

Town of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2017 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Archibald Gillies, Gabriel Pendleton, Hanna Kerr, and Sandra Oliver
Excused: Jay Zlotkowski

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Melissa Jagger, Eric Jagger, Josh Conover, Shey Conover,

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

MOTION BY H. KERR, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2017 as written. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Broadband Update:

Roger Heinen presented the BOS with a progress report, please refer to document attached, *Islesboro Select-Board IMB Update - Nov 15, 2017*, for details. Roger reports storm damage is being assessed and will be turned into the Town's insurance. The Town has a \$5000 deductible. There will be a "nudge" mailing going out to those properties that are not ready or have not been heard from. Vern Ziegler has 4 easements that he is "sheparding". Electronics have been installed in POP building by GWI. Roger notes there are several issues with the operating contract that are being worked through, namely a limited liability cap that is not acceptable, protocol standards for restoration needs to be finalized, and a provision that is not acceptable whereby GWI wants to charge a penalty if during any given year the Town does not approve financing. Roger said that Mark Bower, Esq is working on this. There is a possibility that if the town is not "lit up" by January 1 then the \$180 initial subscriber fee may have to be prorated.

Yvette Reid expressed her concern that she was not notified regarding the telephone jack and its location in preparation for changing phone plans. Her electrician has been to her house and installed an outlet and she said he didn't know anything about a phone jack. Roger Heinen said the contractors should know about this and he will research further.

2. Application for Experimental Lease for Mussel Harvesting, Josh and Shey Conover

The following individuals were present to speak to this lease application, including Melissa and Eric Jagger, Shey and Josh Conover, Mark Umbach, Ken Smith - Harbor Master and Matthew Richards.

Eric and Melissa Jagger, residents of Seal Island and caretakers for **David and Alexia Leuschen**, read letters that they wrote as well as the owners of Seal Island, in response to this application, which will be filed with the State of Maine as part of the comment period. Essentially they support the project but not the location as they say it is quite visible from their island and lights from the location will be a nuisance for people staying

in the executive guest house. They also feel that it poses a danger with navigation and that during a storm there may be items that are dislodged from the location that could end up damaging their boats, floats or other property. **Josh and Shey Conover**, applicants of the mussel harvesting lease, said they researched extensively the best location and worked with the Harbor Master in choosing this location. **Josh** said that the lights should not pose a problem and the work that they do at the site should not take place early in the morning.

Mark Umbach said that he, as well as 12 or 13 other families, look out at lobster boats and bait floats in Gilkey Harbor that were not there when they chose to build or buy in that location and "that's just the way it is". He said there are lights on the floats but they do not shine in his window. He also said that he and Ben Dove operate a similar operation and at first people said "not in my backyard", but now they like it.

Ken Smith, Harbor Committee Chair, said that they did not talk to landowners, but that the Harbor Master did work with the applicant on the location.

Arch Gillies said that he hoped that the two parties could work together for a resolution, but that the process does not include the Board of Selectmen, but individual board members can write to the state if they wish.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Centers Public Hearing #2 on November 20, 2017 at 6:15 PM
 Planning Board Meeting on November 27, 2017

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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

1. Email dated 11/9/17 from Rick Dubois, DOT regarding ferry rate increases. The email states that they will be moving forward with scenario 8 that includes a Maine resident discount. The BOS expressed their dismay at this decision as there was not support for this. Janet said there should still be upcoming public hearings where input could be heard. She will e-mail Rick Dubois and ask the dates of the public hearings.
2. Minutes of the 10/10/17 School Board meeting.
3. Attorney General Janet Mills and her campaign director, Michael Ambler, visited the island and their contact information is provided to the Board.
4. Minutes of the Planning Board Public Hearing of 11/6/17
5. Minutes of the 2nd Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan of 11//14/17
6. Road Advisory Committee Minutes of 10/10/17 Meeting.
7. There will be a meeting of the Working Committee on January 21st at 1 PM to review the prior two Public Hearings on Town Centers.

WARRANT FY18-10

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by S. Oliver, to approve Warrant FY 18-10 in the amount of \$552,666.91. Motion passed 4-0.

Town Payroll	\$ 46,961.83 (Not included in bottom total)
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Town Payables	\$127,754.06
Health Center	\$ 13,536.43
Dark Harbor Wastewater	\$ 4,845.15
Islesboro Municipal Broadband	\$319, 186.81
School Payroll	\$ 64,549.97
School Warrant	\$ 22,794.49
Town Total	\$552,666.91

BOARD COMMENTS:

Arch Gillies told the Board that Janet Mills made a brief visit to the island. Roger Heinen, Hanna Kerr and Tom Tutor, as well as Arch, all spoke with her and gave her a quick tour. She was impressed with current projects in town including Broadband, Town Centers and the Preschool. .

Sandy Oliver expressed her gratitude with those that helped feed the power crews during the recent storm. Janet will make a list of those who helped and will send out a thank you letter composed by Sandy.

Gabe Pendleton said that he wanted to “dial back” his frustration with the MSFS decision, and he does feel it was beneficial meet with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.