

**Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
and Public Hearing
January 27, 2016
6:15 PM, Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Hanna Kerr, and Jay Zlotkowski.
Excused Gabe Pendleton and Sandy Oliver

Others Present: Janet Anderson-Town Manager, Pete Anderson, Gil Rivera, Terry Cowan, Linda Gillies, Maggy Willcox, Murton Durkee, Kimberly Tucker, Grayson Hartley, Michael Boucher, Shey Conover, Michael Clayton, Peter Mills, Fred Thomas, Laura Houle

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

MOTION by H. Kerr, seconded by J. Zlotkowski, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016 as written. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION BY H. Kerr to go into Public Hearing to discuss the Town of Islesboro Deer Hunting Ordinance. J. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

A draft ordinance, dated January 27, 2016, entitled "Town of Islesboro Deer Hunting Ordinance" was the topic of consideration and discussion for this Public Hearing. This ordinance is the result of the Town's initiative to address tick-borne disease on Islesboro by reducing the number of deer. The BOS propose to have a Special Town Meeting on February 10, 2016 in which they will ask the Town to vote on requesting the State Legislature to allow the Town of Islesboro to participate in the Maine State Firearm seasons of 2106, 2017 and 2018 (Article 2). The Town will vote on passing this ordinance if the aforementioned Article 2 passes.

Discussion:

Arch Gillies pointed out that Article 2 has now been amended and is different than the draft circulated at the Town Info Meeting. This was done in response to concerns over not being able to get out of the State hunting season if the Town so desired after a few trial years. It was also pointed out that this ordinance cannot be amended at Town Meeting.

Fred Thomas noted that the only issue the State is concerned with is Article 2, not Article 3. He asked what guarantee we have that the mainland hunters are going to go up and above what the State requires, and if the town can actually require them to do so.

Janet Anderson said that the Town can enforce it's own local ordinance. It was noted that the State Wardens, however, will NOT enforce local ordinances, that would have to be done by local law enforcement.

Linda Gillies asked how hunters will learn about the local ordinances and if they are going to be published somewhere.

Janet says she figured for the hunt supervisor 56 hours per week and perhaps another 20 hours for extra help. She has also figured in the cost of leasing a trailer, and other costs such as butchering and advertisement. She said that she estimates the first year cost to be \$32,000, which she says already exists in the budget.

In rebuttal to Janet's figures on the cost of the hunt, it was determined that she had not included the cost of law enforcement. It was again pointed out that the Maine Wardens will not enforce the local town ordinance and that law enforcement is crucial during the hunt. Laura Houle noted that there are many felons that hunt on island because of the bow season, and she is nervous about what the gun season might bring.

Questions were asked regarding how long the trailer would be located at the ferry, just during November or the entire hunting season? Arch Gillies did not have an answer right now, but Gil Rivera said everything should be counted if the town is serious about getting all the numbers.

Laura Houle interjected her concerns over who might be manning the ferry check-in station.

Grayson Hartley asked if the people manning the ferry station would be town employees, or contractors, etc? He said that if they become town employees, you have other things to take into consideration, such as insurances, etc.

Janet said that she would "have public works go down there" if she had to.

Kim Tucker suggested that the dates of 2016, 2017 and 2018 be added to the hunting ordinance under "Applicability Date".

Questions arose regarding whether bow hunting would still be allowed during the gun season, and the answer is yes, bow hunting is still in place as before.

There was confusion and clarification on whether the hunting ordinance only had to do with the shot gun season or if it was intended to govern both bows and guns. It was decided that the way it is written that it covers both bow hunting and guns.

Linda Gillies said that it needs to be clear whether we want a trailer September through mid December or just November.

Gil Rivera said if you want an accurate count, you need to have it down there the whole time.

Laura Houle said that we will have a more accurate number, as well, if you keep all the tagging stations.

Fred Thomas said that if the ordinance is passed, he thinks that the supervisor would have to be there full time beginning in September.

There was also discussion on the hours during the day that a supervisor would be there. Jay Zlotkowski felt that someone would need to be there 12 hours per day. Many people hunt early in the morning and after work as well. Another reason for the longer hours is that hunters get in line at 6:30 in the morning for the 7:30 ferry. Janet Anderson said she did not calculate that many hours into her figures.

There was then discussion and confusion on whether hunters needed written permission just for shooting or for both shooting and archery. Linda Gillies feels that a hunter should have permission

time.

2. Sign February 10, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant

J. Zlotkowski said that there are a lot of unknowns and details not worked out. The butchering budget of \$9000 was questioned. J. Zlotkowski felt it was too high. He asked if people are getting paid for their own butchering. Arch said "yes, we give them a check". J. Zlotkowski also felt that the cost of law enforcement needs to be figured out. He summarized by saying that there is a lot the BOS do not know right now. He also questioned why the other two tagging stations do not get paid during the hunt if the town's goal is for the science and for the knowledge of finding out exact numbers. Another item that was not mentioned or brought up during the Public Hearing was the Health Permit. Janet said that the Commissioner had indicated they would give out Health Permits to hunters so that they could get unlimited does. Janet said that the Health Permits will be given out to both islanders and off islanders.

Arch said he felt that the BOS should go ahead and try to get all these details figured out in the next few days, and then meet on Monday and make a decision whether to go ahead and sign the Warrant or table this for another year when all the details have been finalized.

The BOS will meet on Monday, February 1st at 5:30 PM.

APPROVE WARRANT # FY16-16

MOTION by H. Kerr to approve Warrant #16 for FY 16 in the amount of **\$253,932.80**.

J. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

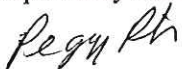
Town Payroll	\$ 37,270.14 (Not added in the bottom total)
Town Payables	\$ 117,115.08
Dark Harbor Wastewater	\$ 327.75
Health Center Payables	\$ 25,705.11
School Payroll	\$ 59,931.47
School Payables	\$ 50,853.39
TOWN AND SCHOOL TOTAL:	\$ 253,932.80

BOARD COMMENTS:

No comments by Board Members or Chair

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by H. Kerr, seconded by J. Zlotkowski. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy L. Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen