

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, April 1, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present via Zoom:

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Shey Conover, Lauren Bruce, Phil Seymour

Others Present via Zoom:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Chuck Hamm, Vern Ziegler, Andrew Anderson, Maggy Willcox, Sara Runnion-Bareford, Roger Heinen, Jennifer West, Melissa Jagger, Fred Porter, Christine Robb, Michael Hutcherson

Call to Order: Chair Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the minutes of 3/18/2021.

Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to go into Public Meeting to finalize the FY22 Budget. Roll Call: Motion passed 3 yes, 0 no. (Phil not on the call yet)

PUBLIC HEARING

SCHOOL BUDGET: Chuck Hamm answered questions from the Select Board and the Town Manager. There were no questions from other participants on the call.

TOWN BUDGET: The Select Board discussed at length ways to cut the budget by \$200,000 in order to keep the mil rate below \$18.40. Vern Zeigler confirmed that if the budget was lowered by \$200,000 then the mil rate would be \$17.60

MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by S. Conover, reduce resiliency by \$75,000.00. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to reduce the town municipal expansion by \$50,000.00. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to increase the amount taken out of undesignated funds by \$35,000.00 for a total of \$235,000.00. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton seconded by L. Bruce to reduce the Harbor swim float by \$20,000.00. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

The Health Center Advisory Board already reduced their budget by \$20,000.00. No change to paving. This has reduced the budget by \$200,000.000, bringing the mil rate from \$18.40 to \$17.60.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by S. Conover, to go out of Public Hearing on the School and Town Budget. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

REGULAR MEETING

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the budget as amended. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

COVID UPDATE

Lauren reports that there were a total of 8 positive cases here on the island. She believes that all the pending tests have come back. It is a testament to how all the hard work has paid off to keep these numbers so low.

FERRY UPDATE

There was a finance subcommittee meeting earlier in the week where personnel from the MSFS , DOT, and Augusta met. They agree to keep the Advisory Board informed of any upcoming meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Planning Board April 5, 2021
- Select Board April 15, 2021

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Scanned Items:

- Agenda
- Minutes from 3/18/21
- Letter of thanks from Dave Kinney, on behalf of the Town of Lincolnville.
- Health Center Advisory Board minutes from 1/21/21.
- Email from Dave Petzel RE: trailer for the radar sign.
- Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement of Warrants for employee wages and Benefits.
- Warrant FY21, #20 and recap.
- Email from Roger Heinen with his analysis of the IMB subscriber fee versus town subsidy.

OLD BUSINESS

1. IMB Committee Recommendation on Increasing Broadband Annual Fee. Roger Heinen and Vern Zeigler spoke about the increase of the Broadband Subscription Annual Fee by \$10.00/year proposed by the IMB Committee.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to increase the IMB subscriber annual rate from \$360.00 to \$370.00 to go into effect at the next billing cycle in July. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

2. Policy on Treasurer's Distribution on Payroll Warrant/new signer. Arch was the signer for 10 years.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by L. Bruce, to designate Lauren Bruce and Phil Seymour to sign Payroll Warrants. Roll Call: Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY21 - #20

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve Warrant #20 for FY21 in the amount of \$310,107.68 Roll Call: 4 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Thanks to everyone for their work on the Budget. Big thanks to Arch for the years he put in on behalf of the town.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Shey: Second all of what Gabe said. Would like speak at the next meeting about sea level rise; this will be added to the agenda.

Lauren: Thanks to Arch.

Phil: Thanks to Janet for delivering paperwork to his house.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tina Pendleton
Administrative Assistant**