

Town Of Islesboro  
**Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting**  
September 24, 2014 @ 6:15 PM  
Town Office Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Janet Anderson - Town Manager, Fred Porter

Chair Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM, and a quorum was established.

MOTION by S. Oliver to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014 as corrected. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

MOTION by F. Rollins to approve the minutes of September 12, 2014 as written. H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**

None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Planning Board 10/6/14 @ 6:15 PM

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

The following items were distributed, and discussed/ reviewed:

- The 9/4/14 minutes of the DHWWTS meeting.
- The 9/9/14 minutes of the School Committee meeting.
- Notification of U. S. Post Office hours, Town of Islesboro
- Notes from the 9/16/14 Up Island Center Meeting:
  - A. Gillies reported that this was one of the better town center meetings. He said there is a lot of energy and activity in the area of the Sporting Club, Transfer Station, the ISC, M & M Services, IME, Seasmoke Grill, etc. There is a meeting scheduled for October 20, 2014, from 4-6 PM at the Town Office as a sort of culmination and review of the three town centers meetings. As discussion of ordinance changes will probably take place at this meeting involving relaxation of ordinance restrictions governing the required acreage for dwelling units, the Planning Board will be asked to attend. A. Gillies will talk to Janice Harmen, Chair of the Planning Board and J. Anderson will talk to Bill Boardman.
- Notes from the 9/16/14 School Facilities Committee Meeting
- Comparison of Tick Control Methods from 8/7/14: This document will be passed out at the Special Town Meeting, and may be sent via Constant Contact as well.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Island Institute "I Lead" leadership training program opportunity 11/20/14 to 11/23/14. H. Kerr is interested in attending this workshop and J. Anderson will poll others, possibly Department Heads, to see if anyone else is interested.
- MMA - Invitation to participate in a candidates forum October 16 at the UM Hutchinson Center.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. INTERNET PROJECT UPDATE: A. Gillies said this will be postponed again as there will be a meeting taking place first between Tilson, GWI , and Page Clason/Roger Heinen. After this meeting, Page Clason will report to the BOS. A. Gillies estimates a long discussion of about 45 minutes at either the end of October or the beginning of November.

2. PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

A. Gillies said the BOS have done their “housekeeping” by making the warrant more clear in regards to volunteer assistants versus paid employees Article 3, (vii). It has also come to the town’s attention that there is a typo in the year, Article 3, (I) - 2104 should be 2014. This can be amended at the Special Town Meeting. In review, A. Gillies said the BOS have to present Article 2 as written and do not have any authority to amend the language. Article 3, however, is a supplemental article that was necessary to make clear to the public details regarding the sharpshooting program if Article 2 passes. Whether Article 2 passes or not, there will likely be a deer count, using the White Buffalo method, before going forward. If the count comes up to 10 deer or less per square mile, that will effect whether the special hunt or the sharpshooting project goes forward at all.

A. Gillies felt that the Board of Selectmen should come up with a statement regarding what they feel and believe about this issue. He says that it is not a responsible choice to “let nature take it’s course”. He is concerned about both the health of the island and the fiscal responsibility as a selectman. He asked the Board to decide on a sentence or two, and vote on it at this meeting, letting the citizens of the island know how the BOS feel about this issue.

F. Rollins is opposed to making a statement on how he feels other than in general terms. He feels the mission of the BOS is to ensure the safety and well being of the citizens of Islesboro. He is not in favor of making a statement regarding his position on this matter. He says he represents “everybody”.

A. Gillies said he did not agree with F. Rollins, and feels that elected officials have an obligation to lead and express their opinions.

S. Oliver stated that the BOS have a fiscal responsibility as well, and thinks people do expect leadership. If this issue comes up again, it will most likely come out of tax dollars.

H. Kerr said that she agrees with F. Rollins in that she does not want her vote to be public. She feels it is the people’s responsibility now to make up their minds. There have been two informational meetings as well as lots of literature distributed, and she feels it is now up to the people to vote.

There continued to be a lengthy debate regarding making a statement, or stating a position, with the result of the conversation reflected in the following motion:

**MOTION BY FRED ROLLINS that the Board of Selectmen recognize that the vote on September 30, 2014 at the Special Town Meeting has important health and fiscal consequences.** H. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

## WARRANT # 7 FY 15

MOTION BY H. Kerr to approve Warrant #7 FY 15 in the amount of \$234,366.04.

F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Town Payroll.....	\$ 35,905.74
Town Payables.....	\$ 88,711.99
School Payroll.....	\$ 51,835.26
School Payables.....	\$ 44,646.66
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 234,366.04</u></b>

**COMMENTS**

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| Archibald Gillies | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reminded the BOS of the upcoming Town Centers Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. He will discuss with Jan Harmen and Janet Anderson will discuss with Bill Boardman-CEO.</li> <li>2) Early Education: A recent meeting was held at the school, attended by Steve Blatt, architect, who went over the school grounds and located three possible sites for an early education program. The three sites were the barn area on the north side of the school, the outdoor basketball court, and the site below the general playground. There has also been inquiries into the Friedrich's, Whitehouse, and Diffin properties as well as town property. Janet will put on the next agenda discussion of engaging Steve Blatt and using the \$5000 in the training line for same. A. Gillies will talk to Mr. Blatt prior to the next meeting.</li> </ol> |
| Sandy Oliver      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sandy inquired as to whether there would still be deer count no matter which way the vote goes, and A. Gillies said that there would likely be a count using DeNicola's method.</li> <li>2) Is concerned about idling of cars in town and would like to find ways or introduce an ordinance that would discourage the unnecessary idling of cars. J. Anderson said she would look into this.</li> </ol>  |
| Fred Rollins      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fred reported the county budget is \$7.8 million dollars, down 2.19% from last year. The next county budget meeting is October 17, 2014 @ 6 PM.</li> <li>2) Fred wanted clarification from Janet Anderson whether fireman are town employees, and if they are, he feels they should be treated the same as all employees, namely going through a formal hiring process. Janet said that firemen are considered town employees. She did note that firefighters have to apply and are hired or chosen by the Town Manger and the Department Head. Janet said she wants to look into this further and ask other towns how they handle this.</li> <li>3) Fred Rollins is interested in attending the upcoming 2014 MMA Conference. J. Anderson will register Fred and make other arrangements as necessary.</li> </ol>   |
| Hanna Kerr        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Hanna said she has received concerns from citizens regarding the poor condition of the boat launch at Big Tree, as well as the issue of the large "lip" or drop-off from the new pavement to the</li> </ol>  |

shoulder of the road. She mentioned that there are other people in town that are complaining of the drop-off left from the paving.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Motion by F. Rollins to adjourn the meeting. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen