

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2019 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Hanna Kerr, Gabe Pendleton and Phil Seymour
Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Terry Cowan, Rick Rogers, Donna Seymour, Lauren Bruce, Jennifer West, Fred Porter, William Boardman, Nancy Alexander, Michael Hutcherson

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

MOTION BY P. SEYMOUR , seconded by S. Oliver, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019 as written. Motion passed 5-0. P. Seymour asked a question in follow up regarding the \$3000 invoice from ReVision Energy. Janet said she is still unsure how often the town will receive these invoices, and is not sure the result of cost to the town when compared to CMP bills in the past prior to solar installation. More study has to be done. Janet said David Petzel from the Energy Committee is in contact with ReVision. Gabe Pendleton reinforced his view that this needs further investigation so that the Select Board completely understands these charges and the bottom line cost to the town. Gabe concluded by stating "we should not be paying anything extra" for energy costs.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:

Ferry Rate Update

Arch Gillies summarized by stating that the town's current goals are to have conversations with the new State of Maine administration at all levels, support Representative Vicki Doudera's new bill regarding ferry rate structure and how to fairly impose rates, meet with the new Transportation Commissioner, and follow through with the ongoing judicial process. Arch stated "There are a lot of moving parts". There is also an upcoming phone meeting with the Town's attorneys and the judge on February 25th. It was noted that ongoing litigation may change depending on talks with and decisions by the new administration.

Gabe said he is hoping to have talks with DOT officials and would like the emphasis or the goal to be more on how to keep island communities sustainable rather than the bottom dollar.

Lauren Bruce said she has been in contact with Vicki Doudera and Vicki thinks she can get a hearing on her bill by late March. Arch Gillies and Gabe Pendleton have been in contact with Vicki about the possible dates. Jennifer West commented that getting a number of people to attend the hearing would be beneficial, and that discussion about the ferry issue should happen at the Winter Information Meeting.

Regarding legal funds, Arch said there is probably enough to get the Town through to

the end of March, and he is hoping that the issue may be resolved by the beginning of the next budget season, but if not, it is likely the town will have to create a budget line for any ongoing legal expenses.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board meeting will take place on February 11, 2019 at 6:15 PM.

Winter Information Meeting will be February 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM, GHK.

Arch said that they would touch on the obvious subjects, such as the ferry situation, sea level rise, etc. Alex Hodges will be invited to speak on the Preschool.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. The Grindle Point Concession Lease is up and Janet asked the Select Board if they would like to put this out to bid again or just have Karen Cilley put in a bid. It was decided that the proper procedure would be to put this out to bid again. Janet Anderson will take care of this.
2. Reminder that there is a workshop with the Energy Committee Feb 20 at 5 PM, just prior to the regular Select Board Meeting.
3. Janet received a letter today from the Town of Lincolnville thanking Islesboro for the \$15,000 harbor donation that goes towards the Lincolnville Harbor facilities.
4. Janet received an e-mail today from Lincolnville Town Administrator, David Kinney, who said they would like to appoint a subcommittee of their people, namely Ladleah Dunn, Dave Kinney and a Harbor Committee member, to meet with a subcommittee of Islesboro in order to maintain an ongoing working relationship. Janet would like Gabe Pendleton, herself, and possibly someone from the Harbor Committee to be the Islesboro subcommittee. Janet will talk to Harbor Master Stan Makara regarding possible candidates from the Harbor Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Bids for Moseley Dock Dinghy Float.

The following are the three bids received for the dinghy float:

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| 1. PYY | \$9,463.23 |
| 2. IME | \$5,720.24 |
| 3. DHBV | \$6,200.00 |

MOTION by S. Oliver, seconded by P. Seymour, to accept the bid of IME in the amount of \$5,720.24 for construction of the dinghy float. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Codes Enforcement Officer Report on Road Request

There has been a request from Paul Kazilionis to the Town of Islesboro for consideration of relocating an existing town road, which is the short connector road at the intersection of Decker Road and East Shore Drive. Bill Boardman explained that the Road Committee considered discontinuing this as a town road but because there were abutter concerns, the Road Committee did not pursue this. Now, however, the proposal from Mr. Kazilionis is not to discontinue the Town Road, but to relocate this road with all expenses paid for by the applicant himself.

Arch recommended that the Select Board appoint a working committee of Phil Seymour and some of the committee members that were on the Road Committee to review this request. The applicant would present their case to this working committee who in turn would make a recommendation to the Select Board. The Select Board would then decide whether they approve of the proposal and if so, it would go to Public Hearing and a Town vote.

It is not clear if the Planning Board would be involved with this process. Sally Daggett will be asked to advise. Bill Boardman noted that this road would be out of the Resource Protection District.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by S. Oliver, to establish a working committee and charge them with a set of new goals involving, for one, this road discontinuance/relocation request with Phil Seymour as Chair. MOTION passed 5-0.

WARRANT #16 - FY 19:

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #16-FY 19 in the amount of \$107,636.53. Motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by S. Oliver, to appoint John King to the Maine State Ferry Service Advisory Board and Ken Smith to the Health Center Advisory Board. Motion passed 5-0.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Arch Gillies shared that there is a very good article in the Bulletin from MMA discussing "core municipal services". He said it essentially describes what MMA thinks we should be concerned with.

Sandy Oliver said that she read an interesting article in the *Maine Townsman* about the hiring in South Portland of a "Sustainability Officer".

She also commented that because of the ferry rate increase, she has been told by people that they are shopping more at the local stores. Gabe said that the cost to the stores for freight, however, has likely increased.

Hanna Kerr reminded people to support the Islesboro Preschool and buy flowers at the various locations in town on Valentines Day.

MOTION BY Sandy Oliver, seconded by H. Kerr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board