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**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2019
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Arch Gillies, Phil Seymour, Gabe Pendleton, Lauren Bruce and Shey Conover

Others Present: Town Manager - Janet Anderson and Elizabeth Hayden

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

MOTION BY S. CONOVER, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2019 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:

Ferry Rate Update

Gabe Pendleton reported that there is no new news. He expects the formal rule making process to take place in the coming weeks with a hearing being scheduled most likely again in Belfast. Arch Gillies said that he feels the Select Board/Town of Islesboro should be prepared for this public hearing with speakers, presentations, etc., as the press most likely will cover the hearing.

Lauren Bruce asked if there was any more discussion regarding municipalities paying part of the costs, to which Arch answered "that's not going to happen". Gabe suggested one idea would be for the town to buy bulk tickets and then sell them cheaper to the residents, but buying in bulk does not reduce the cost of the tickets. Lauren also asked if there was any more discussion regarding the increased truck rates and is concerned as these costs are passed on directly to islanders.

Finally, there was a question about the new proposed rate structure and the wording of bike and rider as well as truck and driver. Mrs. Hayden questioned whether the cost of these will be different and not include the driver or the rider as it is now.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Adult Use Cannabis Ordinance Committee: July 31, 2019
2. Planning Board Meeting August 5, 2019 at 6:15 PM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. Scanned items to Select Board:
 - 7/24/19 Select Board Agenda
 - 6/25/19 Approved Harbor Minutes
 - 7/19/19 Email from Bill Pulver re MSFS revised proposal
 - MSFS Personal Services Variance 2019-2021 & Capital Plan 2019-2021
2. Janet reported that she hired Earl MacKenzie as Assistant Harbor Master
3. Janet reported that she hired Melissa Olson as Library Director and Melissa will begin training on 9/1/19. Linda Graf leaves early December 2019.
4. Janet explained that People's United Bank is selling their Wealth Management Franchise to Bar Harbor Bank & Trust by the 4th quarter of 2019. The Town of Islesboro does not have to do anything. Bar Harbor Bank & Trust will be retaining all People's employees so the people the town deals with will stay the same.
5. Email from David Kinney regarding new ferry rate proposal. He wanted to offer his support and let Islesboro know they are willing to assist in any way. Arch suggested discussing with David Kinney solutions for the parking problems in Lincolnville. She Conover thought they are working on the septic area in Lincolnville and that may result in more parking. Janet Anderson will discuss with David Kinney.
6. Kevin McKeever, Production Manager for HGTV's Island Life will be coming to Islesboro to film an episode of the show. They will be here 7/31/19 to 8/4/19 and will be using the following locations: Sandcastle Grille, Dark Harbor Shop, Lily Guest Memorial Trail, Bike Riding and the Grindle Point Museum and Lighthouse.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Set date and location for Summer Information Meeting
It was decided to hold the Summer Information Meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room on Thursday, August 22, 2019. She suggested that it would be nice to reach out to have the school participate as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Coast Guard Regulation Requiring Emergency Runs be Called into Coast Guard Prior to Making a Run.
Janet said this rule has always existed but the rules had been relaxed. Discussion regarding this resurfaced following an inspection of the Vinalhaven ferry some time ago. Mark Higgins is coming out to the island next week to discuss. She Conover recommended contacting the Coast Guard directly rather than going through the MSFS officials. The Select Board agreed with Shey's suggestion and thought Fred Porter or Gabe Pendleton should be the ones to reach out to them. Janet will follow-up regarding this.

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WARRANT #2 - FY 20 and FY 19 A/R

MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve Warrants #2-FY 20 and FY 19 A/R in the amount of \$249,245.82. Motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS

The Select Board signed Earl MacKenzie's appointment for Assistant Harbor Master.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:

Arch Gillies listed the ferry, school, long term projects and maybe cannabis as topics for the upcoming Summer Information Meeting.

Shey Conover said she recently had a conversation with a woman in Portland regarding sea level rise and possible infrastructure expenses. She would like to provide islanders with information on what steps they can take to protect their property. She said she may have this lady come out to the island and give a talk.

Lauren Bruce suggested looking into the legalities/possibility of adopting a policy that would give preference to hiring an island resident over a nonresident provided they are of equal skill level. She would like to see both the town and the school look into adopting such a policy. Janet said she will consult with Sally Daggett, Esq.

MOTION BY GABE PENDLETON, SECONDED BY P. SEYMOUR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen