

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 2, 2014 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandra Oliver, Jay T. Zlotkowski (tardy) , and Craig Olson.
Excused Fred Rollins.

Others Present: Janet Anderson- Town Manager and Vern Ziegler - Town Assessor

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM, and a quorum was established.

MOTION by C. Olson to approve the minutes of December 18, 2013 as written. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Christmas Ice Storm :
A mailer went out with a thank you to some of the individuals who helped during the Christmas ice storm. MOTION by S. Oliver to approve a resolution on behalf of the Town of Islesboro thanking those individuals for their help. C. Olson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.
2. Steve Miller - Letter dated 12/31/13 regarding emergency preparedness for extreme weather events.
A. Gillies asked Steve Miller to put his thoughts and questions in writing regarding the town's response during the past two extreme weather events as Steve had approached him with concerns. J. Anderson said that a lot goes on behind the scenes that citizens may not be aware of. The BOS would like to find a way to communicate to the general public what does go on behind the scenes. J. Anderson is planning a meeting to discuss how things went during the ice storm, but wants to wait until Fred Rollins, CMP Island Rep, returns. She will bring Steve's concerns to the meeting. She notes that the Fire Department and the EMS currently need more volunteers.
3. Vern Ziegler, Town's Assessor, Full Value Tax Rate Comparison
V. Ziegler discussed how variations in each municipality's ratio of assessed value to market value make it difficult to compare Mil Rates between towns. Two towns with the same tax amount due on a property with a market value of \$100,000 can have very different Mil Rates depending on assessed value. For example, the annual tax on a house valued at \$100,000 in Islesboro is \$800 and the annual tax on a house with same value in Lincolnville is \$1,346.00. The BOS would like Vern to discuss this concept at the Winter Informational Meeting, but he will be out of town. The handout with these findings will, however, be made available at the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Planning Board Meeting January 6, 2014 @ 6:15 PM
2. Winter Informational Meeting/Potluck, January 22, 2014: The Town has been informed that there is a conflict with the date of the informational meeting. Cancelled basketball games have been rescheduled for January 22nd, and the Town will need to choose another date. S.

Oliver noted that if the meeting gets pushed back to February, that the Community Chorus meets every Wednesday during February. Janet will work on choosing another date.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The following items were reviewed and/or discussed:

- 1) Michelle Boone, Highway Program Reg 2 Superintendent visited J. Anderson today to discuss the town piggybacking on the state's contract for spring paving. The question is whether the town would consider doing 4 miles instead of 2 again. Consideration may be made for another TAN with Camden National Bank.
- 2) Islesboro Central School proposed 2014/15 Budget Development Timeline
- 3) Vern Ziegler handout "Full Value Tax Rate". See details under "Visitor's Comments"
- 4) December 2013 Expense and Revenue Reports
- 5) DRC Draft Minutes of December 19, 2013. The estimate at this time is that approximately 90 deer were killed during the regular hunt.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Email from Steve Miller 12/31/13 regarding Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety - Please see details under "Visitor's Comments".
- 2) Email from the Maine Community Foundation showing that there was an anonymous donation of \$5,854.55 to the Health Center Endowment Fund bringing the total to \$57,626.00.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) "Islesboro Looking Ahead". A. Gillies would like to put off discussion and vote on this item until Fred Rollins returns.

WARRANT #13

MOTION BY C. Olson to approve Warrant #14, FY 14 in the amount of \$154,220.44.
S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Town Payroll	\$ 35,243.86
Town Payables	\$ 34,757.34
School Payroll	\$ 44,375.24
School Payables	\$ 39,844.00
Total:	\$ 154,220.44

COMMENTS

Chair Comments: A. Gilles said that he foresees that each person on the list of speakers for the informational meeting will not say more than 3 or 4 sentences on their topic, and to speak for no longer than 3 to 4 minutes. The format which each speaker should follow would be 1) Describe the situation, 2) Describe what is being done about it and 3) what questions or considerations remain. People can ask questions during or after the presentations.

The regular portion of this meeting ended at 7:00 PM. Please refer to the minutes done by Janet Anderson for the remainder of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen