

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
6:15 PM, Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Gabriel Pendleton, Hanna Kerr, and Jay Zlotkowski
Others Present: Janet Anderson-Town Manager, Gil Rivera, Linda Gillies, Derreth Roberts, Fred Porter

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

MOTION by S. Oliver to approve the minutes of August 12, 2015 as written. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

MOTION by G. Pendleton, seconded by H. Kerr to take the agenda out of order to here the Report of the Tick-Borne Disease Prevention Committee. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Tick-Borne Disease Prevention Committee Report:

A. Gillies opened the discussion by asking the status of the camera survey from DRC members Linda Gillies and Gil Rivera. Gil reported that DRC would like to ask that the camera survey be postponed for now as first, the gentleman from White Buffalo is “backing out” and second, the cost of the survey is approximately \$24,000. There is only \$13,000 currently in the budget for this survey and Gil states that another \$11,000 could be added to the budget next year. Linda Gillies added that the Stantec count is still valid.

A. Gillies added that he and his wife, Linda, are receiving e-mails from summer residents who have left the island with Lyme Disease and they believe they contracted the disease on island. He also stated that he had a conversation with a realtor who noted that a prospective buyer of land decided against buying on island after hearing of the prevalence of Lyme disease. Arch says the island’s economy is being impacted, as well as the health of its residents.

Tick-Borne Disease Committee members, Linda Gillies and Derreth Roberts, gave an overview of information compiled to date and reviewed the Tick Bulletin for September 2015. They both believe that reducing the deer to 10 per square mile is the best defense against Lyme Disease and reiterate that the May 2011 study is still pertinent and relevant today. Others, however, namely Gil Rivera and Fred Porter, believe that, in addition to the emphasis on reducing deer, the town should be looking at all other alternatives, such as tick tubes, spraying, etc. Gabe Pendleton feels that it is a “good idea” to look at all other avenues as well. Jay Zlotkowski would like to know more about the numbers on the tick bulletin, wondering if they include just islanders or others, such as people who commute over to work, etc. Linda and Derreth did not have the answer to this and they will do more research into those numbers. Jay Zlotkowski believes that if people, especially the summer people who have thick shrubs around the perimeter of their houses, would somehow eliminate or reduce the number shrubs and bushes, that this would help decrease the ticks as well. Fred Porter ended the discussion by asking “If we have an epidemic, are we doing enough, are we treating the whole problem?” Gabe reiterated by stating “Don’t give up on looking at alternatives.”

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Janet reported Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2015
(*Editor's correction - meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14*)
- IF&W Advisory Council Meeting September 16, 2015
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TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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

- FY 16 July Revenue and Expense Reports
- Minutes of the July 14 and August 18 Tick-Borne Disease Prevention Committee
- Minutes of the August 11 and August 14 DRC meetings.
- Sub-Committee to meet with Lincolnville Harbor Committee: It was decided that Janet would have Gabe contact Shane of the Lincolnville Harbor Committee to see if they would agree to meet the Islesboro subcommittee on September 10 at the Lincolnville dock rather than the town office. It was also discussed that just Gabe and Jay would attend this meeting.
- Selectmen Meeting night - should it be changed? There was an earlier thought that because Hanna has to work on Wednesday nights that the BOS meeting could be changed. However, after hearing from Kathy Johnson and Sally McDonough on the issues it would cause, and Hanna stating that she has made it work in the past and it is OK with her to continue having the meetings on Wednesday night, it was decided to continue holding the meeting on Wednesday nights.
- Letter dated 8/9/15 from Fred and Judith Gardner asking the roadside mowers to mow a wider swatch if possible so people do not have to walk in the tall grass. Janet will consider this for the next mowing contract.
- 8/13/15 letter from the Maine Floodplain Management Program accepting the town's amended Floodplain Management Ordinance.
- 8/17/15 E-mail from Michael Johnson of Stantec explaining pellet count results and why random sampling approach is used.
- 8/17/15 proposal of Marcy Congdon that the Islesboro Historical Society become involved in formalizing the artifacts at the Sailor's Memorial Museum. The BOS feel this is a win/win situation. Janet has sent Marcy's proposal on to the Museum Committee for consideration.
- Waldo County Budget Committee Official Ballot:
MOTION BY G. PENDLETON, SECONDED BY H. KERR to vote for Arthur Durity for a three year term on the Waldo County Budget Committee. Motion passed 5-0.
- IIT news release regarding Searsport dredging in which it indicates that "DEP acknowledges lobstermen, clam diggers, marine-dependent businesses and owners of shore property have the right to intervene in dredge proposal."

OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee Ex-officio positions open for BOS:

Grindle Point Parking, Groundwater Committee, and the Lighthouse Museum Committee all have Ex-Officio positions open to be filled by a selectman. Jay Zlotkowski said he would be on the Groundwater Committee. There was no selectman interested at this time in being on the Grindle Point Parking Committee or the Lighthouse Museum Committee so those will be left vacant for now.

APPROVE WARRANT

MOTION BY S. Oliver to approve Warrant #5FY16 in the amount of \$205,533.66 and #27(7) for FY 15 in the amount of \$4,000. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. See attached Warrant for details.

COMMENTS

Arch Gillies commented that the DEP Hearing on the Searsport dredging will take place on September 16, 2015.

G. Pendleton said that he has had positive feedback about the installation of the camera at the ferry landing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was held. Please see minutes attached done by Janet Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Attachments