

**Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
March 6, 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, Ken Smith

Call to Order: Arch Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:24 PM, and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY P. SEYMOUR , seconded by S. Oliver, to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019 as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:

Ken Smith

Ken Smith said that last year he requested the Select Board consider dividing the Annual Town Meeting into two meetings - school and town. He feels that most of the citizens have left by the end of the meeting and feels this might help to retain more voters. Hanna Kerr said her age group would most likely only go to one meeting and skip the other. Janet Anderson said that each year they rotate the school and town budget with one going first one year and the other going first the next year. Gabe Pendleton said that perhaps the meeting could be sped up by not reading every single article and rather just ask people if they have questions concerning certain articles. He feels this might help foster more engaging discussions. Janet Anderson will find out the legalities of not reading every article.

The second concern Ken Smith mentioned was town’s software program, Trio. He said it is difficult for him to understand the Harbor budget and feels the Town should look into a new software program.

Ferry Rate Update

Arch Gillies said the next two important dates are April 1, 2019 when the DOT commissioner will put forth a new fare plan which will be followed by public hearings, and April 19, 2019 which is the next court hearing date.

Gabe Pendleton said that the DOT is committed to coming up with a new rate structure and is anxious to see what “their numbers are”. He also said that the Town legal team will enforce the fact that we do not want to put off a decision any longer when they meet with the Judge on April 19, 2019.

Regarding legal funds, Arch said there is currently enough to get the Town through to the end of March, and he is beginning a new round of fund raising which will hopefully get them through to the end of June.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board meeting will take place on March 11, 2019 at 6:15 PM.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

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

1. The 2019 Waldo County Tax bill has been received. The amount is \$725,304.87 which is an increase of \$40,188.17 from 2018.
2. Janet received an e-mail dated 3/6/19 from Mark Higgins regarding the Margaret Chase Smith. He says its departure for repair of reduction gear will be approximately mid April through mid May with coverage provided by the Curtis, Libby and/or the Island Transporter.
3. Agenda for the Road Committee Meeting set for March 14, 2019. This is a meeting with Mary Costigan regarding East Shore Drive, relocation proposal of town road.
4. Testimony of Nick Battista dated 2/26/19 from the Island Institute in support of LD 563 - an Act to Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Proposals of Mobile Lunch Wagon at Grindle Point
There was one proposal submitted by Karen and Dick Cilley. Hanna Kerr opened the proposal and it was found to be complete as submitted.
MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to accept the proposal as submitted by Karen and Dick Cilley for the Mobile Lunch Wagon at Grindle Point.
2. Open Bids for Dinghy Float at Grindle Point
Two bids were submitted. One from DHBV for \$6,200, and one from IME in the amount of \$5,999.99.
MOTION BY G. PENDLETON, seconded by H. Kerr to accept the bid of IME in the amount of \$5,999.99.

WARRANT #18 - FY 19:

MOTION BY H. Kerr, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #18-FY 19 in the amount of \$188,279.52. Motion passed 5-0.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Arch Gillies shared that he is going to Augusta tomorrow to attend the Maine Island Coalition's quarterly meeting. Arch and Phil Crossman will be given 10 minutes to talk about the current ferry situation.

Sandy Oliver said that she wants to move forward with drafting and approving a Food Sovereignty Ordinance. She said that there is an information meeting this Saturday at 1:30 PM at the ICC. She said that she may pass out a petition asking the Select Board to proceed with ordinance adoption at a Town Meeting. Janet Anderson is unsure if this type of ordinance requires public hearings or notification in the newspaper, and is also uncertain of the time frame involved in completing the correct process for consideration of adoption of this type of ordinance by the town. Sandy passed out a draft ordinance which Janet will send on to Sally Daggett asking only if it is legal as written, and not asking for a rewrite. Sandy would like Janet to wait until after the weekend before sending the draft ordinance on to the attorney as there may be changes as a result of the information meeting on Saturday.

Gabe Pendleton had two comments:

1. He reminded the Board members that Hanna and Sandy will be done with their term and two new Board members will be needed. He said he would support any good candidate, but would like to see a gender balance kept on the Board if possible. He asked everyone to be thinking about possible recruitments.
2. Regarding health insurance benefit coverage, he does not support raising taxes in order to cover health insurance benefits by asking those people who don't have health insurance to fund health insurance for others. He said that Waldo County health insurance for their employees is a self-funded insurance.

Phil Seymour said that he is concerned about the woeful situation with the low numbers of volunteer firefighters on Islesboro, and says that if there is a fire, there could only be one person responding. It was noted that Lincolnville has a robust number of firefighters. Janet Anderson will ask Dave Kinney about their Fire Department and how they keep their numbers up.

MOTION BY G. PENDLETON, seconded by H. Kerr, to adjourn this portion of the meeting. Motion passed 5-0, 7:40 PM.

Please refer to minutes done by Janet Anderson for the remainder of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board