

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2018
Town Office Meeting Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Arch Gillies, Sandra Oliver, Hanna Kerr, Gabe Pendleton and Phil Seymour.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Anderson - Town Manager and Maggy Willcox

Chair Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of October 31, 2018 as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

FERRY RATE UPDATE:

Town Attorney, Mary Costigan, of Bernstein Shur wrote a letter dated November 14, 2018 to James Billings, Maine D.O.T, requesting that D.O.T. reschedule the Maine State Ferry Service Rulemaking Hearing to a time and location that is more convenient for Island residents. Costigan also pointed out that in a few weeks there will be a new administration in Augusta and that delaying the hearing would allow the new administration to weigh in on this matter. Arch Gillies commended Gabe Pendleton and the town attorneys for the manner in which the process is going forward. He said that they are reaching out to the Governor Elect's transition team which will create awareness of the issue as they start the new administration in January. He especially likes the aforementioned letter sent to Billings and feels that it may be beneficial to publicize the letter, which Gabe felt might be successful in putting pressure on D.O.T., or warned it could do just the opposite.

The Select Board is holding a series of meetings this week in preparation for the November 28, 2018 Rulemaking Hearing in Belfast. Arch Gillies said there is a Working Committee organizing and orchestrating speakers for the hearing, transportation for Island residents, topics to cover, and letter writing/letter collection, etc. Elected officials as well as officials from surrounding towns have been asked to weigh in and attend the hearing. Phil Seymour asked if Tom Tutor should be asked to speak on behalf of the Town as ferry rates are mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan. There will be more discussion at a Town Info Meeting being held Thursday, November 15, 2018 at GHK with a follow-up discussion of the Select Board the next night, Friday, November 16th at the Town Office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Select Board: Special Meeting Friday November 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
Planning Board Meeting will be held on November 26, 2018 at 6:15 PM

D.O. T. Public Hearing, November 28, 2018 at Noon, Hutchison Center

TOWN MANGER REPORT:

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

1. Janet Anderson will be on vacation December 10 - 19, 2018
2. Craig Olson is resigning from the Transfer Station and beginning a new job on November 26, 2018, but is willing to continue on in December and work for two or three Sundays.
3. Letter dated 11/8/18 to the Ferry Defense Fund contributors from Arch Gillies
4. Handout dated 11/1/18 from the Ferry Service Advisory Board Meeting showing revenue and expenses.
5. Handout from Phil Seymour showing comparison of Island ferry fares using both distance and time.
6. Letter dated November 14, 2018 from Mary Costigan of Bernstein Shur to James Billings, Chief Counsel, MDOT requesting rescheduling of the MSFS Rulemaking Hearing.
7. Notes prepared by Janet Anderson of the November 5, 2018 Special Select Board Meeting regarding organization of trip to Belfast for November 28 MDOT Hearing.
8. Notes prepared by Janet Anderson of the November 13, 2018 Special Select Board Meeting regarding preparation for the November 15, 2018 Information Meeting.
9. E-mail dated November 9, 2018 from Mark Higgins regarding the Margaret Chase Smith.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adjust Transfer Station Demo Fees
Craig Olson prepared the proposed fee increase schedule, which the Select Board agreed is long overdue. The Select Board agreed to approve the rate increase as proposed, but not to wait so long to review the rates in the future, and perhaps look at them again in a year or two.

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton to approve the Transfer Station Demo Fee change dated 11/2018 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Request by Non-Profits for use of the Upper Parking Lot at Moseley Dock.
The Select Board is in receipt of a letter from Earl MacKenzie asking if they would permit storage of boats in the parking lot during the off season belonging to Big Tree Boating and Islesboro Island Trust.

Peggy Pike notified Janet Anderson that the Quit Claim Deed from North East Point LLC signed on August 24, 2009 is specific in the allowed use of the lot. It is to be used "exclusively as a municipal parking area" and does not state in the

deed that it is for boat storage. Gabe Pendleton pointed out that the Town had in the past asked one individual to remove his boat stored in that lot.

Arch Gilles recommended that this be tabled for review by the Town Attorney before the Select Board considers allowing boat storage on this lot.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by H. Kerr, to table this for review by the Town Attorney.

3. Sign Recognition for Fred Porter

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton to sign the recognition for Fred Porter. Motion passed 5-0.

WARRANT FY 19-10

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by S. Oliver, to approve Warrant #10, FY 19 in the amount of \$172,485.29. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Sandy Oliver said she is still being told by people that they do not get enough notification and information about what is going on regarding town business. She wants to put together a directory of sorts that will tell people where to find information.

Gabe Pendleton said he talked to a Lincolnville official at the Waldo County Budget meeting and they live feed their meetings on YouTube.

MOTION by G. Pendleton, seconded by H. Kerr, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Select Board