

Town Of Islesboro  
**Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting**  
February 12, 2014 @ 6:15 PM  
Town Office Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

Members present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandra Oliver, Jay T. Zlotkowski  
Excused: Craig Olson and Fred Rollins  
Others Present: Janet Anderson- Town Manager, Maggy Wilcox, Page Clason

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

MOTION by S. Oliver to approve the minutes of January 29, 2014 as written. J. T. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Page Clason - Tilson Engineering Broadband Study:** The study is now complete and available for the public. Page Clason reviewed possible avenues going forward, some of which are listed in Roger Heinen's Summary, including starting an island broadband company, or working with an incumbent.

P. Clason went on to say that the FCC recently decided that money that has been directed towards providing better broadband to rural areas has not been getting to the people who need it. There is a small amount of money extracted from every phone/internet invoice which is supposed to be directed towards helping build better networks, but this has not been happening. The FCC is beginning to look at what it's going to take to get broadband into rural areas. GWI has an interest in writing a letter to the FCC, and the idea of a joint letter with the Town of Islesboro was discussed. The deadline for submitting the letter is March 7<sup>th</sup>. The letter would be essentially stating the Town's interest in this initiative and it's willingness to participate.

A. Gillies told Page to submit a supplemental bill to Janet for his time working on this project, and to find out more specific figures for the cost of going forward with Tilson Study, Phase 2, which will encompass helping the Town determine the best course of action to take. After these figures are secured, and Page has submitted his supplemental bill for his time, the BOS will go forward with budget discussion regarding this issue.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee, Feb 17 @ 3:30
2. BOS/Firemen Meeting regarding Up Island Substation, Feb 17 @ 5:30 PM.
3. Planning Board Meeting, February 24, 2014 @ 6:15 PM
4. February 28 - End of Special Deer Hunt

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

**The following items were reviewed and/or discussed:**

1. Expense and Revenue reports for January 2014.
2. Statement from Peoples United Bank, January 2014, Balance of Capital Reserve Accts
3. Health Center Advisory Meeting minutes of 1/16/14 (Draft)

4. Agenda for Special Meeting of BOS/Fireman on 2/17/14 regarding Up Island Substation
5. Islesboro Central School minutes of 1/13/14.
6. Draft Mission Statement for the Floodplain Upgrade Committee

The Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting was rescheduled due to weather and will meet on Monday, February 17 @ 3:30 PM.

J. Anderson told the BOS that she wants nominations for dedication to the Town Report within two weeks, and that she will be on vacation from February 25 - March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from D.O.T. dated January 30, 2014 informing the Town that they will be paving in 2014.
2. Letter from MMA/Risk Management informing us that they will not cover the library elevator repairs, therefore the funds for repairs will come out of Library Equipment & Repairs Capital Reserve leaving a balance of \$1068.00.
3. E-Mail dated 2/7/14 from Bill Boardman, CEO, to Janet Anderson regarding requests to allow more than one dwelling unit per lot. He advises that protocol is for the Board of Selectmen to charge the Planning Board with researching this and possibly drafting an ordinance change.

**Discussion:** J. Anderson said that it had been mentioned to her, perhaps from Bill Boardman, that professional help, such as from Bob Gerber, might be warranted in looking at what sections of Islesboro would have suitable soils, etc for multiple dwelling units on one lot. S. Oliver said that she advocates looking into this further as she feels a greater variety of housing options will allow senior citizens to remain on island. A. Gillies said that one idea that came out of the Comprehensive Plan is the development of Town Centers, and looking at allowing multiple dwellings on a lot would play into this. Besides Town Centers, individuals that may live scattered in other areas, not necessarily Town Centers, may wish to have an apartment over the garage. It was decided that this should be discussed at a later date, after the budget is done. In the meantime, A. Gillies would like the BOS to consider putting some money into the budget for professional help for this study. This will not go to the Planning Board until the BOS have discussed further and have some idea of what they are asking.

4. Village Soup article dated 2/11/14, "Army Corps floats public meeting in Searsport on Dredging". A. Gillies reports that the letters to Army Corp have been effective with 9 towns, 32 legislators and 2 lobster councils now weighing in. A hearing will be held in late February.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sandy Oliver asked about the possibility of other entities placing bins for returnables at the Transfer Station for fund-raising purposes. She wonders if the Town should allow this. After discussion, it was decided that Sandy Oliver would put in writing to Janet her request/ideas and get it to her before the next BOS meeting, and it would be placed on the agenda. In the meantime, J. Anderson will talk further with Justin Quinn about this.

**WARRANT #17**

MOTION BY S. Oliver to approve Warrant #17, FY 14 in the amount of \$220,022.77.  
J. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Town Payroll	\$ 37,711.02
Town Payables	\$ 105,106.99
School Payroll	\$ 43,714.49
School Payables	\$ 33,490.27
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 220,022.77</b>

APPOINTMENTS: MOTION BY J. Zlotkowski to appoint James Cowan, Craig Olson, Marc Schnur, Steve Miller, Bill Boardman, and Vern Ziegler to the Floodplain Upgrade AD HOC Committee. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**COMMENTS**

Chair Comments: Arch Gilles reported that he attended a School Board budget meeting this morning. He discussed with them the topic of blow-downs and cleaning up the school property, and other town properties as well. The school seemed receptive to budgeting for this. Also discussed was the importance of early childhood education. One idea would be to have the Islesboro Preschool Board, the School Board and the Town Selectmen meet together to discuss the challenges of early childhood education on Islesboro, and consideration of budgeting for professional advice.

MOTION BY C. S. OLIVER to adjourn the meeting. J. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen