

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
November 4, 2015
6:15 PM, Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Gabe Pendleton, and Hanna Kerr
Excused: Jay Zlotkowski

Others Present: Janet Anderson-Town Manager, Maggy Willcox, Jennifer Whyte, Terry Cowan,
Jon Kerr, Linda Gillies, Peter Mills, Don Johnson, Jon Kerr, Doug Welldon

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 20, 2015 as written.
Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR'S PETITIONS:

NONE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Planning Board Meeting scheduled for November 9 has been cancelled.
Deer Reduction Committee will meet on November 18

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

- Draft copy of the 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule
- Minutes of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board meeting of 9/3/15
- Minutes of the Deer Reduction Committee meeting of 10/20/15
- November Tick Bulletin
- Tick-Borne Disease/DRC/Lyme Handouts:
 1. Draft of memo from the BOS to the residents of Islesboro asking for comments and views on which direction the town should take considering the recent rejection of the Special Hunt by the State of Maine.
 2. Tick-Borne Disease/Deer Reduction - Next Steps 2015-2016
 3. Tick-Borne Disease/deer/tick statistics
 4. Tick-Borne Disease Prevention - General Chronology as of 1977
 5. History of Hunting on Islesboro since 1938.
 6. Letter from Linda Gillies to Janet Anderson, dated 11/3/15 regarding Feral Cats

OLD BUSINESS

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

Arch Gillies reviewed the next steps as outlined in the handout entitled "*Tick-Borne Disease/Deer Reduction - Next Steps 2015/2016*". He said that "everything is on the table" and that the BOS need to "collect all ideas". He would like the letter to residents asking for comments to be mailed out as soon as possible, and Janet said she would re-date the letter and send it out this Friday, November 6th, rather than November 16th. He said that once the letters are returned that they would be analyzed by J. Anderson, S. Oliver and himself, and that from this information they hope to fashion several programs.

Linda Gillies asked if the BOS would like citizens to present their comments in a certain format, but Arch Gillies said that he did not want to make it too “stringent” and any format would be accepted. Linda Gillies also asked if the environmental issue would come into play at this stage, i.e lack of regeneration of the forest, and the consensus was that yes it would be included, especially as this is a compound issue and separation of the health aspects and the environmental aspects would be difficult. S. Oliver stressed that publication of this information, as well as all the other tick-borne disease related handouts, should be distributed in all electronic formats the town is currently using - Facebook, town website, Constant Contact, as well as paper mailing. Jon Kerr, DRC member, commented that he feels the more people the BOS can involve, the more solidified and successful the effort will become. Don Johnson, DRC, said that “we have to wait and see what people want to do”.

NEW BUSINESS

Harbor Master Job Posting:

David Sleeper, current Harbor Master is resigning effective December 31, 2015. The Harbor Committee asked that the Board of Selectmen to discuss the scope of hours per week, review the current salary, and post the position. Currently the pay is a stipend of \$2,687.00.

Gabe Pendleton is concerned about the pay and that based on the stipend and the proposed hours, the salary would be less than \$10 per hour. He suggests that the BOS might want to consider raising the pay as a way to help in getting a qualified candidate. Arch Gillies suggested one idea to think about would be offering a base pay and then so much per hour after that. For now, Janet will post the position and let them know what the current stipend is while also letting them know that the salary is under review by the Board of Selectmen.

APPROVE WARRANT # FY16-10

MOTION by H. Kerr to approve Warrant #10 for FY 16 in the amount of \$1,025,947.03

S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Town Payroll	41,245.67
Town Payables	939,590.15 (Waldo County Tax Payment)
Dark Harbor Wastewater	3,432.27
Health Center Payables	4,177.15
School Payroll	44,832.99
School Payables	33,914.46
TOWN AND SCHOOL TOTAL:	1,025,947.03

BOARD COMMENTS:

<p>A R C H</p>	<p>Arch reminded board members that during the next meeting, November 18th, they will be discussing “Islesboro Looking Ahead”. He feels that this would also be an opportune time to consider new initiatives, such as energy conservation, renewable energy, etc.</p> <p>Arch said that at the December 2nd meeting he would like the BOS will discuss and update what is happening with Broadband, Preschool and Town Centers.</p>
<p>S A N D Y</p>	<p>Sandy reported that she talked to two community members about Lyme Disease/DRC, etc. One person that she spoke with said the only way to resolve the tick issue is to have a sharpshooter, and Sandy said that she tried unsuccessfully to get this individual to think past the sharpshooter scenario to other possible ideas. The other person she talked to said they “give up”, and that the problem cannot be solved.</p> <p>Secondly, Sandy discussed the idea of “hamlets”, rather than a town center, for northern Islesboro, an idea stemming from <i>Mother Earth News</i>. Hamlets could be a possible way for neighborhoods to work together, “chipping” in on solar energy initiatives, etc.</p> <p>Finally, Sandy reported that her deer sighting report has been minimal this time as she has not been out at night, but has seen a lot of fresh pellets.</p>
<p>G A B E</p>	<p>Regarding a solution to the tick-borne illness problem, he says that he hopes that the collection of ideas from the community will build support in the community so going forward initiatives decided upon will pass at Town Meeting.</p>

MOTION BY S. Oliver to adjourn the meeting. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7: 34 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen