

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2020 @ 5:30 PM
Town Office Meeting Room
MINUTES**

Members Present in person:

Vice Chair Shey Conover, Arch Gillies, Lauren Bruce and Phil Seymour

Excused: Chair Gabe Pendleton

Others Present in person:

Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Michael Hutcherson, Linda Wentworth FNP-C,

Dorie Henning FNP-C, Owen Howell, PA-C.

Others Present via Dial-in/Teleconference or Zoom

Rebecca Schnur, Roger Heinen, Elizabeth Hayden, Vicki Conover, May Bartlett, Maegan Randlett, Maggy Willcox

Call to Order: Vice Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by Arch Gillies, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020 as written.

Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

ISLESBORO Public Health Update on COVID-19:

Dorie Henning, FNP-C, reported that as of today's date, there are no active cases of Covid 19 on island. She reported that the Health Center has had its "hands full" planning for the surveillance testing program. She said that the Health Center continues to provide primary and urgent care to the island, and notes that there has been an uptick in tick-borne illnesses and brown tail moth rash on the island. The Health Center staff screens all patients for Covid-19 prior to their visit and the Health Center undergoes a rigorous cleaning routine daily. Dorie reported that there is now a new blue canopy which is being erected in front of "The Annex" to help shield patients and providers in case of inclement weather.

MOTION by Phil Seymour, seconded by Lauren Bruce, to take the agenda out of order. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Health Center on a Proposal for Covid-19 Surveillance Testing

Dorie Henning, FNP-C, gave an overview of the proposed surveillance testing for Islesboro. She reviewed in detail the information included in the attached packet entitled "Islesboro Covid-19 Surveillance Testing". Please refer to the attachment for details. Dorie said that the testing works to identify people unknowingly spreading the Covid-

19 virus. The cost of the surveillance project is being paid for with \$70,000 in government grants. The estimated monthly cost of the project is \$9,660 per month and thus the project can continue for 6 months before more money is needed. With this in mind, Arch Gillies recommended to start fund raising sooner rather than later for the period following the six months that are currently paid for. Dorie explained that Owen Howell, Linda Wentworth as well as herself will be the project supervisors. The individuals being tested will be a cross section of people who have a great deal of public contact. The names of those being testing will be kept confidential. The people tested are doing so on a voluntary basis and may opt out at any time. If there is a positive test, that individual will be notified and the surveillance team will work with the CDC on contact tracing. Any people testing positive will be instructed to self isolate in their home. Dorie said testing will be done Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday mornings, with 20 people each day being tested. These same 40 people will be tested again two weeks later.

Maegan Randlett offered several comments. She feels that the drive-through testing site in front of the Town Office is not private enough and others will easily be able to see who is getting tested. Secondly, if there is an individual with a positive result, that person will have to miss work and this could be hardship financially for people. She said both of these situations might deter people from volunteering.

Becky Schnur asked if some of the grant money could be reserved for islanders returning from “hot spots” rather than having all the money going to the surveillance testing. Dorie Henning and Owen Howell thought Becky had a good point and this will be given some consideration. Owen Howell said there may be “some wiggle room”.

MOTION by A. Gillies, seconded by Phil Seymour to accept the Covid-19 Surveillance Testing proposal as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION by P. Seymour to return to the original order of the agenda. A. Gillies seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board, July 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Public Hearing July 23, 2020 on the August 25th Referendum Town Meeting.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Scanned/Discussed Items:

1. Select Board Agenda July 9, 2020
2. June 24, 2020 Select Board Minutes.
3. Islesboro Covid-19 Surveillance Testing Proposal
4. Warrant Recap FY 20 and FY 21
5. 2020-2021 Financial Summary. Mil rate is 16.93, up from 16.65.
6. CMP Pole Permit Application from John Apelquist: The Select Board signed the permit for John Apelquist for pole installation.
7. Janet Anderson said that Mr. Stafford is selling his airport hanger and explained that he has the right to sell to anybody he chooses. The Select Board, however, is the final authority on who is chosen.
8. Kevin Waters, from Penobscot Air, passed recently and Janet told the Select Board that island communities

D R A F T are getting together to have a plaque made in his honor and it will be placed at the Owls Head Airport. Janet Anderson asked the Select Board if they would like to contribute to the plaque.

9. Janet Anderson reported that Andrew Kahrl of ReVision Energy told her that the solar project at the Transfer Station will be more costly now because CMP has to make upgrades first. Mr. Kahrl will notify Janet of the increase in cost when he knows.

WARRANT FY 20- #27 and FY 21-#1

MOTION BY Shey Conover, seconded by Arch Gillies to approve Warrant FY 21 #1 in the amount of \$55,938.71. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION BY Lauren. Bruce, seconded by Shey Conover to approve Warrant FY 20 - #27 in the amount of \$137,182.60. Motion passed 4-0.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:

Arch Gillies would like to have Janet put on the agenda for next time the proposal of expanding Public Works and hiring unemployed or under employed island workers to help with winter projects as he has mentioned at previous meetings.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

**MOTION by P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 4-0. Time of adjournment 6:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board