SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OFFICE at 5:30PM
Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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Meeting ID: 825 2291 8341 Passcode: 382224

AMENDED 11/2/2026*

1.	Call to Order:	Establish Quorum:
2.	Accept Minutes of the October 21, 2026 Regular Meeting. Accept NOTES of the October 26, 2026 Executive Sessions.	
3.	Visitor's Comments:	• *Ferry Service Update* • Sea Level Rise Update • Update on Up Island Public Safety Garage • Update on Public Safety Renovations
4.	Upcoming Meetings and Subcommittee Reports: • Planning Board: November 9 • Town Offices closed Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. •	
5.	Town Manager Report:	Correspondence:
6.	Old Business: 1. Ferry Committee Report by John King 2. Discussion of Select Board Agenda Structure. 3. DRAFT "Islesboro Looking Ahead 2027" * 4.	
7.	New Business: 1. Approve Annual Liquor Licenses for Tarratine YACHT and GOLF Clubs. 2.	
8.	Other Business: 1.	
9.	Approve Warrant: FY27 - #10	
10.	Appointments: Groundwater: Susan Caporael	
11.	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: *- Tentative new location -*	
12.	Chair Comments:	Individual Selectmen's Comments:
13.		
14.	Adjourn	

W: SB AGENDA 11 4 2026
AGENDA DEADLINE: 10/30/26

MEMBERS:

Peter Anderson	Stephen Pendleton	Peter Rothschild	Dylan Purington	Amy Mulnix
2028	2027	2028	2029	2029

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SELECT BOARD MEETING RULES/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

1. PURPOSE

Board meetings are conducted to carry on the official business of the Town of Islesboro. All regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Board are open to the public. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in Board meetings as provided in this policy.

2. SCOPE

2.1 Although Board meetings are not public forums, the Board will provide appropriate opportunities for citizens to express opinions and concerns.

2.2 The intent is to allow a fair and adequate opportunity for the public to be heard and to provide adequate time for the Board to obtain information and opinion on subjects before it, while ensuring that the time allowed for public discussion does not interfere with the fulfillment of the scheduled agenda.

2.3 During the time allotted for public participation, members of the public may speak on any subject directly related to the operations of the Town, except for personnel matters or complaints concerning specific employees, which shall be addressed through established policies and procedures.

3. GUIDELINES

3.1 The Select Board is elected by the citizens of Islesboro to perform the people's business The Board recognizes the value of public comment on municipal issues. To permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the procedures described in this brochure shall be followed to ensure that the Board has time to conduct its business in a professional and timely manner.

3.2 All Select Board meetings are open to the public for observation. The Board provides an opportunity for input during Public Comment and at Public Hearings. All other proceedings are for the Board only and the public does not have a right to comment on these items. If a member of the public wishes to speak to an agenda item, they may only due so when the Chairman opens the agenda item up for discussion, during Public Comment or, if there is public hearing on the subject, which comments are being allowed.

3.3 If you wish to speak, wait until the Chairman has opened the floor to public comments. When the Christmas has recognized you, stand, state your name for the record, and nature of your business.

3.4 All comments and questions must be addressed to the Chairman. Questions may not be asked of individual Board Members. The Chairman may allow a question to be answered only if an answer if easily given. Should the matter need further legal research or discussion, the question will be noted and taken up a future meeting.

3.5 If you are introducing written materials, charts or other documentation, at least six copies shall be given to the Chairman for distribution.

3.6 The Board will not entertain public comment about specific individuals. Such matters should be referred to the Town Manager.

3.7 The Chairman has the right to set a time limit for comments. Be prepared to state your business in a brief and concise manner. A person shall have one opportunity to speak on an issue.

3.8 During a public hearing, only the subject matter of the public hearing can be discussed. Any other matters must be addressed during the open forum.

3.9 Comments should be courteous. Personal remarks or accusatory comments are always out of order. Any person who disrupts a Board meeting may be required to leave to permit the orderly consideration of the matter for which the meeting was called. Profanity, disorderly language, or gestures at meetings are prohibited.

3.10 During the debate and discussion, the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other distractions. If this occurs, the Chairman may interrupt the speaker and ask that the body quiet down and show courtesy for the speaker.

4. RULES

4.1 Citizens and employees of the Town are welcome to participate as provided in this policy. Others may be recognized to speak at the Chair's discretion.

4.2 At no time will the public be allowed to argue or debate. Should an organization or private individual wish to have a matter placed on the Select Board agenda, a written request detailing the specifics of the subject shall be submitted to the Town Manager for consideration.

4.3 Individual employees and/or employee groups will not be permitted to discuss matters for which complaint or grievance procedures are provided.

4.4 The Chair may limit the time allotted for comments on a particular topic as well as the time everyone may speak.

4.5 In the event of a sizeable audience, the Chair may require people interested in speaking to sign up so they may be called on in a fair an efficient manner.

4.6 During the time set aside for public participation, the Chair will be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who must identify themselves as they begin talking.

4.7 Speakers are not permitted to share gossip, make defamatory comments, or use abusive or vulgar language.

4.8 The Chair may limit repetitive statements and comments.

4.9 All speakers are to address the Chair and direct questions or comments to Board members or the Town Manager only with approval of the Chair. Requests for information or concerns that require further research may be referred to the Town Manager to be addressed at a later time.

4.10 Members of the Board and the Town Manager may ask questions of any person who addresses the Board but are expected to refrain from arguing or debating issues.

4.11 No complaints or allegations will be allowed at Board meetings concerning any person employed by the Town. Personnel matters or complaints concerning employees or staff issues will not be considered in a public meeting but will be referred to though establish policies and procedures.

4.12 In order to make efficient use of meeting time, the Board discourages duplication of repetition of comments to the Board.

4.13 The Chair has the authority to stop any presentation that violates these guidelines or the privacy rights of others.

4.14 Persons who disrupt the meeting may be asked to leave, and the Chair may request law enforcement assistance as necessary to restore order.

5. AGENDAS

5.1 Shall be published in advance of each meeting.

5.2 Copies will be posted and/or available prior to regular meetings, at the Town Office. Anyone desiring additional information about an agenda item should direct such inquiries to the office of the Town Manager.

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Islesboro Looking Ahead 2027

A focused agenda for a thriving year-round island community

Proposed final text for Select Board and community consideration | November 2026

Purpose and Community Vision

Islesboro Looking Ahead is a statement of direction and a catalyst for discussion among the Select Board, Town committees, community organizations, businesses, and residents. It builds on the island's traditions of cooperation, stewardship, fiscal responsibility, and mutual support.

For 2027, Islesboro faces a defining challenge: sustaining a vibrant, diverse year-round population. The Town should therefore concentrate its collective energy on three mutually reinforcing priorities: a strong school, more young families, and a community in which all adults can build rewarding lives. This focus does not diminish other essential Town responsibilities. It recognizes that meaningful progress may require sequencing new discretionary initiatives while continuing to protect vital services and assets.

Our Four Priorities for 2027

1 | Stabilize and Grow Islesboro Central School Enrollment

Set a minimum planning goal of 80 students at Islesboro Central School, supported by annual enrollment, recruitment, and retention milestones. The objective is to sustain an excellent K–12 education and reinforce the school's essential role in the island's long-term vitality.

- Expand magnet student recruitment through sustained outreach to mainland families, school visits, parent and student ambassadors, accessible admissions information, and coordination with regional partners. Clearly articulate the advantages of an Islesboro education in a competitive school-choice environment.
- Evaluate whether tuition and other family-paid costs for magnet students can be reduced or offset through lawful funding mechanisms, scholarships, or philanthropic support, subject to School Board review and financial analysis.
- Build a distinctive educational identity around island strengths, potentially including marine science, coastal ecology, outdoor learning, arts, skilled trades, entrepreneurship, and experiential partnerships with island businesses and regional institutions.
- Assess ferry schedules, transportation costs, and after-school logistics that may discourage mainland participation. Explore practical improvements with relevant transportation providers.
- Strengthen student retention and family satisfaction through extracurricular offerings, academic support, regular feedback, and an inclusive school culture after school and weekend activity and programs.
- Publish an annual enrollment summary distinguishing island-resident and magnet students, inquiries, new enrollments, and retention, with privacy safeguards.

2 | Attract and Retain Young Families

Increase the number of families able to establish and sustain year-round lives on Islesboro. Address housing, childcare, employment, and community connection as a coordinated strategy, not separate projects.

- Accelerate attainable year-round housing through public/private partnerships, nonprofit and employer collaboration, landowner participation, and suitable financing and land-use approaches. Prioritize projects with clear delivery schedules.
- Move existing sites from build opportunities to "project-ready" status to accelerate appropriate-sized homes, year-round rentals, accessory dwelling units, and rehabilitation of existing properties, while safeguarding the sole-source aquifer and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Study the feasibility of after-hours and weekend transportation to and from the mainland, including expected demand, safety, costs, operating responsibility, regulatory requirements, and potential pilot funding.
- Expand reliable year-round evening and weekend programming for families, including recreation, arts, youth sports, and intergenerational gatherings.
- Support the long-term viability of preschool and child-care services, with attention to staffing, affordability, and hours that meet working-family needs.
- Work with local employers to strengthen year-round employment, apprenticeships, and remote-work opportunities; create a welcoming resource describing housing, school options, transportation, health care, broadband, and island life.

3 | Make Islesboro a Compelling Home for Adults Ages 25–45

A sustainable island community must attract and retain single adults, couples without children, and young professionals. As a community, we have focused on families with school-aged children, to the detriment of this important group. We must create more opportunities for friendship, recreation, professional growth, and civic participation year-round.

- Invite residents ages 25–45 to help shape priorities through listening sessions, surveys, and meaningful participation in planning and community leadership.
- Support recurring, accessible social and recreational activities such as community dinners, music, fitness, outdoor recreation, arts, sports, and informal gatherings, particularly outside the summer season.
- Develop networking, mentoring, entrepreneurship, skills training, and remote-worker meetups in collaboration with island businesses and organizations.
- Consider how evening and weekend mainland access affects employment, cultural opportunities, social life, and the decision to remain on the island.
- Make better use of existing public and nonprofit facilities for low-cost programs; test activities before committing to significant recurring expenditures.
- Measure participation and satisfaction, adapting programs based on resident feedback and their ability to remain sustainable.

4 | Marketing Islesboro

- Update and revise Islesboro website.
- Outline island attractions and support mechanisms.
- Engage school representatives, island businesses, and island residents in website design.

From Priorities to Measurable Progress

These goals require shared ownership and transparent follow-through. The Select Board should invite the School Board, school leadership, housing organizations, local employers, nonprofits, and residents, including younger adults, to help develop a practical implementation plan.

- By January 2027, convene a cross-community working group and identify a lead partner for each priority.
- Establish verified starting measures for school enrollment, housing inventory and development pipeline, transportation needs, age demographics, and participation in community programs.
- Within the first half of 2027, publish a 12–24 month action plan identifying proposed initiatives, responsible parties, anticipated costs, potential funding, and decision points.
- Provide at least annual public progress updates, with indicators including enrollment against the 80-student goal, housing units completed and in the pipeline, and participation in younger-adult and family programs.
- Seek community input and bring significant expenditures, policy changes, and ordinance proposals through the appropriate public and Town Meeting processes.

Continuing Commitments: Protecting What Makes Islesboro Special

The three priorities narrow the focus of community-building efforts compared with previous reports. However, they do not replace the Town's ongoing obligation to maintain infrastructure, protect natural resources, provide essential services, and manage public funds responsibly.

Natural Resources and Resilience

Continue protecting the sole-source aquifer, shorelines, wetlands, open space, and the waters of Penobscot Bay. Advance planning for sea-level rise and severe storms, including at vulnerable locations such as the Narrows and Grindle Point, and maintain resilient roads, drainage, and culverts. Housing and other development proposals should respect environmental constraints and the island's character.

Public Infrastructure and Essential Services

Maintain a disciplined capital improvement and maintenance program covering roads; harbor facilities at Grindle Point and Seal Harbor; coordination regarding the Lincolnville landing; the Health Center; emergency, communications, fire, and ambulance services; the Alice L. Pendleton Library; Town Beach at Pendleton Point; Maddy Dodge Field; public rights-of-way to the water; municipally supported broadband; wastewater systems; and public facilities. Continue attention to graveyards, fire hazards, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and public health preparedness.

Effective, Accountable Town Government

Keep Town information and relevant community statistics current and accessible. Regularly review the capital improvement plan; strengthen communications across print and digital channels, particularly during emergencies; invest in employee development, competitive compensation where justified, and recruitment and retention of essential personnel. Periodically review the Town committee system and public participation practices to promote clarity, collaboration, and confidence in local government.

Economic Opportunity and Mainland Connections

Support local businesses, year-round jobs, and responsible town-center development. Stay engaged with state and regional partners on reliable, affordable ferry service and other transportation connections that sustain island life. Evaluate new initiatives against long-term operating costs and the Town's fiscal capacity.

Community Participation and Annual Review

Islesboro's future depends on the combined efforts of year-round and seasonal residents, the Town, its school, nonprofit organizations, and local businesses. The Select Board welcomes constructive ideas and open

discussion at public meetings and community forums. The Town should review Looking Ahead annually, report progress, and adjust priorities as circumstances and evidence warrant.

A strong school, more attainable homes, and a welcoming year-round community are not separate ambitions. Together, they offer a practical path toward a resilient and thriving Islesboro for generations to come.

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Proposed for review and discussion. Not yet adopted by the Town.



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