

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
October 31, 2018 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Arch Gillies, Hanna Kerr, Gabe Pendleton, and Phil Seymour. Excused: Sandy Oliver

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Maggy Willcox, Richard DeGrasse, Lauren Bruce, Jennifer West.

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

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of October 17, 2018 as written. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Ferry Update:

The Select Board is in receipt of a letter dated 10/31/18 from James Billings, Chief Counsel of the Maine Department of Transportation, informing Town Attorney Mary Costigan of a Public Hearing scheduled for November 28, 2018 at 12 Noon in Belfast to hear proposed rulemaking relating to rates for all routes served by the Maine State Ferry Service (*See attached letter*). D.O.T has not been ordered by the court to schedule this hearing, nor has the court made a ruling on the reversal of ferry rates while the process is being redone. Gabe Pendleton expressed to the Town Attorney his concerns over the ability of islanders to attend this hearing given the time and place. Janet Anderson and Gabe Pendleton will meet informally with other island representatives on Friday in hopes of working together in this process.

Richard DeGrasse, a former Deputy Commissioner of Utilities for the State of Vermont, presented the Select Board with information on other states and how they impose their ferry rates. He said that Maine is #3 in the United States for the most ferries and ferry routes. Washington State is #1 and North Carolina is #2. He found that rates in the other states were based on cost of service which is not the case in Maine. The other states he studied kept track of cost and revenue by route and that is how they set the rates. Mr. DeGrasse said "We should never allow them (Maine D.O.T.) to go any further without an audit by route".

Arch Gillies expressed his desire to "reject the invitation" for the November 28th hearing on the grounds there is a pending lawsuit, and until the suit is resolved the Select Board should not enter into any conversations with D.O.T.

MOTION BY A. Gillies, seconded by P. Seymour, to reject the invitation as stated above. Discussion: It was decided that before the Select Board followed Arch's intention to reject the invitation, they would consult with the Town Attorney. G. Pendleton said he would reach out to Mary Costigan this evening.

MOTION BY A. Gillies to withdraw the prior motion. P. Seymour seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Planning Board meeting will be held on November 12, 2018 at 6:15 PM
State Referendum will be November 6, 2018

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. A. L. Pendleton Library minutes dated 9/26/18.
2. Fred Porter is receiving two awards - The EMS Leadership Award and the 2018 Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for Outstanding Community Service. **MOTION by P. Seymour, seconded by G. Pendleton, to congratulate Fred Porter on his awards. Motion passed 4-0.**
3. E-Mail dated 10/29/18 from Dave Kinney, Lincolnville Administrator, asking the Islesboro Select Board when they can meet again with Lincolnville Select Board. The Islesboro Select Board will aim for December 12, 2018 at 2 PM.
4. Janet Anderson reported that she got a phone call from Chris Rector who informed her that the Army Corps of Engineers do not have any funds available to help with the Narrows or Grindle Point. Janet was given the name of the Lincoln County Planner to contact as well as other groups.
5. Janet reported that the crack sealing at the Airport will be completed on Sunday, November 4, 2018.
6. Janet reported that Shey Conover is willing to be the town's liaison with Maine Islands Coalition.

WARRANT #9 - FY 19:

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #9-FY 19 in the amount of \$264,066.26. Motion passed 4-0.

CHAIR AND MEMBER COMMENTS:

ARCH GILLIES: Arch presented the Select Board with a list of MUST DO items to work on in the near future such as rising sea waters, alternate means of transportation to the mainland, jobs, public health, education, etc.
He broke the list up into five categories and designated a select person to be in charge of each of the categories:

1. Rising Sea Levels: Hanna Kerr
2. Connections to the mainland: Gabe Pendleton
3. Jobs, housing, energy growth: Arch Gillies
4. Public Health, law enforcement, and fire protection: Phil Seymour
5. Education and Communications: Sandy Oliver.

GABE PENDLETON: Gabe said that Grindle Point Parking is "bad". The Town needs to look at solutions.
PYY is installing solar at the boatyard and invites everyone to come by and check it out.
Gabe wanted to express his appreciation for Hanna and the Islesboro Preschool stating that he takes his son there three days a week.

PHIL SEYMOUR Phil wanted to remind people about the pot luck at ICC to discuss rising tides on November 7, 2018.

MOTION BY P. SEYMOUR, seconded by H. Kerr, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. MOTION passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board