

**STAR ISLAND CORPORATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, July 28, 2015
Via Telephone Conference Call

Members in attendance:

John Bush, Treasurer
Debbie Duval (President, UCC)
Sharon Kennedy, President
Gary Kunz, Vice President
Mary Trudeau, Clerk

Also Attending:
Joe Watts, CEO

Sharon Kennedy, President, called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Clerk took the minutes.

Joe Watts stated that while the Meeting Agenda listed three grant applications for discussion this evening, only the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation grant would be discussed tonight. Joe explained that the staff had determined that the grant program from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources was not appropriate for the Island, at this time, and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant is a work in progress with a later application date.

Joe noted that the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation may award grants of up to \$25,000 dollars for periods of up to three years, with a total maximum grant amount of \$75,000 dollars. Star Island staff is proposing the development of a youth oriented educational program, involving on and off Island programming, designed to incorporate Island history, biology and community. The program would be similar to the S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, environment, arts and math) curriculum, and would be used by local schools, youth organizations, and other educational groups. The staff envisions hiring a professional educator to create the curriculum, and funding the program entirely from grant and outside fund sources.

The curriculum would be used to target undersubscribed midweeks in September, and would provide a means of outreach to youth in the local seacoast community. Joe described conversations with a local school district, which has approached the Island with hopes of developing a cooperative educational venture. Joe noted that the shoals history is a part of the local school curriculum, and that a strong programming tool has the potential to create excitement and interest within the New Hampshire seacoast area. Additionally, there is potential for collaboration with the Appledore programs, potentially adding additional marine oriented programming to the Star Island curriculum.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

VOTED to authorize the staff to apply for up to \$25,000 dollars in grants per year, for a period of up to three (3) years (for a total grant award not to exceed \$75,000

dollars) from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The grant(s) will be used to develop an educational programming tool for an and off Island use in local schools, youth organizations and the like.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Board Retreat on Star Island (August 29-31, 2015).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Trudeau, Clerk