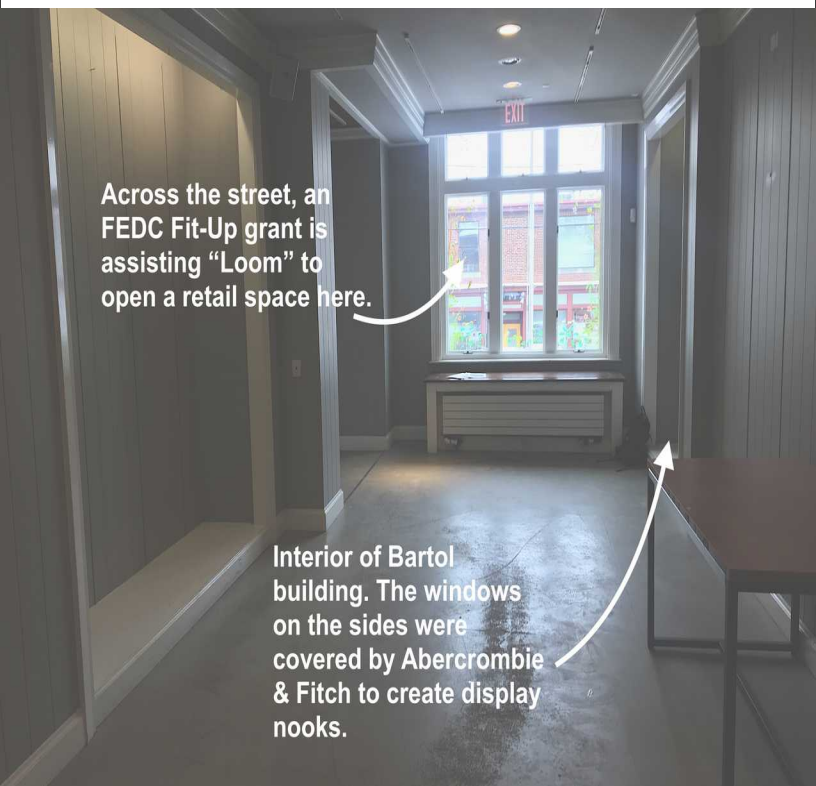
### **BARTOL BUILDING LEASE OFFERING**

Richard [hosted a walk-through](#) this day at 15h00 [see photos]. He has heard that “restaurant folks in Portland” are interested. Three different interested parties appeared for the walk-through. {*Insider* coverage}

### **UPCOMING AQUACULTURE LEASE**

Richardson announced that DMR at Town Hall will hold a 1 May hearing on member Ken Sparta's proposed aquaculture lease. Sparta was recruited to the Board because he can represent the economy of Freeport's natural assets. [See map at *Shellfish*.]

The text of the DMR announcement said Sparta would have a 'standard lease for suspended and bottom culture of American/Eastern Oysters (Crassostrea



Across the street, an FEDC Fit-Up grant is assisting “Loom” to open a retail space here.

Interior of Bartol building. The windows on the sides were covered by Abercrombie & Fitch to create display nooks.

*Interior of Bartol building looking toward Main Street, during open house 25 March. {Insider}*

virginica), European Oysters (*Ostrea edulis*), Sea Scallops (*Placopecten magellanicus*), Quahogs (*Mercenaria mercenaria*), and Kelp (*Laminariales* spp.).' {text from DMR}

## **FUTURE OF FEDC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND RELATION TO TOWN**

At the end of the meeting this morning, member Mark Malone brought up the issue discussed at the end of the February meeting. [Note: The minutes of the February meeting show that the Board went into executive session 'for the purpose of discussing formal Board positions.' Town Manager Sophie Wilson was present on the Zoom meeting.]

Malone wanted to “address the advocacy role [and] make that part of the conversation.” Richardson said the Board would not go away in his understanding. [Changes] could can add capacity, and the Board would maintain its independent economic development voice. He would like to see it advocate more strongly. “I would like to counter nimbyism wherever it shows its face.”

Member Millett said as the executive director of the Davis Family Foundation,<sup>5</sup> she has given some thought to the board remaining as “some shell [which] could apply for grants to foundations like mine,” to keep us sustainable down the road.”

Wilson said she would like to preserve the strength of the Board. “Nothing I would be proposing would change the structure of FEDC, either on paper or in reality ... [The TIF proposals to the Town] even with a staff economic development person, would not have the same impact.”

Richardson discussed keeping FEDC separate, not in the Town purview. He has spoken with Kevin Jensen, who serves as economic development director for the Town of Gorham and also as staff to the [Gorham Economic Development Corporation](#), 'a nonprofit, quasi-governmental agency promoting business community engagement and economic development to create new attractions and jobs in the Town of Gorham.' Jensen said the arrangement helps “a stronger voice if done in the right way.”

But Malone said asserting that removing the Town funding and letting FEDC stand on its alone does not change the reality is “a little disingenuous.” Windham hired a new town manager from Kennebunk who brought with him an economic development director who became town staff.<sup>6</sup> A person on the Windham

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<sup>5</sup>The Davis Family Foundation is a public charitable foundation established by Phyllis C. Davis and H. Halsey Davis of Falmouth, Maine, to support educational, medical and cultural/arts organizations located primarily in Maine. The Foundation was established following Mr. Davis' retirement as President and Chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. Their overriding goal for the Foundation was simple and straightforward: “to make grants where they will do the most good and where our gifts make a real difference.” The Foundation has provided more than \$63.5 million in grants since its grant-making activities began in 1986. {davisfoundations.org}

<sup>6</sup> According to the website of the Windham Economic Development Corporation,

board got wind of the possible Freeport move, and called Malone about it.

In Windham, this person said, the change led to a deteriorating board. Malone said if the funding is removed, that takes away the ability to do actions.

Richardson said, “When you watch at Town Hall many evenings [as I have] there are a number of times when the economic development voice could have been stronger, when the input to the board was stronger than shared with the Town.” {*Insider* coverage}

[These remarks indicate that at the February meeting the Board discussed whether Richardson should become a Town employee. Asked directly, Wilson said on 27 March that “I have put nothing in writing” about any change. {discussion with *Insider*}]

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## *RAILROAD*

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26 March. ***A FREIGHT WITH WESTBOUND GYPSUM*** passed through town: nine covered hoppers and two empty flatcars which had delivered steel. {*Insider* observation}

31 March. ***ARRANGEMENTS TO HANDLE THE AMTRAK DEPOT*** after the end June discontinuing of the Train Greeting staff were discussed with Amtrak. Town Manager Sophie Wilson write they discussed the standards for hosting a Downeaster stop, learned about potential grant opportunities for maintaining equipment, and brainstormed how to capitalize on the stop.

Amtrak representatives provided some insight into the quiet zone infrastructure/safety

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Thomas Bartell is the executive director. He reports to a 14-member WEDC Board of Directors, the majority of which are appointed by the Windham Town Council. Some years before 2021, the WEDC Board and the Windham Town Council worked through the process of providing separation between the town and WEDC and his position changed to the Executive Director position of the WEDC. {Ed Pierce in *Eagle News* 5.Nov.21} But the Town website lists Bartell as staff.

standards, which are programmed as a \$1M expense in the Town's capital plan.

'We will be reaching out to CSX (rail owner) to schedule an evaluation to ensure that staff fully understands the minimum requirements and timelines to meet in order to maintain Freeport's current quiet zone designation.' {Town Manager Report #17}

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## SEWER COMMISSION

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28 March. **AN EMERGENCY MEETING ON A PAYOUT FOR THE CONTRACT FOR FORMER MANAGER** decided not to discount for present value. {Insider coverage}

After the [death of Leland Arris](#) in November, the District had to complete payment on his contract, which was not covered by insurance. On 18 March Vice-chair Chad Coffin said, "We gambled and lost" by not getting insurance.

The estate requested \$106,728 remaining on his contract and \$35,734 vacation/sick lump sum. Some trustees asked whether the lump sum was discounted for present value.

On the advice of their counsel, on 28 March the Commission agreed not to discount, believing that a possible lawsuit was not worth the trouble. {insider coverage}

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## SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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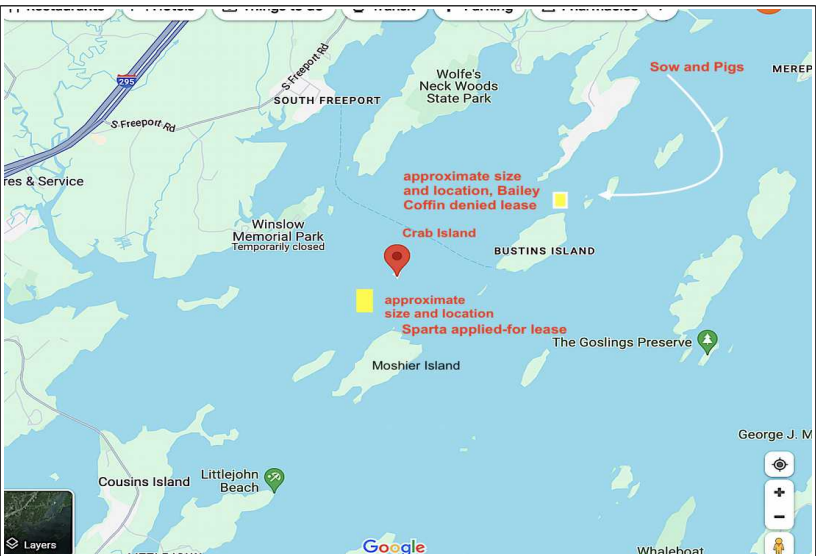
27 March. **THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES DENIED AN AQUACULTURE LEASE** to Bailey Coffin,<sup>7</sup> for an area off Sows and Pigs Island. DMR, [in a lengthy decision](#), found *inter alia* that the lease site would pose a hazard to navigation, based on testimony from many individuals.

Despite testimony from marine scientist Brian Beal that he had observed no eelgrass at the site in 2022, DMR chose to believe earlier sitings and found that the aquaculture would

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<sup>7</sup> Her father, Chad Coffin, was [granted a license](#) in 2021 for a three-year experimental aquaculture lease of 1.61 acres located west of Moore Point, at the mouth of the Harraseeket River.





*Harraseeket Ridge 80-unit project receiving final approval at the 20 March Project Review Board. {Beta Zeta submission}*

interfere with eelgrass.<sup>8</sup>  
{text of decision}

4 April. **THE COMMISSION WILL MEET** to prepare for its Council workshop presentation.

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## ***SUSTAINABILITY BOARD***

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25 March. **THE BOARD PREPARED TO PRESENT THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN** at the 2 April Town Council meeting. Members made two small changes to the action items, adding the word "share" before "return" in 5.1.6 Sustainability Lending Hub, and in 4.1 deleted "large-scale" from "evaluate the feasibility of large-scale community solar projects".

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<sup>8</sup> Observers believe that by 2024, Casco Bay had virtually no eelgrass. The Comprehensive Plan draft inventory stated: "Eelgrass coverage in Freeport has fluctuated overtime, but has declined precipitously from 1,948.7 acres in 2010 to 2.7 acres in 2022." Chad Coffin's comment on the Plan stated in part: "Eelgrass provides important marine habitat , but has been virtually wiped out by hungry predators. In fact, research conducted by Dr. Hillary Neckles in Maquid Bay concluded that the only relevant factor in eelgrass populations is predation." {e-mail to Insider}

The Board anticipates participating in a workshop of the Council about the Plan later in April.

**Skate park location - opposition**

A letter from a neighbor of the Leon Gorman Park opposing the proposal (it would add more impervious surface to the Town) to locate a skate park there was read and discussed.

The Board tabled a motion to not take a position on it. The Board agreed that it should create a procedure to follow when it is asked to take a position on proposals such as this, and will address the procedure at its next meeting.

**School education**

The board was informed of the possibility of a coalition of groups in town, which want school education to include climate change, applying for a state grant for climate education professional development. {coverage by Bob Stevens}

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*PEOPLE*

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New Deputy Fire Chief **Luke Vashon** joined us from a full-time Lieutenant position with the Topsham Fire Department. Luke has an associate degree in Paramedicine and is working

<b>APRIL TOWN HALL</b>			
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
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Board of Appeals 6:30pm	Town Council Meeting 6:00pm	Planning Board 6:00pm Library Board of Trustees 6:00pm Tree Task Force 6:30pm	Ordinance Committee Meeting 4:00pm Shellfish Commission Workshop 5:30pm
8	9	10	11
Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board 6:30pm Winslow Park Commission 6:30pm	Complete Streets Committee Meeting 7:30am to 10:00am Town Council Workshop 6:00pm Conservation Commission 6:30pm	Coastal Waters Commission 6:00pm Housing Committee Meeting 7:00pm	Shellfish Committee Meeting 6:30pm
15	16	17	18
Patriots Day - Closed Police Advisory Committee 6:00pm	Town Council Workshop 6:00pm	Project Review Board 6:00pm	
22	23	24	25
Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board (FSAB) 6:30pm	Town Council Meeting 6:00pm	Social and Racial Equity 6:00pm	
29	30	1	2
	FEDC Board Meeting 7:45am to 9:00pm Town Council Workshop 6:00pm		

to complete a bachelor's degree in human resources and serves as a sergeant in the Maine National Guard.

<b>MAY TOWN HALL</b>			
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29	30	1	2
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Police Advisory Committee 6:00pm	Town Council Meeting 6:00pm	Social and Racial Equity 6:00pm	
27	28	29	30
Memorial Day - Closed Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board (FSAB) 6:30pm			

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