

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting

January 14, 2015 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Fred Rollins, Hanna Kerr and Jay Zlotkowski

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager

Steve Miller
Ken Smith
Shey Conover
Robert Achorn
David Sleeper
Janice Harmen
Page Clason
Maggy Wilcox

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

MOTION by S. Oliver to approve the minutes of December 30, 2014. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting 1/26/15 @ 6:15 PM.
- Harbor Committee 1/22/15 @ 6:00 PM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The following items were distributed, and discussed/ reviewed:

- J. Anderson thanked Linda and Arch Gillies for housing Linda Wentworth, N.P. while she substituted for the PA's over New Years.
- Handout: "Investing in Islesboro" by Arch Gillies
- Handout: "Necessity: Then and Now" by Doug Welldon
- Packet of information regarding Harbor Issues:
 - 1) Ken Smith's list of suggestions for improvement of the Lincolnville harbor facilities,
 - 2) List of safety concerns regarding Lincolnville floats from 5/21/14,
 - 3) E-Mail from David Kinney, Lincolnville Town Administrator, to Janet Anderson regarding Harbor Workshop Tasks 09/8/14
- Town Centers meeting notes
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Maine Department of Conservation "Free Defensible Space Fuel Reduction Program"

OLD BUSINESS

1. Meet with Harbor Committee, Shey Conover, Andrew Kahrl, and Fred Porter

Ken Smith, Harbor Committee Member listed the following concerns regarding the Lincolnville harbor facilities:

- 1) Ensuring available dock space for visitors,
- 2) Ensuring there is room for visiting boats to safely negotiate the fishing boats that are moored so close to the dock in a northerly breeze, and
- 3) Supporting the construction of a floating sea barrier or seawall to better protect the dock area, ferry and other boats in rough weather.

Shey Conover, Lincolnville Harbor Committee member, reported on status of recent meetings. She said the Harbor Committee is looking at goals, reviewing the ordinances, defining the Harbor Master role, addressing mooring shortage by allowing more moorings in the outer harbor, and looking at the Ducktrap area as a possible secondary harbor site. She also reported that the town received a Block Grant which will be used towards the continued construction of the wave break. This is scheduled to begin this winter and will mean the elimination of one of the floats during the construction period.

The Board of Selectmen discussed other issues and concerns that they would like incorporated into a prioritized list by Janet. These concerns were the need for a new incline that would handle a stretcher, as well as the need to address interference with boats that are moored too close to the navigation path of the ferry, and the need for dredging the harbor. A meeting will be set up with the Lincolnville Harbor Committee hopefully in February.

2. Updates to Broadband, Town Centers, Housing Study and Early Education

There was a lengthy review of each of these issues.

Page Clason said that the Broadband initiative is at the stage where everything needs to be solidified, with an eye towards a time line of getting everything done and ready to go before the citizens with a unified message. He will discuss this further at the Information Meeting in January.

The three town centers were reviewed. A. Gillies said the idea behind establishing these three areas or districts is to stimulate businesses, housing, and provide for safety, and to hopefully attract private interests in helping to develop these areas. Arch said the Planning Board will be discussing the idea of the “mother-in-law” units with particular attention towards protection of the aquifer, and that the Selectmen will establish a formal committee to carry on the work of more closely identifying and delineating the three town centers.

The Early Education group continues to meet and discuss the needs of ages 0-5. It is being proposed that in order to manage and support an early education program that the Town of Islesboro would annually give \$40,000 to \$60,000 to this program, and that the daycare/preschool would become a town facility.

3. Blow Downs/Fire Prevention

There were two handouts given to the Board and reviewed at this meeting. One was the “Community Wildfire Protection Plan” and the second was the Maine Department of Conservation flyer entitled “Free Defensible Space Fuel Reduction Program Available to Communities”. Janet is working on a fire protection program for the town to be started this

spring and there will be more discussion regarding this topic during the budget process. Fred Rollins said that he feels the existing fire hazard is a “higher priority than sidewalks”. Janet will continue to work with the Fire Department on the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider time change of Board of Selectmen Meeting:

It was decided to keep the meetings at 6:15 PM.

WARRANT # 15 FY 15

MOTION BY H. Kerr to approve Warrant #15, FY 15, in the amount of \$147,434.07. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Town Payroll.....	\$	37,971.27
Town Payables.....	\$	38,561.63
School Payroll.....	\$	38,578.64
School Payables.....	\$	27,851.79
Total:	\$	<u>147,434.07</u>

COMMENTS

Fred Rollins asked Janet when the Department Heads would be given a budget to work on and she said she hopes to distribute the paperwork to them tomorrow.

MOTION by F. Rollins to adjourn the meeting. J. T. Zlotkowski seconded the meeting and it passed 5-0.

Please see minutes attached --done by Janet Anderson for the remainder of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen