

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2018 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Nicholas Porter, Roger Heinen, John Rex-Waller, Lauren Bruce, Jennifer West, Maggy Willcox.

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 November 28, 2018, 2018 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:

Roger Heinen - Broadband

Roger reported that the IMB Oversight Committee recently met and focused primarily on the letter received from Nicholas Porter. This letter was discussed and entered into the record at a previous Select Board meeting, at which time the Select Board told Mr. Porter they would send it on to Roger Heinen and IMB Board for review.

Several scenarios to address Mr. Porter's issue regarding the high cost of new installs was discussed at the IMB meeting. Roger reported that the IMB Board is recommending that the Town approve a maximum credit of \$750 toward a new install with owner paying any additional costs. Gabe Pendleton said he was not in favor of a credit in this amount and would like to compromise instead on a credit of \$500.

MOTION BY Sandy Oliver, seconded by Phil Seymour, to offer a \$500 credit to the first new installation instead of a \$750 credit. Motion passed 5-0.

Gabe Pendleton - Ferry Rate Update

A letter was written by Mary Costigan, Esq, Town Attorney to James Billings, Maine DOT, dated 12/11/18 regarding comments on proposed rulemaking for Maine State Ferry Service tolls. Arch Gillies said he thought it was a "terrific" letter. Today is the last day of the comment period and Gabe said DOT could issue a decision any time after today.

Gabe pointed out that the town's lawsuit is two pronged: First the town said that the process was improper and the court ruled in the town's favor, thus the scheduling of the most recent DOT public hearing. The second issue was that the Town of Islesboro claimed that the rate structure is an unlawful tax and this issue has not been ruled upon by a judge. The next judicial hearing is Jan 7, 2019.

Gabe said he is actively working with our local representatives discussing a legislative solution, as well as working with the new Governor's transition team. He has also been talking to the Island Institute about ways to improve customer relationships with the MSFS.

Lauren Bruce and Jennifer West - Way Forward Group

The Way Forward Group presented the Select Board with a letter they drafted dated 12/6/18 to the MSFS. Lauren said the intention of the letter is to support what the Select Board is doing and suggested that if there is anything the Board wanted to modify in the letter that they would be happy to do that. Arch Gillies has read the letter and finds it to be a good summary. It was decided that Lauren will send the letter to Vicki Doudera and Erin Herbig. Lauren will also send the letter to Gabe who in turn will get it to the Town attorney.

REVIEW OF MEETING WITH LINCOLNVILLE SELECT BOARD

Arch Gillies said the meeting with both Boards went very well and resulted in the two Boards agreeing to meet quarterly with a subcommittee consisting of the Town Managers, a select board member and possibly a Harbor Committee member working together to address common issues and making sure that these issues are on the agenda for the quarterly joint Select Board meetings. It was also decided to formalize with an agreement the working relationship between the two towns which will ensure future collaboration amongst the two towns regardless of the composition of future Boards.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2018 @ 6:15 PM

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter summarizing recent decisions by the Islesboro Energy Committee to hopefully hire an individual to do an energy audit of the Town Office/Health Center/Public Safety was received. Sandy Oliver expressed her concern for the lack of communication between the Town Office and the Energy Committee as she just found out that there is discussion about remodeling or expanding the Health Center/Public Safety areas of the building. She said that if the Energy Committee had known this beforehand, it would have saved them a lot of work before getting to the stage they are at today. It was agreed upon by the Select Board that no audit should take place at this time if the building is going to be renovated. Arch said that the Chair of the Energy Committee should have talked to Janet Anderson beforehand and Sandy informed him that the Chair did meet with Janet and she agreed that an audit was needed.

Sandy Oliver will talk to Bill Thomas and Carrie Thomas about possibly starting instead with the Library.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Anne Dillon House Project**

Arch Gillies said that Bill Boardman asked that this item be postponed for discussion at a future meeting.

MOTION by G. Pendleton, seconded by H. Kerr, to table discussion on the Anne Dillon House Project at the request of Bill Boardman. Motion passed 5-0.

WARRANT #12 - FY 19:

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #12-FY 19 in the amount of \$388,953.80 Motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by P. Seymour, to appoint Catherine Demchur-Merry to the Alice L. Pendleton Board of Trustees. Motion passed 5-0.

CHAIR AND MEMBER COMMENTS:

HANNA KERR: She reported that the IIT Climate Change committee met for the first time. Janis Petzel is heading up the committee.

SANDRA OLIVER: She told the Board she took a ride to look at the Christmas lights earlier this evening and noted how dark it is going south from the Dark Harbor Shop area. There are not many residents who live in that area during the winter.

PHIL SEYMOUR: He wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

MOTION BY H. KERR, seconded by P. Seymour, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board