

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
@ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members present: Chair Craig Olson, Sandra Oliver, Susan Schnur , Jay. T. Zlotkowski, Arch Gillies.

Others Present: Janet Anderson- Town Manager, Pete Anderson, Page Clason, Linda Gillies, Gil Rivera

MOTION by S. Schnur to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013 as corrected. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Page Clason - Broadband Internet Access

Page gives an update of where we are with obtaining broadband internet access. Attempts to work with and get Fairpoint to submit an application to the ConnectME Authority for funding assistance have not been successful. GWI came forward with a pre-application letter to ConnectME to provide 1 gigabit service over fiber to the homes for the unserved areas, however Fairpoint is currently blocking this project saying that its proprietary fiber leading from Islesboro's CO to the mainland connection has insufficient capacity. Page wants Fairpoint to either build out a minimum of Tier 3 broadband available to each property owner, or allow the Town of Islesboro the ability to get the job done with or without partners. There are rumors that Fairpoint will soon extend broadband service to the primary unserved areas on Islesboro, however Page is concerned that the quality of service might turn out to be marginal, and that this would leave us unqualified for future ConnectME funding opportunities. In light of this information, Page has drafted a letter from the Board of Selectmen to Mike Reed, State President of Fairport Communications, asking for a meaningful dialog with them in the immediate future. The BOS approved the letter with a few minor changes, and the letter will be mailed out tomorrow.

MOTION by Sandy Oliver to approve the letter formulated by Page Clason to Fairpoint Communications regarding internet access. S. Schnur seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1) School Budget Workshop with Selectmen March 28 @ 3PM, Town Office.
- 2) Planning Board Meeting April 8, 2013 @ 6:15 PM, Town Office
- 3) Deer Reduction Committee Information Meeting April 25, 2013, 6 PM, Kinnicutt Center

DRC: Pete Anderson and Linda Gillies presented an outline/schedule of upcoming meetings. (See attached).

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nothing to report other than budget preparation over the last few weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Letter to J. Anderson from David Leuschen, dated 3/1/13 requesting that the Town consider leaving one float out at Big Tree so that Seal Island residents can use it year-round. S. Schnur said that Bob Achorn, Harbor Master for Seal Harbor, did agree that he felt it would be all right to leave a float out if there was an agreement that the residents of Seal Harbor pay for damages incurred during winter months. The pinning of the pier into the ground may be compromised during storms, but one consideration is asking the residents of Seal Island to pay for the upgrade of this pier system if they want it left our year-round. The BOS are requesting that the Harbor Committee recommend to them how to improve this pier to make it safe for the winter months. The Harbor Committee meets in April and this will be discussed.
- 2) Preschool Lease: The Preschool submitted a draft lease for years 2013-2016 in the amount of \$100 for the first year, with lease amounts renegotiable each year thereafter. The BOS feel that the lease should come from the Town, and has asked J. Anderson to find an old lease. The BOS agreed on the amount of \$100.00.
3. A Budget Resolution document dated March 27, 2013 in response to Governor LePage's budget proposals was sent to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen from the Town of Stockton Springs as a means of providing a united front on the part of local towns in rejecting the governor's proposal. MOTION by A. Gilles, seconded by S. Schnur to approve and sign the Budget Resolution as presented. S. Schnur seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Advisory Committee: It was decided that each member of the BOS should bring the names of one or two people whom they feel would be a good Chair for this proposed committee. There was no other discussion. This will be put on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

WARRANT

MOTION by S. Schnur to approve Warrant #20 in the amount of \$234,170.69. J. T. Zlotilowski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Town Payroll	\$	34,874.64
Town Payables	\$	99,641.35
Health Center Payables	\$	13,135.43
Dark Harbor Wastewater	\$	13.75
School Payroll	\$	54,400.47
School Payables	\$	45,254.23
Total:	\$	234,170.69

SELECTMEN COMMENTS

- C. Olson** C. Olson thanked Janet for the breakdown of health insurance figures.
- A. Gillies** A. Gillies wanted the BOS to know that not only is he talking to the press and other towns regarding the matter of the Searsport tank, but he is

also talking to senators, government officials and institutions.

S. Oliver

S. Oliver has been talking with Janet about whose responsibility it is to clean up the aftermath of CMP's tree cutting alongside the roads. It has been determined that it is the responsibility of the landowner to clean up the slash, etc. The BOS want to find ways to communicate this fact to landowners. There will be something written for the Town Newsletter and newspaper. J. Anderson will also put something in the Town Report. It was noted that there is town land, such as the school, that needs cleaning up, and it was felt that if the town led by example, perhaps others would follow suit.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MOTION by S. Schnur to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen