



Municipal Building Project Update

In recent weeks the Municipal Building Project Committee (MBPC) has focused on two aspects of the project: 1) the development of architectural plans for the proposed new Health Center building, the renovation Public Safety's expanded space in the existing Municipal Building, and the up-island Public Safety Garage; and 2) the choice of a site for the Health Center building.

Building Plans: On May 4th, Stephen Blatt, the project's architect, presented new plans to the MBP Committee and Public Safety staff. Several adjustments were made. After the meeting, Steve Blatt and Fire Chief Murton Durkee toured the garage site, which is located just south of the Houle property on Meadow Pond Road.

Health Center site: The MBPC has considered two options - Site A just to the south of the Municipal Building parking lot, and Site B at the west end of the lot, beyond the Municipal Building's garage. As both sites have been delineated as forested wetlands under Department of Environmental Protection regulations, there are a number of restrictions to be taken into account.

With the help of Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying of Camden, several committee members concluded that Site B is the best choice for the building and expect to recommend that location for approval at the next meeting of the full committee in June. Of course, final confirmation of the site will require a review by the Select Board and the Islesboro Planning Board.

By July, Steve Blatt expects to submit final drawings and cost estimates for the three MBP components. Through meetings and a variety of other means the MBP Committee will provide the community with detailed information about the project. Please see our new section on the Town's website www.townofislesboro.com/committees/islesboro-municipal-building-project. We are looking to a vote on the MBP at a Special Town Meeting in August or September.

Submitted by the Municipal Building Project Committee

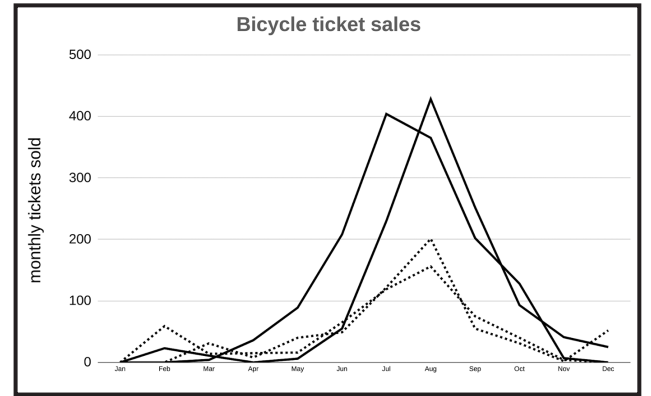
Bicycles everywhere this summer - please share our roads

According to our research there will be many planned and spontaneous bicycle tour groups on the island this summer. A total of 45 planned bicycle groups will disembark at Grindle Point. The tour groups will vary in size from 10 to 15 riders or more and will primarily be on our roads on Thursdays and Sundays from June to early October. As a committee we have met via zoom in January with the tour groups' organizers to open a safety dialogue regarding sharing the road and bicycle group size. We are in the process of generating a town bicycle ordinance to limit the bicycle group on road pod size to 2 bicyclists. This size has been deemed safe for drivers to pass the bicyclists given our island's limited sight line visibility around curves and lack of passing lanes. The ordinance first needs approval of the town lawyer, Select Board and the town at a town meeting.

With the bicycle group traffic in mind, we will be distributing our very popular color bicycle safety rack cards at the ferry terminal and around town to remind every user of our roads to make road safety the priority throughout the year.

The Maine State Ferry System has shared bicycle ticket sales information with the committee. As shown in the graph, bicycle ticket sales have increased 2-3 fold in 2020/21 (solid lines) over the sales in 2018/19 (dotted lines).

These numbers represent walk on bicycles only as many bicycles are transported by cars and group vans. We believe these numbers will continue to increase as our post-Covid-exercise euphoria continues to increase.




In conjunction with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine Imagine People Here Program (www.bikemaine.org/advocacy/imagine-people-here/) we are proposing to place a temporary no-cost crosswalk at Durkee's Store with Richard's endorsement this summer. The crosswalk will be removed in November and represents a demonstration project which may be expanded to other island traffic hotspots in the future. Your feedback to the committee regarding the crosswalk will be important in determining its effectiveness.

On June 25th we will hold our third *Bicycle Safety Rodeo* sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine and the town. The rodeo will have a bicycle skills course emphasizing good bicycle handling skills and reminders of the rules of the road for everyone. Snacks and drinks will be provided everyone is encouraged to attend and learn along with their beloved bicyclists.

The traffic sign may be deployed on a more limited basis this summer. According to an Assistant Transportation Engineer at the MaineDOT our posted speed limits are appropriate given the information obtained from last summer vehicle traffic. However, four excessive speed hotspots were identified from last summer's speed sign analysis including Ferry Road, Town Office, Dark Harbor and Big Tree Beach and these will be monitored again this summer.

Submitted by the Safe Roads Committee



Islesboro Municipal Broadband Community Update June 2022

Important Phone Numbers:
Islesboro Subscriber Support Telephone Center - 24hr X 7-days:
1-(866) 494-2020

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For Subscriber Fees & Installations Call Town Office: (207) 734-2253
For GWI Phone Plan Questions: (866)-494-2020 – Option 1 then Option 2

Key Performance Statistics

- 702 active subscribers with additional installs pending.

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- If you are new in your house with working IMB service, make sure to email your name, address, and contact info to IMB@townofislesboro.com so we can update your subscriber information.
- If you'd like to install IMB standard 1-gigabit fiber service to your property, contact the Town Office.
- IMB not working properly?
 - Call the IMB-GWI support center at (866) 494-2020 if you are having an issue with your IMB Internet connection to assure the safest and quickest response.
 - Do not try to fix the issue yourself or hire an unauthorized person to do it.
 - Repair visits are generally free of charge during M-F business hours. Week-end or off hours repairs are available for an additional charge.
 - If you are dissatisfied with a service center response, please ask the call center to escalate your case to management.
 - If you are unable to resolve your issue through the service process, are dissatisfied with your IMB connection or just have a question, email us at IMB@townofislesboro.com - we will follow up with you.
- Janet Anderson, Town Manager holds monthly calls with GWI management to review issues and status.
- IMB Oversight Committee
 - Meetings via conference call. Agendas posted via Town's email distribution. Public welcome.
 - Committee is: Roger Heinen, Vicki Conover, John Rex-Waller, Laura Graf & Hank Conklin. Phil Seymour represents the Select Board.

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