

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting

July 30, 2014 @ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Hanna Kerr, Fred Rollins, Jay T. Zlotkowski. Excused: Sandra Oliver

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Maggy Wilcox, Marina Connor, Gil Rivera, Don Johnson, Alexandra Gillespie, Fiona Drummond, Loring Hamlen, Isabel Gillies, Alexandra Allen, Peter Lattman, Cindy Gorham, Ramey Caulkins, Michael Clayton, Mary Truslow, Judy Gardner, Sasha Lazard, Linda Gillies, Kimberly Zlotkowski, Phil Berry, Ian Connor, Gordon Conner, Sandra Dunn, Jon Kerr, Andrew Anderson, Page Clason, Paul Hatch, Frank Start, Fred Porter, Owen Howell, Aven Howell, Michael Boucher

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

MOTION by F. Rollins to approve the minutes of July 2, 2014 as written. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

MOTION by F. Rollins to take the agenda out of order. J. T. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TICK -BORNE DISEASE DISCUSSION & CURRENT STATUS**

A. Gillies entertained discussion on this topic by asking to hear from the following:

- 1) Owen Howell, PA-C,
- 2) Deer Reduction Committee (DRC)
- 3) Concerned Citizens of Islesboro (CCI)

DRC:

As Owen was not present at the beginning of this discussion, the DRC members went first. Bill Tilden, Chair of the DRC, reported that the process for this coming year does not vary greatly from last year. They have been charged by the citizens of Islesboro to reduce the number of deer to 10 per square mile and until the deer count is done following the 3rd year of the special hunt, it is hard to say where the deer count stands.

Owen Howell, PA-C:

Alison Wood, PA-C and member of the HCAB Ad Hoc Tick-Borne Disease Committee, wrote a letter which O. Howell read aloud. (See attached letter) In summary, Lyme Disease continues to be a serious problem and she would like to see an end to tick-borne disease on Islesboro. O. Howell added that Lyme Disease is difficult to

diagnose, and he wants to see the number of deer reduced to 10 per square mile as experts have recommended.

CCI:

Alexandra Gillespie spoke for the group. She presented the BOS with a Petition (See attached) asking for a Special Town Meeting to see if the Town will vote to cancel the Special Deer Hunt and replace it with a hunt organized by professional sharpshooters. The petition submitted has the legal amount of signed names to make it an official petition. A. Gillespie said that the group is very concerned about the prevalence of tick-borne disease on Islesboro and the outer islands and wants to see the deer herd quickly reduced and endorses the sharpshooter method. They are offering to pay for the expense of the sharpshooter and when asked if they would still help pay for the sharpshooter if the article was not passed, she said they are committed to the health of the island and would still help fund the sharpshooter at a later date.

A. Gillies read the petition to the audience. He stated that it is the BOS's task to schedule a Special Town Meeting to consider this warrant. It was decided to hold a joint informational meeting of the Town, and CCI on August 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the G. H. Kinnicutt Center and have Tony DeNicola of White Buffalo speak at this meeting. It was then decided to hold the Special Town Meeting on August 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM also at the G. H. Kinnicutt Center.

MOTION BY F. Rollins to have hold a joint meeting with CCI on August 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the G. H. Kinnicutt Center and to hold a Special Town Meeting on August 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM to consider the following article as written in the Petition:

To see if the Town will vote to cancel the Special Deer Hunt scheduled for December 2014-February 2015, approved at a Special Town Meeting on June 10, 2013 and approve replacing it with a hunt organized by professional sharpshooters in the winter of 2015 in order to rapidly reduce the deer population to a density of 10 per square mile or less.

Hanna Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

CCI also submitted a second, nonbinding petition with approximately 300 signatures entitled "Stop the Spread of Tick-Borne Disease on Islesboro and 700 Acre Island". This petition states that they support measures recommended by Dr. Peter W. Rand of the Vector-Borne Disease Laboratory bringing the deer herd down to healthy levels

2. **INTERNET PROJECT UPDATE:**

This will be put on the agenda for the next BOS meeting. Page Clason will try to provide the Board with a report beforehand.

Motion by J. Zlotkowski to return to the original order of the agenda. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Willy Kelly Dance Sat, August 2, at GHK 8 PM
Planning Board Meeting August 4, 2014 @ 6:15 PM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The following items were distributed, and discussed/ reviewed:

- 1) There will be a Board of Appeals training with Sally Daggett on August 28, 2014 @ 4 PM.
- 2) Minutes of the 7/8/14 Library Nees Committee
- 3) Notes from the 7/22/14 Town Center Meeting
- 4) Agenda for the 8/5/14 Dark Harbor Village Meeting
- 5) Christ Church Grants: Recreation Dept received \$350 for swimming program supplies
Health Center received \$1500 for updating equipment
- 6) Notes from the 7/15 Summer Info Meeting
- 7) Handout from 7/29/14 Meeting at the Post Office regarding hours.
- 8) August Tick Bulletin.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Letter dated 7/16/14 from the Beacon Project notifying the Town, as they are an abutter, of a pending application before the Planning Board asking for the storage building to be used as a retail space in which to sell furniture.
- 2) Copy of an e-mail dated 5/2/14 from KeeL Kemper, Regional Wildlife Biologist, with final numbers from the 2013/2014 deer seasons.

WARRANT # 3 FY 15

MOTION BY H. Kerr to approve Warrant #3 FY 15 in the amount of \$216,142.
F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Town Payroll.....	\$ 44,046.59
Town Payables.....	\$ 83,163.73
School Payroll.....	\$ 43,400.04
School Payables.....	\$ 34,350.50
Total:	\$ 216,142.00

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by H. Kerr to appoint Brenda Thomas as Deputy Tax Collector. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Annual Assignment of ex officio’s to committees:

Cemetery Committee:	Will ask Sandy Oliver at the next BOS Meeting
Deer Reduction Committee:	Sandy Oliver
Flood Plain Upgrade:	Arch Gillies
Grindle Point Parking:	Fred Rollins
Groundwater:	Jay Zlotkowski
Museum:	Fred Rollins

Town Manager is ex-officio on all other committees.

COMMENTS

- Arch Gillies Arch is looking for a volunteer, either a selectman or a citizen to attend the Maine Islands Coalition meetings that are held at the Island Institute in Rockland.
- Regarding the Penobscot dredging in Searsport, Arch says there will be information coming soon as part of a lawsuit regarding the mercury in the water near the dredge site, which he feels gives more cause to ask the Army Corp for an EIS.
- Fred Rollins: Fred mentioned the recent appearance of orange cones near the “downtown” area. Janet Anderson said these were placed as a safety measure.
- Hanna Kerr: Hanna briefly mentioned that she had been approached by David Mahan regarding parking issues in front of the Island Market and that he hopes he doesn’t lose any valuable parking spots.
- Jay Zlotkowski: Jay noted there were several cars up along the shoulder at Grindle Point that were parked for a few days with the tires on the pavement and did not receive tickets and was wondering why they were not ticketed.

MOTION BY F. ROLLINS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen

Attachments:

- 1) Letter dated 7/29/14 from Alison Wood, PA-C re Tick Borne Disease on Islesboro
- 2) Petition submitted by CCI dated 7/30/14