

Town Of Islesboro
Board of Selectmen- Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
@ 6:15 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members present: Chair Arch Gillies, Sandra Oliver, Jay T. Zlotkowski, Fred Rollins, Craig Olson

Others Present: Janet Anderson- Town Manager, Maggy Wilcox, Kendra Jo-Marsh, Katie Heckel, Michael Boucher, Murton Durkee, William Tilden, Carole Nichter

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

MOTION by F. Rollins to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013 as written. C. Olson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

The Board of Selectmen signed a resolution thanking all those who responded to the storm on 9/11/13, especially thanking Fred Rollins and the CMP employees for their quick response.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PETITIONS:

Steve Miller and Charles Verrill of IIT, briefed the Board on the latest developments in the Searsport dredging project. IIT would like the Board of Selectmen to join them in their request that the Army Corps undertake a Supplemental Environmental Assessment or a full Environmental Impact Statement. IIT feels that the new dredging will have an adverse effect on Islesboro businesses, especially lobstering.

MOTION BY C. Olson to approve and sign a letter dated September 25, 2013 to the Army Corps of Engineers from the Board of Selectmen requesting that they undertake a Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the dredging project in Searsport Harbor. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Katie Heckel introduced the new island fellow, Kendra Jo-Marsh, to the Board of Selectmen. Katie will be Kendra's mentor while on island for two years. Kendra will work with a new steering committee being formed to study the needs of island children from birth to 18 years old. Kendra will have an office at the Islesboro Community Center.

Mike Boucher addressed the BOS stating that he was at a private function, and was told by Sandy Oliver at that function that it would not look good for him to serve on the DRC Committee considering he had past Fish & Game violations. He wants to set the record straight and let the Board know that he did not illegally sell depredation permits, he used them all himself, and feels violated by the assumption of a Selectman that he illegally sold depredation permits. He feels the DRC is becoming a club and should be more well rounded with a broader cross section of citizens.

The Board of Selectmen told Mr. Boucher they were not aware of this personal matter. A. Gillies also explained to Mr. Boucher that the BOS do not tell committee members who they must have on their committees. The committee members themselves recommend to the BOS who they would like on their committees.

Sandy Oliver reported that the day after she spoke to Mr. Boucher, she e-mailed him an apology. She said she should not have said those things as they were based on gossip.

MOTION by C. Olson to take the agenda out of order to take up DRC. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

DRC Update on 8/15/13 Meeting with Advisory Council

Bill Tilden, DRC Chair, explained that the IF & W unexpectedly declined to put the DRC on the agenda at their last meeting. A. Gillies feels, that in light of this and the limited time frame to get on the IF & W agenda, the BOS must intervene and take steps to move this forward. Mr. Tilden said that if they don't get on the agenda in October, it will be too late as this is a three step process. Mr. Tilden said that he appreciates any and all help from the BOS. The next meeting of the DRC is October 3rd. Mike Boucher commented that his understanding is that the biologists don't feel the islanders are able to reduce the herd themselves, and that he recommends the DRC look at ways to increase the number of participants of the special hunt. Mike also wanted the BOS to know that he has been given very limited opportunity to speak at the DRC meetings. It was suggested that on the next agenda of the DRC, that "Visitor's Comments" should be made part of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Carole Nichter, Cemetery Committee, presented a copy of a new state law indicating that towns are now responsible for the upkeep of ancient burial grounds (prior to 1880) on private land unless the landowner agrees to maintain the cemetery themselves. In light of this, A. Gillies asked that Carole and the rest of the Cemetery Committee come up with a 3-5 year plan on how to meet the requirements of this new law.

MOTION by C. Olson to return to the original order of the agenda. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter from Att. Susan Thiem regarding timber trespass, dated 8/28/13

After review of Janet's letter, dated 9/25/13, in response to the above, the following motion was made:

MOTION by C. Olson to authorize Janet Anderson to respond to Susan Thiem, Esq, by sending this letter amending it to include the amount of the fine. F. Rollins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

GOALS WORKSHOP:

1) Fire Prevention, Blow-down program:

Murt Durkee, Fire Chief, said that the Maine Forest Service is conducting a program entitled "Wildfire Risk Assessment". It was also noted that a former island fellow had done a lot of research at one time on this topic, and supposedly submitted a report to the Maine Forestry Service. The BOS will try to track this report down. The BOS feel that they should budget money for town property clean-up if they are expecting citizens to do the same.

2. Internet Access:

Arch Gillies will report on this at the next meeting.

3. Capital Planning:

C. Olson and J. Anderson continue to meet together to discuss capital planning and will report more on this at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for Moseley Satellite Parking Lot: J. Anderson reported that there were no bids received, she will repost.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were reviewed:

- 1) People’s United Bank August 30, 2013 Capital Reserve Statement
- 2) DRC Agenda of 9/26/13
- 3) Minutes of Advisory Council Meeting of 8/15/13
- 4) Notes from Committee Chair Meeting of 9/4/13
- 5) Maine Revenue Service proposed 2014 State Valuation: Islesboro #2 @ \$548,400,000.
- 6) Preliminary Flood Plain Maps: *Bill Boardman feels that a consultant will need to be hired to decipher zones and explain how the changes will affect us.*
- 7) HCAB Draft Minutes of 9/19/13
- 8) Memo from Vern Ziegler on Maine State Valuation.
- 9) A letter thanking those who worked during the 9/11/13 storm was reviewed and signed.
- 10) Minutes of the 6/19/13 meeting of the Pollution Control Committee
- 11) Maine Forestry Service “Wildfire Risk Assessment”
- 12) Thank you note from Life Flight for the *Islesboro Crossing* fundraiser

WARRANT

MOTION BY Craig Olson to approve Warrant #7, FY 14 in the amount of \$236,956.26. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Town Payroll	\$	36,572.86
Town Payables	\$	90,751.45
Dark Harbor Wastewater	\$	237.50
Health Center Payables	\$	18,454.07
School Payroll	\$	57,462.80
School Payables	\$	52,169.15
Total:	\$	<u>236,956.26</u>

APPOINTMENTS:

MOTION by Craig Olson appoint Greg Barron as a member of the Planning Board. S. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

COMMENTS

Chair comments: A. Gillies wants to revisit “Islesboro Looking Ahead” and perhaps hold a public forum to discuss the town’s goals sometime in January or later.

Sandy Oliver’s “listening tour” comments as follows:

- Only talked to one year round resident who said people should buy more artisan pottery, and that everything else is OK.

Fred Rollins reported on the 9/11/13 storm stating that the town lost 9 poles, 5-6 transformers and that at one point there were 60 workers on island from various agencies. He said this was the best showing the island has ever had!

Craig Olson reported for the DHWWTF - they are looking into ditching areas by Pauline Low’s house. There is groundwater from some source infiltrating the system and they want to hire a company which does scoping to scope the entire system. F. Rollins suggested that at the same time the selectmen may want to scope the town’s fire hydrants. Craig also said that they are going to send a letter to all homeowners on the system asking them to install a check valve on their outflow.

Jay Zlotkowski wanted to know if the paving will be done this fall. Janet is meeting with Mike Marriner tomorrow and will know more.

This part of the meeting ended at 8:30 PM. The BOS then entered into Executive Session - please see minutes done by J. Anderson for the remainder of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike
Secretary to the Islesboro Board of Selectmen