

TOWN OF ISLESBORO

TICK-BORNE DISEASE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 – 9 AM – TOWN OFFICE

MINUTES

Present: Andrew Coombs, Linda Gillies, Laura Houle, Philo Hutcheson, Alison Wood, PA-C
Present by invitation: Jeffrey Grossman
Absent: Seth Wilbur

Laura Houle, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Jeffrey Grossman, who came for the beginning of the meeting, said that at the Special Town Meeting of August 24, 2011, the Warrant Article relating to the committee's recommendation would be considered first. He recommended that the committee make a brief presentation in support of the Article.

The minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2011 were approved.

Bangor Daily News Interviews. The committee reviewed the schedule for August 11th, when Heather Steeves, a reporter from the Bangor Daily News, will interview members of the tick committee, the Health Center staff and three Lyme disease patients.

Information Meeting, August 16, 2011, 6:30 pm at the Community Center. The committee discussed preparations for the meeting, including a boxholder mailing, the draft agenda for the meeting and signs to be put around town. It was agreed that as chair of the meeting, Laura Houle welcome everyone and introduce the State officials who are expected to attend. Allie Wood will give an update on Lyme disease on the island, and Philo Hutcheson will describe the committee's concept of a special hunting season. Thomas Schaeffer of MDIF&W Region C will then give examples of successful special hunts in other coastal communities. It was agreed that anyone who attends the Information Meeting should be able to speak.

The committee welcomed the participation of officials from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. They have asked what percentage of land on Islesboro is "hunnable." Committee members agreed that with the exception of Town land, most land can be hunted with owner permission. Linda Gillies will find out from Vern Ziegler how much land the Town owns..

Special Town Meeting, August 24, 2011. The committee then discussed preparations for the Special Town Meeting. Linda Gillies will draft a statement for Laura. It was agreed that only those who will vote should be able to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies, Secretary
August 9, 2011