

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
October 20, 2015
6:15 PM, Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Jay Zlotkowski, and Hanna Kerr
Excused: Gabe Pendleton
Others Present: Janet Anderson-Town Manager, Fred Porter, Waldo County Sheriff Trafton, Chief Deputy Jason Trundy and Maggy Willcox

Chair Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, and a quorum was established.
MOTION by S. Oliver, seconded by H. Kerr to approve the minutes of October 7, 2015 as amended.
Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR'S PETITIONS:

Waldo County Sheriff Trafton and Chief Deputy Jason Trundy said they are trying to visit municipalities in Waldo County to introduce themselves and "get their faces out there". Future priorities they are working on include good customer service, domestic violence enforcement, and securing grants for emergency housing for abused spouses. They discussed various social agencies they work with including New Hope for Women and they have what they call a "high risk response team" if they are dealing with a high risk case. They note that half the murders in Maine are a result of domestic violence. They told the BOS that the town has a great resource on island in Fred Porter, and that they work well together.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

The following items were distributed, and/or discussed & reviewed:

- School Committee Meeting minutes of 9/8/15
- Draft of a Smoke-Free Workplace Policy to include a new law that went into effect on October 15, 2015 regarding the ban on tobacco smoking products in all enclosed areas where work is performed, as well as in all rest rooms, all meeting rooms, all lunch rooms, all private offices and all employer-owned vehicles used by employees.
MOTION BY S. Oliver, seconded by H. Kerr, to approve the new Smoke-Free Workplace Policy as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
- Harbor Master Position: J. Anderson said that G. Pendleton wanted on this agenda discussion regarding Harbor Master hours and salary. This discussion will be postponed until the next meeting.
- Laura & Josh Read's Bluewater Bakery: J. Anderson spoke with Bill Boardman about the possibility of the Read's applying for a Development Review Application to permit the bakery. She said she was told that they will not be "doing the bakery in their driveway" this winter, and will take it up in the spring when they renew their victualer's license. Janet said she does not know, however, if they will continue to take orders and sell out of their house over the winter.
- Letter dated October 20, 2015 to Michael Thibodeau, Maine State Senate President, from Arch Gillies supporting LR 2281 - An Act to Require an Environmental Impact Statement for dredging in the Penobscot River Watershed.

OLD BUSINESS

Tick-Borne Disease/Deer Reduction - Next Steps 2015/2016:

A timetable/outline, drafted by Arch Gillies, dated 10/7/15 was reviewed by the BOS.

A. Gillies stated that he “stretched out the schedule as much as possible to allow for discussion” and the “opportunity to develop an effective program to reduce tick-borne disease on Islesboro”. After discussion amongst the various constituencies in upcoming months, it is his hope that a plan will be discussed at the Winter Info Meeting in January, as well as monies budgeted at that time for whatever plan or direction is decided.

J. Anderson said that she spoke with the commissioner and he said that sharp shooting is the most viable option for reducing deer and that depredation permits are not an option. Keel Kemper said that joining the state and hunting with shotguns might be an idea.

Arch would like a small group to make a courtesy visit to the commissioner and possibly the state health officer at some point.

S. Oliver said that a recent document put together by Linda Gillies, entitled “Coastal Communities with High Deer Populations, Effects and Measures Taken” is very informative and one that should be studied. She said that there are those people in our community that are still very “offended” by sharp shooting. She thinks that possibly finding a way to change hunting laws in the State of Maine might be an option as she feels the current laws are outdated.

H. Kerr said she believes that the deer have “shifted” and are not in areas they were previously.

J. Zlotkowski said that he wonders about the increased mice population as a result of the feral cat program. There are those of the opinion that the mice and vole populations have exploded on island as there are fewer feral cats.

The Deer Reduction Committee and the Tick-Borne Disease Committee will be invited to the next BOS meeting for further discussion.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BY S. OLIVER to appoint Jon Kerr and Peter Mills to the Deer Reduction Committee. J. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

COMMENTS

Arch Gillies: He referred back to the aforementioned letter that he wrote to Michael Thibodeau, Maine State Senate President, regarding the proposed sponsored legislation by Representative Kruger. Arch noted that Steve Miller felt it would be good to write this letter.

He would like the BOS to discuss “Islesboro Looking Ahead” at the November 18th meeting.

Sandy Oliver: She said she has resumed her listening tour and talked to eight people regarding what they feel the town should do now that IF & W rejected the current proposal. She got varying responses from “island hunters do not know how to hunt” to “Let’s figure out how deer fit into the island’s ecology.” One person felt that the island constable is being hard on off island hunters. Sandy also learned through a conversation she had with a younger citizen that they get most of their information from Facebook, and Sandy wonders about creating an Town of Islesboro Facebook Page. Arch Gillies would like Janet to look into the possibility of getting a Facebook Page established for the Town.

J. Zlotkowski: Jay wanted an update on the Preschool purchase of land. A. Gillies said that they have purchased the property and hope to have it up and running by next September. Jay would like to see the blueprints of the project in an effort to avoid the same plumbing mistakes that occurred at Islesboro Central School.

H. Kerr: Hanna informed the BOS that she read an article today that said there is going to be an extensive overhaul of roads and bridges between Camden and Lincolnville this year.

MOTION BY S. Oliver to adjourn the meeting. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Attachment