

**Town Of Islesboro**  
**Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting**  
**July 29, 2015 @ 6: 15 PM**  
**Town Office Meeting Room**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Hanna Kerr, and Gabriel Pendleton.  
Others Present: Janet Anderson-Town Manager, Page Clason, Maggy Willcox, and Fred Porter

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

MOTION by G. Pendleton to approve the minutes of July 15, 2015 as written. G. Pendleton seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Planning Board Hearing August 3 @ 5:30.
- Planning Board Meeting, August 3 (following Planning Board Hearing @ 5:30)
- Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting August 4 @ 4 PM
- Board of Selectmen's Meeting August 12 @ 5 PM, GHK
- Special Town Meeting August 12, 6 PM, GHK

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

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

- J. Anderson reported that the recycling compactor at the Transfer Station has been broke for about a week. Initial attempts to repair the compactor was unsuccessful as the part that Pine Tree brought here did not work. They are due to come back this Thursday or Friday with the new part and hopefully repair will be successful.
- J. Anderson updated the BOS on the progress being made by Asplundh. They started cutting back trees/branches along the roadsides on 7/22/15 and are due to be done on 7/31/15.
- Letter dated 7/16/15 from the Maine Lobstermen's Association regarding the proposed dredging in Searsport Harbor.
- Memo from Jensen-Baird announcing a 9/24/15 "Municipal Client Seminar" in South Portland. Because of the logistics in attending a seminar that far away, and in the evening, none of the BOS were interested in attending.
- Statement from the Maine Community Foundation dated 6/30/15 showing the Islesboro Health Center Endowment Fund's quarterly total to be \$73,753.00.
- Agenda for the 8/4/15 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting to sign the Warrant for the 8/12/15 Special Town Meeting.
- An updated listed list of Committee Members for July.
- Attendance sheet from the Summer Information Meeting, approximately 27 attendees
- Minutes dated 7/9/15 of the MSFS Advisory Board meeting
- Listing of Committee Vacancies - sent out on Constant Contact and posted. J. Anderson said that she has had several people interested in being on the shellfish committee.  
Discussion: A. Gillies asked how committees handle committee member absences from meetings. It was noted that some committees, in their policies, ordinances or by-laws, address absences, but other committees do not. The BOS questioned whether there should be a standard policy in place dealing with absences. J. Anderson will research this further.
- 7/28/15 Report to DRC by Ken Smith on companies that perform deer surveys using camera.  
**Discussion:** A. Gillies expressed concern that White Buffalo was not contacted and questioned

the reason why. M. Willcox, who has been attending the DRC meetings, said that Gil was supposed to come to this meeting to talk about the number of people on the DRC, and how many they are supposed to have. Gil, however, did not attend this meeting, and if he had, he could perhaps have answered Arch's questions regarding not contacting White Buffalo about the camera survey. There was also concern expressed that the DRC should be made up of a variety of individuals with less concentration of hunters. A. Gillies stated that the committee members should not be focused on whether they believe or not believe there are as many deer, but to do the task they are charged with in finding a way to reduce the deer to 10 per square mile. Page Clason asked "Where is the logic in all of this?" He feels the course thus far has not been successful, and that there needs to be a change in strategy. G. Pendleton asked that the discussion cease at this time, and would like the DRC to come to the next BOS meeting to discuss and answer questions. J. Anderson will invite them to the next meeting.

- Islesboro Affordable Property By-Laws dated 7/23/15, showing update to by-laws.
- August Tick Bulletin which will be sent as an insert in the August newsletter
- DRC Info Bulletin regarding advising hunters to obtain written permission from landowners. (August newsletter insert).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Open bids for purchase of old Grindle Point 16' x 30' float.

Gabe Pendleton expressed his concerns about selling derelict floats as they tend to land on beaches, break apart, and cause hazardous situations. He felt that if the flotation parts of the float were of value, the town could remove them and save for use on a future town float. J. Anderson said she had people express concerns as well and she in turn asked the Chair of the Harbor Committee, Tom Daley, about this. He told her they always put the old floats out to bid. The Board of Selectmen would like Janet to pass on their concerns to the Harbor Committee.

There was one bid submitted by Randy Durkee in the amount of \$350.

MOTION by S. Oliver, seconded by H. Kerr, to accept the bid of Randy Durkee in the amount of \$350. Motion passed 4-0

It was noted that there is currently a vacancy on the Harbor Committee which was held by Jay Zlotkowski, former selectman. G. Pendleton indicated he is interested in serving on this committee. MOTION BY S. Oliver to appoint Gabe Pendleton as a member of the Harbor Committee. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 3 yes, 1 abstain (G. Pendleton).

### Revision to the Town of Islesboro Personnel Policy, Chapter 7, Benefits 7.14.1

Please see attachment which shows new language underlined. This came to Janet's attention by an employee who has a domestic partner. Janet checked with the town's insurance company and they will offer insurance to the domestic partner but the coverage cost is not covered by the Town. MOTION by S. Oliver, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve the amendment as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Page Clason wanted to follow up with Gabe Pendleton's concern regarding Broadband and how it is handled by the pole surveyors if they have to go on private property. Page asked the crews doing the surveying and they said they had never had any problems. Page says that it only hurts the land owners not to allow the surveyors to do their work. It was agreed that this is a "non-issue" at this time.

## **WARRANT # 27 FY 15**

MOTION BY H. Kerr to approve Warrant FY15 #27-(4) in the amount of \$ 322,801.08 and Warrant FY16 (3) in the amount of \$227,635.45 for a total of \$550,436.53.

S. Oliver seconded the motion. A. Gillies noticed that the Warrant he was to sign did not correlate with the Warrant sheet from which Hanna read. This agenda item will be tabled until tomorrow when the error can be corrected. The BOS will meet briefly to sign the corrected warrant. (Please refer to minutes of July 30, 2015).

## **APPOINTMENTS**

MOTION by G. Pendleton to appoint Jon Kerr to the Groundwater Committee. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 3 yes, 1 abstain (H. Kerr).

## **COMMENTS**

A. Gillies noted that Broadband, Preschool and Town Centers is “perking along nicely” and he foresees an update and review in September on these initiatives.

G. Pendleton said that he had hoped to be at the Summer Information Meeting, but had a conflict and couldn’t attend.

Finally, the BOS would like to consider changing the night of the BOS meeting to another night. J. Anderson will check with Kathy about signing the Warrants and this will be discussed again at the next meeting. Tuesdays seemed to be a good night for everyone if that works with the timing of the Warrant.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by G. Pendleton, seconded by H. Kerr. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen