

**Islesboro Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
January 22, 2020  
Town Office Meeting Room  
MINUTES**

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| Members Present: | Arch Gillies, Gabe Pendleton, Phil Seymour, Shey Conover, and Lauren Bruce |
| Others Present:  | Town Manager - Janet Anderson, Peter Willcox, Maggy Willcox                |

Call to Order: Chair Arch Gillies called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and a quorum was established.

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020 as written. Motion passed 5-0.**

**MOTION BY G. PENDLETON, seconded by S. Conover, to take the agenda out of order. Motion passed 5-0.**

**DISCUSSION OF FY21 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Chuck Hamm, Head of School, and Chloe Joule, Chair of the School Board Committee, were invited to the meeting to discuss the upcoming school budget. Chloe said that in addition to the normal expenses, there are a few extra items anticipated for the upcoming budget. They are:

1. Refinish gym floor, initial quote of \$17,000.  
They are asking the Town for money towards the floor as the Town also uses it on occasion. Chuck requested \$7,000 from the Town. The Select Board was in agreement. The floor will be done after July 1<sup>st</sup> and will take 2 weeks to cure. There will be no use of the gym during this time period.
2. Fix leaks in the masonry, needs pointing. Chuck is working with specialists and masons on this and does not have figures yet.
3. Purchase new passenger van for transport of teams, teachers and students.
4. Upgrade playground, erect fence, reconstruct middle island and add an outside stage area.
5. Upgrade stage area in the Kinnicutt Center with a new sound system. Michael Hutcherson has been consulted and is helping out in the endeavor.
6. Cost of living increase/teacher negotiations are underway.

Chuck Hamm will meet again with the Select Board half way through the March budget workshops.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board January 27, 2020 at 5 PM

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

The following items were distributed, and/or discussed and reviewed.

- 1. Scanned items to Select Board:**
  - . Select Board Agenda 1/22/2020
  - . Minutes of the 1/8/2020 Select Board Meeting
  - . Health Center Investment Policy
  - . Shellfish 2020 License Fees
  - . Minutes of the 12-2-19 Pesticide Safety on Islesboro Meeting
- 2. Announcements:**
  - . The Economic Sustainability Corp has received \$262,000 to date.
  - . The number of deer tagged in 2019 was 120.
  - . The Waldo County Reg Comm Center Dispatch would like to meet with the Select Board about placing a repeater behind the town's salt shed building. There will be no cost to the town. This will help with EMS pagers and radios. There will be a meeting set up for a day in February in the afternoon.
- 3. Hand Outs:**
  - . E-mail dated 1/17/20 from Dave Kinney with an update on the pier deck project in Lincolnville. A vast amount of the deck will be replaced which will mean times when it will be limited to foot traffic. They hope to start late February and finish by May 8, 2020.
  - . E-mail from Ken Smith, Harbor Committee Chair, asking to place video surveillance cameras at Grindle Point and Moseley Dock for public safety. They would like the public to be able to view the cameras as well.

The Select Board had many questions and concerns regarding this request. There were questions about Freedom of Access, maintaining the video footage, infringing on people's privacy/civil liberties. The Select Board do not wish to pursue this at the current time, and will table this for discussion later on in the year. She Conover questioned what the forum would be, if any, for public input on this subject. Janet Anderson said there could be a workshop set up or a public information meeting at some point to discuss this. For now, however, this item is tabled.
  - . E-mail from Bill Boardman reporting that he received an estimate of \$424,000 for the Anne Dillon modular, and this does NOT include the ground work.
  - . Letter dated 1/22/2020 to the City of Belfast Maine, Planning Board Committee and the Board of Environmental Protection from the Town of Islesboro Shellfish Committee regarding the Nordic Aquafarms Recirculating Aquaculture System Permit Application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Updates to the 2020 “Islesboro Looking Ahead”.

The Select Board reviewed the newly edited version of the document. Shey Conover made several suggestions including more references to the importance of Islesboro Central School and more discussion on ways to make Islesboro a more affordable place to live. She will make these changes and send them to Janet Anderson.

**MOTION by Shey Conover, seconded by Lauren Bruce, to approve as amended the 2020 “Islesboro Looking Ahead”. Motion passed 5-0.**

2. Review Health Center Endowment Investment Policy and Spending Guidelines

The Select Board reviewed this document. Janet Anderson said she is going to ask a representative from the Maine Community Foundation to come to the island to speak regarding this document. Janet said that the Select Board may want to make amendments to it. A letter of thanks to the anonymous donor was signed by the Select Board and will be mailed to the Maine Community Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt 2020 Shellfish Fee Schedule

Janet Anderson said that the fees are the same as last year and have been approved by the Shellfish Committee.

**MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour to approve the 2020 Shellfish Fee Schedule as written. Motion passed 5-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Peter Willcox spoke to the Select Board about his presentation in Augusta scheduled for tomorrow. He will be testifying on electric ferries as a result of an Emergency Resolution bill sponsored by a woman in Stonington along with other officials. Mr. Willcox said that he is in favor of electric ferries and hopes to persuade the State of Maine to pursue electric vs gas powered ferries for the future. He will speak before the committee sponsoring this bill. Arch Gillies hopes his testimony will reach Commissioner Van Note as well as Hannah Pingree and Governor Mills. The subject is timely as it follows the Governor’s State of the State Address wherein she states her support for going green.
2. Gabe Pendleton reported on the recent MSFS Advisory Board Meeting. The 2010 cost saving report was reviewed and he felt there was not a lot of opposition to looking into these cost saving measures. He said there was agreement to start a finance subcommittee of the Board to look closer at the numbers and then pass on information to the entire Board. Gabe met informally with several members of the MSFS Advisory Board and hopes to continue to do so. He hopes that they can speak with “one voice” at meetings.

WARRANT #15 - FY 20

**MOTION BY SHEY CONOVER, SECONDED BY GABE PENDLETON, to approve Warrant #15- FY20 in the amount of \$335,711.88. Motion passed 5-0.**

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:

Arch Gillies: The Winter Information Meeting will be on February 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM, GHK. He would like the agenda to be in three parts:

1. Environmental Health
  - . Sea Level Rise
  - . Energy
  - . Water Quality
  - . Pesticides
2. Sustainability Corporation
3. Brief reports from others ( School, Preschool)

Phil Seymour: He wondered if West Bay Road was a town or state road as the water is creeping up onto the road at certain times. Janet said it is a state road. Shey Conover said that the Sea Level Rise Committee has not yet looked at all the vulnerable areas on the island, but intend to do so.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

**The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike  
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board