

TOWN OF ISLESBORO
HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting - Thursday, July 19, 2018, 3:30 PM, Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members present: Sharon Ashley, Linda Gillies, Michael Kerr (chair), Derreth Roberts
Members absent: Chloe Joule, Myra Rolerson, Brenda Thomas
Others present: Dorie Henning, Stephen Miller, NP, Rhonda Shand, Ted Steele, MD

Mike Kerr called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. A quorum was established.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the minutes for the meeting of May 17, 2018 were approved as amended.

People wishing to address the Board. As Steve Miller, Executive Director of Islesboro Islands Trust (IIT), had requested to address the HCAB and was present, Chair Mike Kerr moved this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting.

Steve said that in recent months, IIT staff has undertaken a project to identify the implications of climate change for Islesboro by polling island "action centers" - individuals and Town committees - for ideas. As other municipalities have done, the goal is to determine how Islesboro will adapt to changes and what the priorities should be. He was seeking HCAB members' thoughts on health-related subjects such as temperature-related issues, the response to emergencies in the event of power failures after extreme weather events, and vector-borne disease. Steve circulated a summary of ideas gathered to date.

Dorie Henning suggested that forest management by both the Town and individual property owners should be a priority, as the generally dry weather and the island's many fallen and overgrown trees create the potential for fire. Derreth Roberts pointed out that ticks are more dense in areas where there are fallen trees. Sharon Ashley said that people who work to clear the trees have difficulty making a profit, for heavy equipment is involved, and liability insurance can be as much as \$4,000 annually. Furthermore, the wood is difficult to sell, as pulp mills in the region have closed. She added that trees within 70 feet of buildings should be removed, and the Town should ensure that the edges of roads and driveways are cleared so that fire trucks can get through,

Committee members suggested several other possible climate-change related initiatives: a shuttle bus between Lincolnville and Belfast, a shuttle from the ferry to the Islesboro Town Center, restricting the use of pesticides that can harm the aquifer and marine life, and more effective re-cycling.

Steve concluded by saying that he would be glad to hear of additional ideas.

Policy Approvals. The committee reviewed changes to the following policies:

- Vaccine Handling and Storage Guidelines
- Job Description – Registered Nurse

In separate MOTIONS made and seconded, each change was approved as written. Mike Kerr signed the new policies.

Health Center Director Report. Janet Anderson was unable to attend the meeting but sent word that she had nothing new to report.

Health Center Administrator Report. Dorie Henning said that in view of the ferry rate increase, Select Board chair Arch Gillies had asked her if there were measures that the IHC could take to save islanders trips to the mainland for non-emergency, health related matters. Dorie suggested that it would be helpful if a cardiologist came one day every other month. Regular visits by a dental hygienist or dentist and additional mental health support would also be helpful. Sharon Ashley suggested regular visits from a chiropractor. Dorie said that the IHC will look into these possibilities in the fall.

Health Center Advisory Committee Members. Mike said that there were two vacancies for alternates on the board. Jennifer West is willing to fill one of these positions. Linda Graf might also be a candidate. Derreth Roberts said that if possible, one of the new members should have a medical background; Randy Pendleton, an EMT, might be a possibility. Mike asked members to think of other names.

Mike said that the elections of officers and new members will be held at the September HCAB meeting. Should the board be in agreement, he is willing to continue to serve as chair; a new vice-chair and secretary should be chosen.

Tick-borne Disease Prevention Committee Report. Derreth Roberts said that the Lyme disease figures through the second quarter had been published in the July/August issue of the Islesboro Island News. The numbers are in keeping with the last couple of years, there are no surprises yet.

Next HCAB meeting. The next meeting has been changed from Thursday, September 20th to Thursday, September 27 at 3:30 in the Town Office.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Gillies

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