

**Islesboro Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
May 1, 2019  
Town Office Meeting Room**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Arch Gillies, Gabe Pendleton, Phil Seymour, Lauren Bruce and Shey Conover

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Fred Porter, Janet Anderson, William Boardman, Maggy Willcox, Sarah Runnion-Bareford. Daniel Tutor

Call to Order: Arch Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and a quorum was established.

Arch Gillies started out the meeting by officially thanking all those individuals involved with the Annual Town Meeting, including Fred Porter, Cindy Gorham, Tina Pendleton, Kathy Johnson, Janet Anderson, Tom Tutor, Annmarie Mouw, and Lauren Bruce, as well as many others.

**MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019 as written. Motion passed 5-0.**

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:**

**Daniel Tutor**

Daniel Tutor presented the Select Board with a list of people he put together to form the Adult Use Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee as was discussed at the last Select Board meeting. Names he has so far are Bill Boardman, Gabe Pendleton (ex-officio), Fred Thomas, John Kauer and himself. Janet would like to also have a Health Center provider on the Board as well as one more person from the public.

**MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by Lauren Bruce, to approve the establishment of the Adult Use Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee and to add Owen Howell, PA-C, and one other member to the Committee. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Sarah Runnion-Bareford**

Sarah said that she is often unable to attend the Select Board Meetings and would like to know how to participate. She suggested that perhaps live streaming the meeting would be a way for her to know what is going on in a more timely fashion. It was suggested that she can either attend a meeting, or if she is unable to attend a meeting, she can always write a letter and have it discussed at a meeting. Regarding video taping the meetings, Gabe Pendleton has been told by Josh Gerritson, Select Board member in Lincolnville, that video taping is beneficial to

those who cannot make it to the meetings and that some do watch it at home, but that the work involved in video taping and then storing and archiving these videos is a lot of additional work. Taping also does not replace the written minutes and those still have to be produced. Shey Conover said she is open to exploring ways to make meetings more accessible. Lauren Bruce said she thinks the video taping/live streaming should be looked at carefully as she would not want to create more work or expense for the town.

### **Ferry Rate Update**

Gabe Pendleton reported that he and Phil Seymour will be attending the MSFS Advisory Board meeting tomorrow in Rockland. Gabe has been working with John King, Tom Tutor, Ren Provey, Jeff Diggins and others in an attempt to look at the economics of the ferry rate structure and the sustain ability of the ferry system in the event that the rates keep going up which may cause the system to fail. Gabe also reported that as part of the ongoing lawsuit between the Town of Islesboro and DOT, he is being allowed to review the DOT books related to the ferry in Augusta. Arch Gillies suggested that Gabe explain to others at the MSFS Advisory Board meeting tomorrow that he will be reviewing the books in hopes that there might be a committee formed with representatives from other islands to work on a new rate structure. Gabe also endorsed the idea of looking at an electric ferry which he says will be much more cost effective as well as environmentally friendly.

Arch wanted to officially thank all those involved who worked on preparing for and/or speaking at the Public Hearing in Belfast on 4/24/19. He also updated the Board on the status of the Ferry Fund which since the beginning has raised \$97,093. The Town has also authorized \$15,000 in a capital reserve fund for ongoing legal expenses. He said the current balance is \$21,000 which should take the Town through to hopefully a resolution by the end of September.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Planning Board Meeting May 6, 2019 has been cancelled.

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

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

1. Letter dated 5/1/19 to the Contributors to the Islesboro Ferry Fund from Arch Gillies on behalf of the Islesboro Select Board. Janet said she will send this out on Constant Contact as well.
2. The town's auditor, Marge Hall, will be here to help Kathy Johnson with year-end town school preparations and Janet suggested the Select Board may want to meet with her as well. It was decided the Select Board would meet with her on June 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM, prior to the regular Select Board meeting.
3. The town's broadband truck is at Eric Tolman's garage in Warren for repair, estimated cost is \$2100 barring any surprises.

4. Janet said that she is junking the GMC truck and sending it to Cliff Houle. Bill Boardman suggested the town consider donating it to Maine Public Radio. Janet will look into this.
5. The Islesboro Fire Department will be holding an Open House, Car Wash, Hot Dog cookout on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **SIGN Updated Protection Districts Map Approved at 4/27/19 Town Meeting.**  
The Select Board signed the Protection Districts Map. There was no further discussion.
2. **Sign "Notice of Public Hearing" on School Accepting Conveyance of Land and Grant Money to Build a Residence on Map 13, Lot 36.**  
**MOTION by S. Conover, seconded by P. Seymour, to sign the Notice of Public Hearing as amended. Motion passed 5-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Annual Chair and Vice Chair Elections:**  
**G. Pendleton nominated Arch Gillies as Chair. Lauren Bruce seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 5-0.**  
  
**A. Gillies nominated G. Pendleton as Vice Chair. S. Conover seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 5-0.**
2. **Sign Annual Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Employees**  
**MOTION by P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to allow the Select Board Chair and Vice Chair to sign the treasurer's disbursement warrants for employees. Motion passed 5-0.**

#### **WARRANT #21- FY 19:**

**MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve Warrant #22-FY 19 in the amount of \$143,228.67. Motion passed 5-0.**

#### **SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:**

Arch Gillies Arch gave an overview of the role of the Select Board for the benefit of the new members, stating that not only does the Board carry out the "nuts and bolts" of the town's business, but they also focus on the broader issues and most often delegates certain topics to be handled by specific Board members, depending on what those members are interested in. Current issues to be addressed are climate change, sea level rise, food sovereignty, fire hazards, pesticides, etc. The relationship with the school was discussed and it was decided that an effort should be made for these two boards to meet on occasion and perhaps hold a "neutral summit" at some point in the near future. She Conover said she would be happy to approach the new Head

of Schools to see what might transpire. Janet informed Lauren Bruce that as a Select Board member she would not be allowed to continue as a Library Trustee and she also informed Shey Conover that she could no longer be on the Recreation Committee. Arch would like the members to think about the issues he discussed and and which ones they may be interested in working on.

Gabe Pendleton Gabe asked about the (TIF), Tax increment financing status for the new Town Centers Districts. Arch said that he met with Vern Ziegler and Tom Tutor last week and they are working on this. Gabe also commented that once the ferry rate issue has resolved, he would like to work on community development and finding ways to attract families to the island, as well as ways to make the island less dependent on mainland services. Gabe also welcomed the new members, Shey Conover and Lauren Bruce to the Select Board.

Phil Seymour Phil welcomed the two new members as well and said he looks forward to working with them.

Lauren Bruce Lauren said that she is interested in a lot of the topics that Arch mentioned during his comments, such as Community Development, Pesticides, etc. She says she is "intimidated" by the subject of sea level rise and would rather not be involved in that.

Shey Conover Shey said she is excited to join the Select Board and is interested in looking at the long view as well as looking at what things can be done quickly to make islander's lives better.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by G. Pendleton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike  
Secretary to the Islesboro Select Board