

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
August 22, 2018 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Archibald Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Philip Seymour
Members Excused: Hanna Kerr, Gabe Pendleton

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Fred Porter, Nicholas Porter, Murton Durkee,
Roger Heinen, and Terry Cowan.

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 August 8, 2018 as written. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION BY S. Oliver, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018, Special Select Board Meeting, as written. P. Seymour seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Islesboro Municipal Broadband Update:

Roger Heinen presented a written update. Please refer to attached document entitled "*Islesboro Select-Board IMB Update - August 22, 2018*" for details.

Roger reported that essentially the construction phase of the project is complete and a punch list of items is left to do. There are approximately 603 active subscribers at this time. He said the fence at the POP building and the required screening have not yet been done. The Town has still not sent out Broadband bills as the Trio Software system has to be customized and this is still ongoing. Janet reported that CMP has not yet billed the Town for the POP building and it has been over a year.

Roger wants the Select Board to appoint an IMB Oversight Committee to staggered terms as follows: Roger Heinen (Chair - 2021), Hank Conklin (2020), John Rex-Waller (2020), Laura Toran Graf (2019), and Vicki Conover (2019).

Ferry Rate Update:

Arch Gillies reported that on August 16, 2018, Kennebec County Superior Court met and agreed to an expedited hearing on September 7, 2018. Arch said that it is likely that the judge will take the issue under advisement and then issue a ruling at a later date both on the Motion for Summary Judgment and the Motion to Stay. He said that if the Town wins on the Motion for Summary Judgment then the case is over. If the Court does not provide the town a favorable ruling, the Town will press forward with constitutional and municipal arguments. Arch wrote a letter dated August 20, 2018 to the contributors to the Islesboro Ferry Defense Fund explaining the above and

thanking them for their contributions.

Public Safety/Fire Dept Request for Space Increase/Renovation:

Fred Porter, Public Safety Officer, addressed the Select Board regarding the lack of adequate space and air conditioning in his office and the office of the Fire Chief. He said that the lack of air conditioning in that part of the building has proven more than challenging this past summer. He is asking the Select Board to look into making appropriate changes to address this problem. Arch Gillies told Mr. Porter that his timing is good as budget discussions will begin in the near future and an overall look at the facility would be in order. He said he is putting Janet Anderson in charge of setting up a schedule of meetings with Fred Porter and Murt Durkee, and perhaps finding a professional to look at possibilities regarding renovations.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Terry Cowan asked if there would be a Comprehensive Planning Committee established now that the Comp Plan has been approved. Arch Gillies said the Select Board should appoint such a committee and Terry Cowan volunteered to be a member. Janet Anderson will address this after Labor Day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board meeting on September 10, 2018 @ 6:15 PM.

Alice L. Pendleton Library Centennial Celebration on August 25, 2018

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT:

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

1. Alice L. Pendleton Centennial Celebration Saturday, August 25, 1:30 - 4:30 PM.
2. Minutes of the 6/26/18 Special School Committee Meeting
3. ALP Trustees Minutes of 4/18/18 and 6/13/18.
4. Energy Committee Minutes of 7/16/18
5. Revised 10/2/18 School Referendum Schedule
6. Memo from Mark Higgins, MSFS Manager, dated 8/17/18 notifying the Town that the Margaret Chase Smith will be out of the water beginning sometime in September and will be out for maintenance for about six weeks.
7. Janet has reposted the Request for a Quote for construction of a roof structure on the Town Office building to aid with snow falling off the solar panels.
8. The Town received a check in the amount of \$2,722 as a dividend check from MMA as a result of its good loss experience and loss prevention programs.
9. Copy of a letter dated 8/20/18 from Arch Gillies to the Contributors of the Islesboro Ferry Defense Fund thanking them for their support and updating them as to the status of the ongoing legal case.
10. July 2018 Revenue and Expense Reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve and sign the amended warrant for a Special Town Meeting Referendum on October 2, 2018 to see if the Town will vote to accept the conveyance of land from River Lake II, nc., and a grant from the Clarence and Anne Dillon Dunwalke Trust to construct a house for the Islesboro Central School principal.

Terry Cowan commented regarding this specific lot on which the Town is proposing to build a house, that the Planning Board perhaps should be consulted, especially in light of the fact that the lot is nonconforming. Arch Gillies said that he trusts the CEO in this matter.

MOTION BY P. SEYMOUR, seconded by S. Oliver to approve and sign the aforementioned warrant as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE REFERENDUM VOTE ON October 2, 2018

MOTION by S. Oliver, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the Notice of Public Hearing as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from Tom Tutor to Phil Carey, Maine Department of Agriculture

Tom Tutor wrote a letter thanking Phil Carey for his help with the Comp Plan and letting him know that the Comprehensive Plan was approved and adopted at a Special Town Meeting.

MOTION by P. Seymour, seconded by S. Oliver to send a letter from the Select Board to Phil Carey thanking him for his help on the Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 3-0.

WARRANT #4 - FY 19:

MOTION BY S. OLIVER, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve Warrant #4 - FY19 in the amount of \$205,810. Motion passed 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

MOTION BY P. SEYMOUR, seconded by S. Oliver to approve the following appointments:

Energy Committee: Richard De Grasse

IMB: Roger Heinen, Henry Conklin, Vicki Conover, Laura Toran-Graf and John Rex-Waller.

Motion passed 3-0.

CHAIR AND MEMBER COMMENTS

ARCH GILLIES: In response to Fred Porter’s earlier request asking for more space for Fire/EMS/Public Safety, he feels it is time to do an overall look and evaluation of the Town Office Building and grounds, along with preschool and POP building. He said the landscaping/fencing, etc needs to be done at the POP Building. Thought should be given to a sidewalk for safety purposes, especially now that the Town Centers Ordinance has passed. He feels the exit road from the Town Office Preschool should be looked at again.

Arch commented that he felt the Summer Information Meeting went well with a lot of concern raised from attendees regarding rising seas at the Narrows and Grindle Point.

PHIL SEYMOUR: Phil supports Fred Porter’s position that more space is needed in that department. He also said he tried to “diffuse” a rumor in the “rumor mill” that the cost of the school solar project would be about \$400,000 to the Town. Janet pointed out that there will be a cost of about \$100,000 spread out over 5 years. Finally, Phil Seymour had heard that there are perhaps 38 magnet students starting school on island this year and is concerned about the increase in numbers and its effect on island taxpayers funding their education.

**MOTION BY SANDY OLIVER, seconded by Phil Seymour, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.
MOTION passed 3-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board

Attachment