

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2019 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room**

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Holly Fields, Owen Howell, and Maggy Willcox

Call to Order: Arch Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM, and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY H. Kerr , seconded by S. Oliver, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:

Ferry Rate Update

Gabe Pendleton and Arch Gillies briefed the Board on the current status of the ferry rate situation. Gabe reported that he did attend the last MSFS Advisory Board meeting at which the new Department of Transportation Commissioner, Bruce Van Note, was present along with his "right hand man". Gabe expressed his concern regarding comments from Mark Higgins that the reason for decreased ridership may be in part because of e-commerce. Gabe said there is a "disconnect" here. Gabe believes that Islesboro should not back down, but at this time remain aggressive, go to Augusta, ask for more money. Arch Gillies agreed with Gabe's thoughts that the Town should remain extremely aggressive. It is expected that the Dept of Transportation will put forth a formal proposal to be issued by April 1st, with increases that could be 17% across the board with public hearings/comments to follow. 17% is the amount of the Dept of Transportation's budget shortfall.

Road Committee Update

Phil Seymour, Chair of the Road Committee, reported on their meeting of March 14, 2019 in which Archer LLC's lawyer, Mary Costigan, Esq, and engineer William Gartley presented their request to the Committee to discontinue the existing East Shore Drive extension and construct a new road. The outcome of the meeting, with almost all abutters not in favor of constructing a new road, was that the town would discontinue the existing road, not build a new road, and create a walking path that would be for public use. Phil has questions about how to proceed legally with the discontinuance of a road. Janet Anderson will review this with Sally Daggett, Esq.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board Public Hearing on LUO/Map revisions March 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM with regular meeting to follow.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. MSFS handouts including the budget/revenue analysis for new tariff, February Revenues/Expenditures, and vessel updates.
2. School Committee Minutes of 2/6/19 and 2/12/19
3. Energy Committee Minutes of 1/21/19 and 2/11/19
4. Letter dated 3/6/19 from Commission Bruce Van Note to the MSFS Advisory Board and a letter to Commissioner Bruce Van Note from the Islesboro Select Board.
5. Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed text and map changes to the Land Use Ordinance.
6. Copy of the Library Director ad created by the Library Trustees
7. Road Committee Minutes of 3/14/19 (Draft copy)
8. Copy of a letter dated 3/19/19 to Mark Higgins, Manager of the MSFS, regarding Interstate Septic System not coming out in the winter months due to possible freezing.
9. Ferry Rate Update Bulletin that was sent out on 3/18/19.
10. Letter dated 3/18/19 to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for 3/20/19 hearing on Revenue Sharing. This was in regards to requesting the Committee to amend LD 1001 to the required level of 5% each year (currently at 2%, Governor Mills wants to raise it to 2.5% then 3% over the next 2 years). Janet said that Arch Gillies signed this yesterday in order that it be submitted on time.

WARRANT #19 - FY 19:

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #18-FY 19 in the amount of \$286,523.39. Motion passed 5-0.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Sandy Oliver appreciates the communication that goes out on Constant Contact.

Gabe Pendleton favors video streaming the Select Board meetings.

Phil Seymour thanked Gabe Pendleton for his work on the ferry rate issue.

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by P. Seymour, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board