

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
September 23, 2015
6:15 PM, Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandy Oliver, Gabriel Pendleton, Jay Zlotkowski, Hanna Kerr.

Others Present: Janet Anderson-Town Manager, Nancy Alexander, Linda Gillies, Jennifer Whyte, Terry Cowan, Frank Start, Chuck Verrill, Don Johnson, Paul Hatch, Maggy Willcox, Ken Smith, Toby Martin, Randy Pendleton, Murton Durkee, Laura Read, Josh Read, David Petzel.

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

MOTION by S. Oliver to approve the minutes of September 9, 2015 as written. G. Pendleton seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

VISITOR'S PETITIONS:

Fire Chief Murton Durkee:

Chief Durkee presented an overview of upcoming initiatives aimed at increasing enrollment in the Fire Department. Distributed to the BOS for review were handouts showing current enrollment, recruitment plans /membership coverage, and details of benefits provided to members. For those not interested in the front line of firefighting, there are jobs being posted for traffic control, drivers and pump operators. Chief Durkee recognized the value of mutual aid having to call upon mainland fire departments on several occasions over the past year. He is currently firming up all mutual aid agreements with surrounding towns. Chief Durkee will have more of an idea of budget requests depending on the results of the upcoming Open House on October 10th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Planning Board meets on September 28, 2015 @ 6:15 PM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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

- Library Trustees Meeting 5/20/15
- Flyer from "Islesboro Energy Conference" 9/19/15
- FY 16 Selectmen's "TO DO LIST"
- Email response 9/10/15 from John Anders, Manager of MSFS, to J. Zlotkowski's question about the 2016 survey on MCS. He said that Islesboro is not at risk of receiving a smaller vessel on a permanent basis, and is confident that they will be able to program the work including necessary upgrades to extend the service life of the MCS.
- 2015-2016 Updated Financial Statement
- DRC Minutes of 8/14/15
- Fire Department flyer regarding Open House on Oct 10, 2015 8 AM to 12 PM

- Tick-Borne Disease Cases from the IHC dated 9/17/15

Correspondence

- Letter dated 9/10/15 received from Terry Cowan regarding concerns related to the Bluewater Bakery, Josh and Laura Read, Map 25, Lot 5.
Discussion: Terry Cowan said that he does not have a problem with the bakery itself, but the “process” involving the permits. He understands they did get a permit from the Planning Board for a shop/gallery, and then later got a victualer’s license from the BOS for the bakery. Although the CEO is arguing there is “no issue” because the bakery is “mobile”, Mr. Cowan argues that it is a change of use of the property and he feels it requires a Planning Board permit. A. Gillies said that he did not want to discuss details at this time with the owners of the bakery, but instead deferred this to the CEO. He asked Janet to have Bill Boardman put his opinion in writing. Once there is a precise statement from Mr. Boardman, then Mr. Cowan could appeal this to the Board of Appeals if he so chooses.
- Letter received from the Division of Parks and Land dated 9/9/15 announcing the approval of the Boat Facility Fund Grant in the amount of \$8,000 which is 50% of the cost of the project. The project will consist of a 100' x 12' concrete plank boat ramp at Moseley Dock.
- Letter dated 9/17/15 from Ken Smith, DRC member regarding the IF & W Advisory Council vote
- Letter dated 9/18/15 from MMA announcing Town of Islesboro receiving the “Supreme Award” for the 2015 town report competition. The town also won awards in 1989 and 2002.

OLD BUSINESS

DRC Report on IF@W Advisory Council 9/16/15 vote on the special hunt:

Ken Smith, DRC member, submitted a letter dated 9/17/15 informing the BOS that the the IF@W Advisory Council denied the DRC request for another three year special hunt. The minutes of that meeting are not available at this time.

A. Gillies said that the town is basically back to “square one”. A. Gillies said it is the BOS duty to make this a top priority and pool together ideas before January from the DRC, the TBDC, the Health Center Board, and anyone else with ideas or thoughts on how to address this health issue. He would like to have a delegation of people to include himself, one BOS member, one DRC member, one TBDC member, Janet Anderson and Maggy Willcox go to Augusta and talk to IF& W and the State Health Officer. Prior to going to Augusta, it was felt that more information should be compiled on what other communities and islands are doing. Linda Gillies, T-BDC member has begun that research and read aloud information that she has gathered from other islands in both Maine as well as other states. Her report will be forthcoming. Arch Gillies said that all this information is great, and when it is altogether, then it needs to be looked at and debated.

Ken Smith further went on to report that Sheri Oldham, IF&W Council Member, disclosed at the end of the meeting that she had received telephone calls from some Islesboro residents asking that she vote down the special hunt. Ken Smith said that he felt this action was notable and that it “undermined” the DRC. Maggy Willcox said that she has an e-mail in to Sheri Oldham asking for disclosure of those names, but has not heard back. It should be noted that the only member voting in support of the special hunt was Gunnar Gunderson.

Paul Hatch expressed his concern that someone on the Board of Selectmen might have called Augusta to “shut them down”. He finds it hard to believe that a “blue collar” person would call Augusta. He further went on to say that there are not 52 deer per square based on his own knowledge of the woods and years of hunting, as well as talking to other hunters. He says the special hunt is working and he would like it to continue, and asks Arch or Janet if they might help by calling Augusta to discuss continuance of the Special Hunt. He went on to say that he disagrees with the “science” and that the woods are rejuvenating.

Gil Rivera made a suggestion that the BOS consider an island wide depredation permit.

Gabe Pendleton summarized the discussion by acknowledging the tension and animosity in the room and noting that “we are all here for the same reason”. He urges everyone to work together and keep an open mind.

Gil Rivera reported there are two people currently interested in joining the DRC, Paul Nichter and Jon Kerr. He will give those names to Janet for consideration and possible appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

Energy Conference of 9/19/15

Toby Martin and Chuck Verrill gave a presentation to the BOS on the Energy Conference that was just held on 9/19/15. He discussed the purposes of the conference and hopes that the conference will stimulate conversations about what is possible on Islesboro in regards to energy efficiency and modalities. Chuck Verrill spoke about solar panels and solar farming. He said that Steve Hinchman of Revision Energy does do consulting, installations, finance securement, and helps nonprofits install solar systems. A. Gillies said that the BOS should be made aware of all these ideas and he would entertain the idea of having someone like Mr. Hinchman come and discuss further with the Town. Janet Anderson said that she would contact other Towns to see who they have used. Sandy Oliver said that a Mission Statement should be considered and wondered who would write this. Chuck Verrill agreed to write a few paragraphs. Arch Gillies noted that “Islesboro Looking Ahead” should be considered the document in which to perhaps include this Mission Statement.

APPROVE WARRANT

MOTION BY H. Kerr to approve Warrant #7, FY16 in the amount of \$ 239,261.60. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. See attached Warrant for details.

APPOINTMENTS:

Coastal Community Grant for Resilience Planning, Advisory Committee (AD HOC)
MOTION BY S. Oliver, seconded by H. Kerr to appoint to this committee Isabel Jackson, Gabriel Pendleton, William Boardman, Shey Conover, Eric Galant, and Janet Anderson.
H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4 yes, 1 abstain (G. Pendleton).

COMMENTS

Gabe Pendleton: He reported on the meeting that he and J. Zlotkowski had with the Lincolnville officials regarding Lincolnville harbor facilities. One concern are the ramps and the ability to get a stretcher up and down them. Gabe said that the Lincolnville people are not amenable to changing what they have, and suggest fabricating a stretcher with hooks that can ride along the railing of the incline. Gabe and Jay will first discuss this with Fred Porter before seeking fabrication/construction ideas from Bill Glover at Rockport Steele.

MOTION by S. Oliver to adjourn the meeting. J. Zlotkowski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Attachment