

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting via Zoom
December 22, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present via Zoom:

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Shey Conover, Lauren Bruce, Phil Seymour and Arch Gillies

Others Present via Zoom:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Dorie Henning (by phone), Steve Miller, Roger Heinen, Michael Hutcherson.

Call to Order: Chair Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:32PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2020. Roll Call: Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

COVID UPDATE

Dorie via phone on Zoom: The numbers in our state have continued to increase over the past month. I feel we're getting closer to a possible outbreak on the island, especially with the upcoming holidays. I just want to reiterate the importance of not gathering over the holidays, as this will definitely invite the spread of the virus, especially as there are many people on Island from away. I'm concerned that people are using a negative test results as a means to gather without following the recommendations, wearing a mask and socially distancing, so please everybody on the call, please share this with your neighbors, and please do the right thing. The health center employees are definitely feeling vulnerable right now. We may have to start using powered air purifying respirators (PAPR).

Since Peggy has retired, we need to find a replacement. In the course of conducting interviews it has become apparent that the scope of her job was quite broad. Instead of jumping into trying to fill that position we've decided to use this time to really look at the mix of our staffing and decide how best to move forward.

No idea when vaccinations will be made available for our health care providers; however, Kennebec Pharmacy will be assisting Maura at the Boardman Cottage to get residents and employees vaccinated.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by A. Gillies to go out of order to have Steve Miller speak next. Roll Call: Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve Miller wanted to bring to the Board's attention the 2-ton spill of plastic in Searsport on December 2, 2020. The plastic was imported from Ireland and was destined for a waste incinerator in Orrington. Nobody knew this had happened until a resident found some plastic washed up on Sear's Island and it was reported to the DEP on December 8th. On December 13th Jon Kerr found some of this plastic in Sprague's Cove. What is concerning, besides the fact that it was not reported, is that it is very difficult to clean up, and no one seemed to know what the next steps were. Steve is asking the Select Board to pen a letter of concern regarding this matter.

It was decided that Steve would draft the letter and submit it to the Board for approval at the next meeting on January 7th unless it becomes more urgent.

2. Roger Heinen was on the call to draw attention to the IESC annual report for 2020 that had been handed out. There were no questions for Roger at this time.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by S. Conover to go into Public Hearing to consider the Automobile Graveyard Permit renewal for M&M Garage and Services.

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no.

PUBLIC HEARING

Janet states that this is a straightforward renewal application with a letter from CEO Bill Boardman recommending approving the application. He did not have any concerns and all conditions and restrictions have been met.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by A. Gillies to exit Public Hearing.

Roll call: 5 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by A. Gillies to approve the renewal of the Automobile Graveyard Permit for M&M Garage and Services. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Crisis Committee Meeting January 6, 2021
Next Select Board Meeting is January 7, 2021
Planning Board Meeting January 11

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Scanned Items:

Select Board Agenda 12/22/2020

Select Board Minutes 12/10/2020

Automobile Graveyard renewal application for M&M Garage and Services

IESC Annual Report to the Community December 2020

2021 Select Board Meeting dates

Warrant #13FY 21 and recap

12/9/20 letter from the Maine Community Foundation

- Janet sent a copy of the letter from the Maine Community Foundation where we received another anonymous donation to the Health Center Endowment Fund for \$5,268.98.
- Next is a letter from Andy Dorr, Vinalhaven Town Manager, to Mark Higgins of the MSFS stating concerns about loss of business due to the larger boat being reassigned to Islesboro. He feels that since the Islesboro run has more trips a day it would be better to have a smaller boat assigned there so they can have the bigger boat back to accommodate the larger trucks that take up so much space on the smaller vessels. It was felt that Islesboro should respond in some way since the letter was also sent to the Ferry Advisory Board. Gabe will draft something to circulate to the board for consideration before sending anything out. Janet received an email from Mark Higgins this afternoon and the Smith's hull is being painted and return date is still January 22nd.
- Update on CEO position: Dave Dyer has been interviewed and has been offered 20 hours of paid online training and will shadow Bill for some on the job training. We will reassess with him after that.
- Update on Peggy's H. Center Position: Dorie and Janet have interviewed 2 people and as Peggy's role was very unique we need more time to perhaps restructure or look at a lot of things in the health center so it was decided to not hire someone at this time. I'm going to hire Sarah Runnion-Bareford for six to eight weeks, we're calling it a temporary position. She has some familiarity with the health center as does the health center chart audit so she's familiar with Peggy's office so she's an easy person just to drop in there and see what she can do.
- Concerned about COVID and expenses, and any overages perhaps in the health center. Janet will hold off paying the Capital Reserve until probably late spring or early spring; except for the fire engine reserve as that's money that we will need when the fire engine is done and hold off until spring after we receive the second half of the real estate taxes and just looking at figures again and seeing where we are and how things are going. The Select Board want a P&L for the Health Center.

WARRANT FY 21 - #12

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by A. Gillies, to approve Warrant #13 for FY21 in the amount of \$252,316.86. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Wishes everybody a happy holiday. Optimistic that next year is going to be better than this year.

OTHER COMMENTS

Shey Conover: Merry Christmas to everyone. Our meeting in January is going to be fantastic.

Lauren: Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Phil Seymour: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. Stay safe!

Arch Gillies: 2020 was a tough one, but we can look forward to 2021 has been a great one.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Pendleton

Administrative Assistant