

**Islesboro Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2019  
Town Office Meeting Room**

**MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Town Manager - Janet Anderson, Scott DeGrasse, Richard DeGrasse, James Roberts, David Petzel, Janis Petzel, Fred Porter, Andrew Kahrl, Phil Berry

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

**MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of June 26, 2019 as written. Motion passed 5-0.**

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:**

**Ferry Rate Update**

Gabe Pendleton reported that the DOT Commissioner has revised the initial ferry rate proposal referred to at the last meeting. The Revised Ferry Rate Proposal is received as part of an e-mail dated July 10, 2019 from Commissioner Van Note. *Please refer to attachment.* The proposed rates are more favorable for Islesboro with rates differentiated between peak and off peak season. This new proposal will most likely be discussed at the upcoming MSFS Advisory Board meeting. Arch Gillies said that the movement towards lower rates and individualizing rates per island is principally due to Islesboro's efforts. Gabe notes that although the proposal calls for an increase in reservations to \$20, Gabe notes that people have more ways to avoid that charge if they, for example, get in line earlier.

**Phil Berry - Speed Bumps**

"They are just ridiculous" Phil told the Select Board. He said it is extremely hard for his truck to go over them. When asked how he handles them in Dark Harbor Village, he said takes another road around them. He said he complained to Janet Anderson about the speed bumps recently erected by his house and they have since been removed. He wonders if there are other ways to slow people down, i.e. electronic flashing speed indicator, rumble strip, etc. Phil also questioned the legality of speed bumps. Fred Porter said they are legal. Arch Gillies noted that people in the Dark Harbor Village area want the speed bump there during the summer months because of the number of children and adults in that area.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Energy Committee to Discuss Purchase Power Agreement for Transfer Station**

David Petzel said that one of the goals of the Energy Committee is to provide all electric needs for the Town of Islesboro's municipal usage. He notes that 60% is now offset by the solar array on the Town Office building and they hope to offset the remaining 40% by installing solar at the Transfer Station both on the Transfer Station building and the salt shed building. Andrew Kahrl, Solar PPA Specialist of Revision Energy, presented a power point presentation and a PPA Proposal to the Select Board. He notes that the figures are "just ballpark figures" as prices are always in fluctuation. The question of whether the two buildings are structurally sound was discussed and according to Mr. Kahrl, once the contract is signed, they then go out and inspect the structural integrity of the buildings. The Select Board feels that if the asphalt roof is greater than 10 years old, then it should be reroofed prior to solar installation. The Select Board would like to move forward with this proposal. Janet Anderson will be in contact with Revision and a Public Hearing and Town Vote will need to be scheduled.

**MOTION BY G. PENDLETON, seconded by S. Conover, to move forward with the PPA as presented today realizing the prices could change. Motion passed 5-0.**

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

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

1. MSFS Advisory Board Minutes of 6/27/19.
2. Draft proposed MDOT Revised Ferry Rate Proposal dated 6/26/19
3. Revision Energy Proposal for Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the Transfer Station and Salt Sand Shed dated 1/14/19.
4. Energy Committee DRAFT minutes of 7/8/19
5. Email dated 7/10/19 from MDOT Commissioner Bruce Van Note on Revised Ferry Rate Proposal.
6. Janet Anderson reported on the status of the Anne Dillon House Project:  
Janet reported that the Planning Board received the Anne Dillon House application and discussed it at their last meeting. An abutter wrote to the Planning Board with several concerns, one being they felt that Bill Boardman, CEO, has a conflict of interest as he is both the CEO and a member of the Anne Dillon House Committee. Janet said that she will now be the acting CEO on this project. She said that the Planning Board also has questions about boundary lines and is requesting that a survey be done. Janet said that she is going to withhold the application for now until all the questions and requests are answered and then have the Planning Board put it back on the agenda.

**WARRANT #1 - FY 20 and #27- FY 19:**

**MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve Warrants #27-FY 19 in the amount of \$50,456.09 and #1-FY 20 in the amount of \$200,292.72 for a total of \$250,748.81. Motion passed 5-0.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the annual slate of appointments. Motion passed 5-0. Please see attached list of appointments.**

**SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Arch Gillies** noted that Gabe Pendleton and Lauren Bruce have started talks on economic/community development and he wishes to have this put on the agenda for meeting after next.

**Gabe Pendleton** stated that he is "slightly optimistic" about the latest proposed ferry rates. He feels that without further discussion and pressure on the DOT, that "we could be looking at this again in a year". Gabe hopes to get justification of expenses going forward.

**Shey Conover** notes there is a lot of excessive waste in the state budget and this should be concerning to others.

**Phil Seymour** said that he wants to continue pursuing fare differential between the mainland and the island. Phil asked Janet about the Assistant Harbor Master position. Janet told him that they are posting the position, deadline July 18, 2019 at 4 PM, with Harbor Committee reviewing applications and interviewing candidates during their meeting of that evening.

**MOTION BY ARCH GILLIES, SECONDED BY G. PENDLETON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike  
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen.