

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
NOVEMBER 26, 2019
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present:	Arch Gillies, Gabe Pendleton, Shey Conover, and Lauren Bruce
Excused:	Phil Seymour
Others Present:	Town Manager - Janet Anderson, Holly Fields, Maggy Willcox, Tom Tutor, Roger Heinen, Murton Durkee, John King, Page Clason

CALL TO ORDER: Arch Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019 as written. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2019 as written. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS/PETITIONS

MURTON DURKEE (Islesboro Fire Chief) - SEVEN HUNDRED ACRE ISLAND PUMP TRAILER STORAGE BUILDING

Murt notified the Select Board that Dark Harbor Boat Yard constructed a wonderful storage building out of fallen trees on Seven Hundred Acre Island in which to house the island’s pump trailer. He added that Dark Harbor Boat Yard did it at their own expense as well. Chair Gillies expressed his appreciation to them for a job well done.

JOHN KING - MSFS UPDATE

Mr. King handed out several documents including projected expenses through year 2027 showing rising operating costs. (See handout for details). Mr. King stated the primary reason for rising costs is due to the increase in personnel costs. He notes that personnel is 60% of the budget and states when trying to discuss this with MSFS officials they become very “defensive”. The second document Mr. King provided was the Maine State Ferry Service Advisory Board Annual Report written to Commissioner Van Note in which, amongst other things, included concerns with Tariff 8 and its impact on Islesboro as well as the ever rising cost of operating the ferry service. In conclusion, Mr. King asked the Select Board if they would like to take some action regarding the problem in projected rise in operating costs. Chair Gilles said that perhaps requesting a sort of targeted audit, looking at specific items, may be one way to go, and that he would speak to some people in hopes of obtaining a meeting with officials in the Governor’s office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Planning Board Meeting December 2, 2019 at 5 PM
2. Retirement Celebration for Linda Graf December 7 at ALP 3-4 PM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. Scanned items to Select Board:
 - Select Board Agenda 11/26/19
 - Minutes of the 11/13/19 Select Board Meeting
 - Minutes of the 11/6/19 Special Select Board Meeting
 - Minutes of the 11/6/19 AUCO Meeting
 - Notice of Harbor Committee Workshop Session 11/26 which was cancelled and will be rescheduled
 - Letter to Trustees of the Clarence and Anne Dilon Dunwalk Trust
 - Minutes of the MSFS Advisory Board 11/14/19 Meeting
 - Picture of the new building on 700 Acre Island to hold pump trailer.
 - Draft of the 2020 Meeting Dates

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION TO Authorize the Signing of the Articles of Incorporation for the Islesboro Economic Sustainability Corporation (IESC)

MOTION BY Shey Conover, seconded by G. Pendleton, to authorize the Select Board to sign the Articles of Incorporation for the IESC. Motion passed 4-0.

APPOINT Islesboro Economic Sustainability Corporation Board of Directors

MOTION by L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover to appoint Gabe Pendleton, Janet Anderson, Roger Heinen and Tom Tutor as Board of Directs for IESC. Motion passed 4-0.

Take any other actions necessary to organize the Entity

The newly formed IESC Board will schedule an initial Board Meeting to begin the groundwork , with one of the first orders of business being to open a bank account. The meetings will be posted, minutes will be taken, and all meetings are open to the public. The Board will come back to the Select Board on December 11, 2019 with more information including a job description for the Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

Holly Fields, Chair of the Islesboro Energy Committee, wanted to know if a person interested in being on the Committee can be a member if he or she only attends virtually. Janet Anderson said that in order for a member to vote, they have to be at the meeting in person. She said that he could be a member but if he is not in attendance, he cannot vote.

WARRANT FY 20 #11

MOTION by S. Conover, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #11 - FY 20 in the amount of \$359,818.64. Motion passed 4-0.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:

Gabe Pendleton said that the final Waldo County Budget Meeting is December 6, 2019. He mentioned the idea of possibly paying the Waldo County tax sooner if they offered a discount for early pay.

Shey Conover reported that there is progress being made regarding sea level rise efforts. She hopes to hear from the engineering firm about the Narrows by next meeting and will report back. She is going to seek out people for an AD HOC Sea Level Rise Committee. She also thinks that Sea Level Rise should be a topic on the agenda for the Winter Information Meeting.

For the remainder of the minutes of this meeting, please see minutes done by Janet Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen