Minutes of the MISCA trustees' meeting of September 22nd, 2026

(approved on October 20th)

Present in the Library: Lisa Brackett, Sierra Brock, Jon Floyd, and Marc Giroux (trustees), Mia Boynton, Steve Carvalho, Pam Rollinger, and Tristan Vis.

Present by Zoom: Nick Cennamo (trustee), Melissa Dudek (treasurer), Richard Farrell (secretary), Steph Jewett, Mitch Wander, Elizabeth Guffey, Danik Farrell, Melanie Greatorex-Way, Jim Buccheri, Julie Stone, Jean Smith, and Susan Daly.

The trustees voted to accept the draft minutes of August 26th, 2026 and the treasurer's report.

Summary of the treasurer's report:

Income: $10,762
Expenses: $17,882

MISCA account: $23,045
Money Market account: $331,985
(including dedicated buy-back funds of $100,772)

MCRF: $29,561
New Projects CD: $15,305

The figures above include this summer's fundraising of $104,046. (Goal: $100,000.)

New Business:

(Nick Cennamo was off-island; Marc Giroux chaired the meeting.)

Meadow Lots: Mia reported that the Androscoggin bank is still reviewing MISCA's Affordability Covenants. Nonetheless, she has been assured that their loan will be approved. They are moving ahead with construction: Amelia is insulating in preparation for application of sheet rock this fall.

Jim reported that he and Christian have settled on a design with their builder, Croft. (Croft plans a visit to the site to check the feasibility of their truck delivering pre-built segments over Monhegan roads.) They are investigating construction loans with banks and consulting with the Maine Land Use Planning Commission staff about a building permit. Their hope is to put in a foundation this year.

Store: Lisa reported that Brandon had begun work on repairing the back door. (There is more to do.)

MICA building: no report

Underlook and Overlook: no report

New Business, continued:

Fundraising: Mel reported that she is working on 'thank you' letters to this years' donors. She expressed hope that everyone who worked on the Fundraising Committee would continue to help next year. Marc noted that the committee had done an amazing job.

Monhegan Community Relief Fund (MCRF): no report

Monhegan Associates' land offer: no report.

New Business:

Odom Lots: Jon reported that Chris Smith plans to begin clearing the right-of-way to the lots in October.

Peter Johnson's offer of land: Jon reported that the trustees had met in executive session, deciding, after extensive discussions, that MISCA must focus its time and money on completing projects on the Meadow Lots and Odom Lots. They very much appreciated Peter's offer but cannot take advantage of it now.

Marc Giroux proposed that MISCA construct a repository of digital records to which only the trustees will have access. The board approved the proposal. Marc further stated that Rebecca Bass will work on this repository during the winter.

(Among the records recently located for digitizing was a copy of a trustee handbook. It will need to be updated and distributed to all the trustees.)

Marc noted that he is working with Rebecca Bass on a newsletter (projected for distribution around October 1st). He invited anyone with an idea for topics to get in touch with him.

Next meeting: scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the Library and on Zoom.