

**Town of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting
March 8, 2017, 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Archibald Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Gabriel Pendleton, Hanna Kerr, and Jay T. Zlotkowski

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Hank Conklin, Johnny Hossack, Murton Durkee, Steve Miller, Janis Petzel, David Petzel, Laine Alexander, and David Pendleton

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 February 22, 2017 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Pendleton moved to take the agenda out of order. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

VISITORS COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Johnny Hossack regarding Golf Club Road

Mr. Hossack described the current deteriorating condition of Golf Club Road. With the freezing/melting, back and forth nature of this winter's weather, the road has become very soft with many ruts and sometimes impassable. He asked the town to possibly consider paving the road as he foresees more houses being built and more traffic. He brings this up as he knows it is currently budget season. Janet Anderson said that the first step is rebuilding the road base which has to happen prior to paving. Peter Coombs is currently working on stabilizing the road. The Board of Selectmen asked Janet to continue addressing this issue, possibly budgeting for pavement. Murton Durkee said that maintaining a passable road is paramount in that area as there is a fire pond with a hydrant beside the home of Mark Umbach which should remain accessible by the Fire Department in case of an emergency.

Steve Miller, Road Committee - River Lake II Letter regarding County Road dated 2/18/17

Donald Barclay, Treasurer of River Lake II, submitted the aforementioned letter to the Town asking if Islesboro might consider abandoning the unpaved portion of County Road. Steve Miller is recommending that for now the Board of Selectmen refer this matter to the Road Committee as he would like to take this matter up at a later time when other road matters are being considered.

MOTION by G. Pendleton to refer this matter to the Road Committee and await their recommendation. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Motion by H. Kerr to return to the order of the agenda. G. Pendleton seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. The first budget workshop is scheduled for Wed, March 15 at 5 PM.
2. The Board discussed dedication of Town Report.
3. Jim Mitchell attended the Maine State Ferry meeting on March 2. The Margaret Chase Smith (MCS) goes off for Coast Guard inspection in April and will be taken out of service in 2018 for refurbishing. They are discussing ferry fare increases as well. G. Pendleton said that he would like to bring to their attention that the Islesboro ferry makes money and would like them to take that into consideration.
4. February 2017 Town Revenue and Expense Reports.
5. Minutes of the Health Center Advisory Board meeting 1/19/17
6. Two workshops were recently held regarding Lincolnville Harbor facilities: 3/1/17 the Islesboro Board of Selectmen and the Harbor Committee met to discuss Lincolnville Harbor facilities and then on 3/2/17 the Islesboro Board of Selectmen met with the Lincolnville Board of Selectmen to discuss the Lincolnville Harbor facilities. Notes were taken for the 3/2/17 meeting and provided to the BOS for review.
7. 3/1/17 Sustainability Meeting notes reviewed.
8. E-mail from Toby Martin on Energy
9. Letter dated 3/1/17 from Arch to Whom it May Concern regarding support from the Board of Selectmen for IME to continue using Islesboro harbor facilities for accessing their shellfish aquaculture.
10. Letter from John Gorham, DHB, dated 2/20/17, regarding a list of items needed for 700 Acre Island that he would like to have discussed during this budget season. Janet Anderson will contact Mr. Gorham and let him know the workshop dates in which this will be discussed.
11. E-mail dated 3/6/17 from Jack Harte of Fairpoint Communications requesting a permanent parking spot at Gindle Point for a Ford Focus. The Parking Committee will meet March 15 at 4:30 to discuss this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revision Energy Solar proposal for Town Municipal Building

The Board of Selectmen want to go forward with pursuing solar for the Town Office roof. Janet Anderson said that Sally Daggett recommended that this project be put out to bid. Janet will find out who Lincolnville sent their bids for solar to and will pursue getting this project out to bid.

MOTION by S. Oliver, seconded by G. Pendleton, to put the All American Pressure Washer out to bid. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Energy Committee Establishment:

Arch Gillies said that he would like the Board of Selectmen to think about establishing an Energy Committee. The Board of Selectmen are all in agreement with this idea. The Energy Committee would help the BOS decide what to do or what not to do going forward regarding energy. There is already an energy team at the school and there was discussion that it would be beneficial to somehow include students. The number of committee members would possibly be nine.

MOTION BY S. Oliver, seconded by G. Pendleton, to establish an Energy Committee with a target number of nine committee members. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Broadband Status:

Arch Gillies said that he has asked Broadband Committee member, Roger Heinen, to provide an update of the project at the next regular BOS meeting, 3/22/17.

Gabe Pendleton expressed his concern regarding several issues surrounding this “multi-million dollar project”, namely the lack of oversight between the Board of Selectmen and the Broadband Committee, and the fact that there was no binding agreement made with CMP for use of the cable prior to getting to this stage. He has serious concerns regarding the use of microwaves- what the cost will be and whether the quality will be same as with the fiber. He wants to know who is responsible with what happened to CMP. He wants to have more transparency and less limitation of information between the Broadband Committee and the BOS.

Arch Gillies said that the Broadband Committee has been meeting every Thursday and that he and Janet Anderson have attended all of the meetings and have been kept informed. He said that the meetings have not been open to the public and no minutes have been taken of these meetings. **David Pendleton** advised that the BOS seek advice from the town’s attorney regarding the legitimacy of these closed meetings. **Janet Anderson** said that Sally is aware of these meetings, as she is involved in many via phone. **Gabe Pendleton** wants to be sure that these meetings can continue to happen in this fashion and feels that things need to be “tightened up” and that there needs to be a well defined line of oversight. **Jay Zlotkowski** wants to know whose making all the decisions. **Arch Gillies** explained that sometimes the meetings involve negotiations and that these are not always public information. **Janet Anderson** will find out if the update from the Broadband Committee scheduled for next meeting can be done in executive session.

WARRANT #18 FY 17

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by S. Oliver to approve Warrant #18 - FY 17, in the amount of \$
Motion passed 5-0.

Town Payroll	\$ 44,139.35 (Not included in bottom total)
Town Payables	\$ 155,597.94
Health Center	\$ 2,889.72
Dark Harbor Wastewater	\$ 485.87
Islesboro Municipal Broadband	\$ 14,305.10
School Payroll	\$ 48,220.00
School Warrant	\$ 26,881.10
Town Total	\$248,379.73

BOARD COMMENTS:

Sandy Oliver asked about the cigarette receptacles at Grindle Point. Janet said she is waiting to hear back from John Anders regarding possible locations.

Gabe Pendleton said he is working on a proposal for a float and incline with Lincolnville Selectman, Art Durity, for Lincolnville harbor. They are working on getting estimates. They are hopeful that there will be a new float and incline in Lincolnville by summer, and Gabe told them that Islesboro would probably put money towards this, but no guarantees.

MOTION by H. Kerr, seconded by S. Oliver to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen.