

SELECT BOARD MEETING

TOWN OFFICE at 6PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 2024

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1.	Call to Order:	Establish Quorum:
2.	Accept Minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting.	
3.	Visitor's Comments: <u>Public Hearing:</u> Junkyard Renewal/M&M Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ferry Service Update</i> • Sea Level Rise Update • Update on Municipal Building Project
4.	Upcoming Meetings and Subcommittee Reports: Special Town Meeting: August 1, 2024 6pm GHK Planning Board: August 12, 2024	
5.	Town Manager Report:	6. Correspondence:
6.	<u>Old Business:</u> 1.	
7.	<u>New Business:</u> 1. Approve FY24 Sewer Bills. 2.	
8.	<u>Other Business:</u> 1. 2.	
9.	Approve Warrant: FY25 #3	
10.	Appointments:	
11.	Chair Comments:	Individual Selectmen's Comments:
12.	Executive Session: Concealed Weapon renewal #FY25-1 pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(F); 25 MRSA §2006.	
13.	Adjourn	

W: AGENDA 7 31 2024

MEMBERS:

CHAIR Shey Conover 2026	Lauren Bruce 2025	Stephen Pendleton 2027	Melissa Burns 2026	Peter Anderson 2025
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DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Melissa Burns, Peter Anderson, and Steve Pendleton

Members Present via Zoom: Vice Chair Lauren Bruce

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Nancy Alexander, Peter Rothschild, Liv Lenfestey,
Melissa Olson

Others Present via Zoom:

Donna Leone, Zach Conover, Sue Stafford

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and a quorum was established.

Minutes of July 3, 2024.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of July 3, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Zach Conover, Chair of the School Board, spoke via Zoom and requested the Special Town Meeting for the revised School Budget. He recommends August 1 at 6:00. He added that the School Board will meet on July 22nd, when the superintendent will present her recommended budget, and July 25th, when they will finalize and vote on that budget. The School Board will present the revised budget to the Town at a Public Hearing on Monday, July 29th at 5:30. Legal counsel will be available August 1st, and the Kinnicutt Center is available to hold the Special Town Meeting. We hope to get the budget passed in time to allow the Town to do all the work with taxes.

L. Bruce asked if the meeting on the 29th will be a public meeting for people to hear what's going on with the budget. Z. Conover confirmed that is correct. People can ask questions at this meeting. L. Bruce stated it would be great if there could be one more public meeting before the Special Town Meeting, but having a packet go out through Constant Contact will be very helpful.

S. Conover reported that she and Janet Anderson met with the new Town attorney Kristin Collins. She helped provide some clarity about how this process will work. She is holding August 1st so that she can be here in person. The Select Board will need to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant language at least one week ahead of the

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Town Meeting. The Warrant language we will be approving is the same language that was in the book. The budget that the School Board approves will be amendments that they recommend making from the floor, although it will have been presented in the informational meetings ahead of time. Z. Conover stated that this is correct. The Articles will get brought up, and then the School Board will make recommendations to change to match the new budget. Then we have to go back and reconsider some of the Articles that have already been passed, because we passed the Spending Articles, and we need to get those Articles to align with the actual budget so that everything goes into the State's financial systems properly.

Packet of info to go out through Constant Contact Friday, July 26th. Send a paper copy in mail with Warrant. Special Select Board meeting to sign Town Meeting Warrant on July 24th at 5:00.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve holding the Special Town Meeting on August 1, 2024 at 6:00pm. No further discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to take the Agenda out of order. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sea Level Rise Recommendation.

S. Conover presented an information document with a summary of alternatives that GZA Engineering presented us with for consideration. They all included a two-phase approach. The first phase would be raising the road by two feet and making changes to the rock walls (revetment) to increase their effectiveness for mitigating storm surge. The Sea Level Rise Committee has selected the revetment styles that seem best:

- Phase 1.
 - Option C1: Bermed Revetment with Reef Balls. This option would be replacing the revetments at the southern and middle section of the Narrows, which is where the two rock walls are currently. We would need to remove the existing revetment and start from a new base. One of the alternatives was a very high wall which would obscure the view of the water. C1 is the short and wide option, not much higher than the current wall, but it has a berm further out into the inter-tidal zone, so it mitigates the wave action and reduces storm surge. It includes four rows of reef balls—an artificial reef for habitat creation and sediment control.
 - This is a nature-based solution, which will make us more competitive for grants.
 - C1 is estimated at \$3.5M - \$4.5M
 - 2027 is the earliest that we can begin construction on Phase 1.

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- Phase 2
 - Bridge option: raise road two feet, veer the road to the west. A bridge would cross the marsh area. The road would then land on what is now IIT property. We have met with Steve Miller of IIT, and they are interested in investigating this option. We may need a second bridge option over the northern Crow Cove marsh area. There's more work to be done for this study.
 - There is a possibility that we will rewild the current road after moving the road to the west.
 - Phase 2 is estimated at \$20M.
 - 2031 is the earliest that we will start construction for a Phase 2 project.
- GZA is recommending that we take this phased approach, recognizing that the revetments and raising the road would provide additional protection in the immediate future. It also gives us time that is required for planning Phase 2.
- The state has recommended for municipalities to *commit* to manage 1.5' of sea level rise by 2050, and 3' by 2100, but *prepare* to manage 3.9' by 2050 and 8.8' by 2100. Phase 1 would be our commitment, and Phase 2 is preparing for higher levels.

The SLR Committee is requesting approval to continue to work the planning process for Phase 1, Option C1, and Phase 2, continuing to pursue a bridge option as a longer-term solution. We would be working with GZA to bring Phase 1, C1 to 30% design with our existing grant funds, and we have grant money pending to hopefully fund the next round of planning for the permitting stage.

L. Bruce added that the revetment is a good short-term solution, but if we don't plan a bridge, we will have to rebuild the revetment anyway, because it doesn't last as long as a bridge would. S. Conover added that the current wall was completed in 1984; a revetment has had a lifespan of about 40 years.

M. Burns asked what will happen to the road after the bridge is built. S. Conover answered that will be part of the planning process. They have been in conversations with Donna Leone who owns the house there. We have discussed the potential of rewilding it. The elevation would stay the same, but we could remove the pavement. Or it could remain paved for a bike trail.

S. Pendleton asked if there is an ability to move both phases forward, but have them separate in terms of the Town voting on them. He suggests making sure they are separate when they come to the community, to keep them flexible.

S. Conover stated that they are asking for support to move the planning process forward. Before we get to any kind of construction phase, we would come back and ask for a Town vote with a complete finance package. We hope to get some federal funding.

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MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve, congratulate, and promote the SLR Committee to move forward in planning for Phase 1, Option C1, and into Phase 2. Discussion about how the approval process will be separate. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Melissa Olson, Director of the ALP Library, spoke about how the Library Trustees, the staff, and the Friends of the Library are working on a Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification Program. It's a way for libraries to stay sustainable, not just environmentally, but relative to the community as well. A major piece of this program is energy efficiency. Cressica Brazier from the Energy Committee has instrumental in the energy efficiency projects. The Energy Committee is organizing heat pumps for the library. We are trying to get funding for solar panels. Melissa has approached the Friends of the Library to fund this project, but the Friends would like approval from the Select Board to put a solar array on the library. The proposal would have us create about 95% of our energy. The Trustees have endorsed this project. We will go to the Friends to ask for the funding.

M. Burns asked for clarification that the roof on the addition will be used for solar panels, and not the roof on the historic part of the building. Melissa Olson confirmed this and answered that they plan to remove half of the concrete tiles on the south side of the addition and replace them with asphalt shingles, and then cover them with the solar panels. The foundation around the historic building will not be affected.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve solar panels being installed on the Library addition. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Back to the Order of the Agenda.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

John King was not present. S. Conover referred to emails. Ferry rates are going up August 1st. John King is planning to resign after tomorrow's Ferry Advisory Board meeting. S. Conover stated four people are interested in filling the position. She will work with John to document responsibilities of the position. Once he formally resigns, we can post a notice for the opening with the responsibilities listed, and ask candidates to submit a one-page letter of interest. At our next Board meeting, or on the 14th, we can review those and move to appoint a new representative.

S. Pendleton asked if the Select Board will interview candidates, or decide by the letters.

P. Anderson suggested having access to the letters/resumes prior to the meeting, discuss them lightly at the meeting, have the candidates present to answer questions or speak on their behalf if they choose, then go into Executive Session. This has been the process in several committee meetings.

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S. Pendleton suggested the Town look at hiring a lobbyist who associated and well-heeled with the Governor's office, to lobby for our positions in regard to the ferry.

S. Conover replied some of the issues have been discussed with the Town attorney, and in the past, it has been discussed when is the right time to push having the unfunded pension liability removed from the operated budget. What we have heard is, don't poke the bear; you won't win, and it is likely to backfire.

P. Anderson asked if it would be worth forming an Island Council with the other islands. Steve stated that his suggestion was for all the islands to share in the cost of a lobbyist.

S. Conover stated that this is something we can bring to the next Maine Islands Coalition meeting. She also recommends talking with Nick Batista at the Island Institute.

L. Bruce added that she's heard similar discussions in the past. There are people who have worked on this. It would be good to ask them why these ideas haven't gone through. There's a lot of prior experience that should be tapped to get more detail. Some people to ask would be Steve Miller, Gabe Pendleton, and John King. S. Pendleton will look into this.

SEA LEVEL RISE

Covered in New Business.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce reported that the site prep is complete for the Health Center building, and the 500' well is completed. Structural concrete footings and foundation walls have been poured. Underground floor slab utilities, plumbing & electrical, have been started. Prefabrication of exterior walls and roof trusses will be starting soon. Installation to begin mid- to late-August. Working with Mark Ouellette on selecting interior and exterior finish for the building. For the Up-Island Public Safety Garage, we've solicited several quotes for a pre-engineered metal building. We've received some good pricing. We're looking for a general contractor to do site work and foundation construction. We might have someone, but it's not confirmed yet. It's anticipated that total cost will be at or below the projected budget.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: July 29th, 5:00pm.
- Harbor Committee: July 18th, 6:30pm.
- SLR Committee: July 23rd, 5:00pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 7/17/24 and Minutes of 7/3/24 Select Board Meeting.

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- Committee Minutes:
 - Harbor Committee minutes of April 18 and May 20 (Special).
 - Energy Committee minutes of June 11
 - School Board minutes of June 25
 - Lighthouse Committee minutes of June 27
- Correspondence

7/16 email from Zach Conover, Chair of the School Board, with the following schedule:

 - July 22 School Board Meeting, Superintendent to present revised budget proposal.
 - July 25 School Board Meeting and Budget Workshop.
 - July 29 Island Meeting/Public Hearing on Proposed 2024-2025 School Budget.
 - August 1 Special Town Meeting to vote on School Budget.

New ferry rates start August 1, 2024: Fee Schedule A. Tina will blast this on Constant Contact.

Copy of 7/15 letter sent to Gov. Mills re. MSFS boat cancellations (along with the other islands)
- Sea Level Rise “Narrows Flooding Adaptation Project” & 2-page Q&A.
- Manager
 - Working on Maine Municipal Bond Bank application due 8/1/24. Brian is helping.
 - Status of Steve’s Town Meeting Survey questions. Melissa sent.
 - Post opening of John King’s seat on the MSFS Advisory Board
 - Set date for Special Select Board Meeting to sign Special TM Warrant.
 - Mackenzie Kersbergen, Senior Project Manager for the Lincolnville Ferry Terminal Project, is asking us to set a date for a Public Meeting on Islesboro. **Thursday, 8/22 6-7 at Town Office.**
- Warrant FY25 #2

CORRESPONDENCE

No other correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Steve Pendleton suggested putting a sign in front of the Town Office for announcing events and important dates. This could be similar to the sign at the ICC.
 - This could augment our electronic communications.

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APPROVE WARRANT: FY25 #2

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve Warrant FY25 #2. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: I appreciate your consideration for the Sea Level Rise today, and your questions and comments.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce: Great discussion. Try to stay cool.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

M. Burns: I would like to take a moment to recognize our island has lost two amazing people who were big on committees. John Gorham worked well with the School Board, and Toby Martin was fundamental with the Energy Committee. I want to recognize their hard work. They will be missed.

S. Pendleton: No comments.

P. Anderson: No comments.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to Adjourn Meeting at 7:14 PM. No Discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Reed
Secretary

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TOWN OF ISLESBORO, MAINE

G.H.K. Center at 6PM

AUGUST 1, 2024

TO: Fred O. Porter, Constable of the Town of Islesboro, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine
GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Islesboro, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the G.H. Kinnicutt Center in said town on Thursday, August 1, 2024, then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Information Note:

The following articles are to be taken up following the June 15, 2024 annual town meeting, at which no appropriation was approved under Article 17, and town meeting did not act upon the remaining school funding articles numbered 18-26, thus failing to adopt a valid school budget.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to find that the school budget was not validly approved at the annual town meeting held on June 15, 2024 due to failure to consider and act on all school budget articles, and that the votes taken at said meeting on Articles numbered 3 through 17 are therefore deemed void.

ARTICLE # 3	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. Recommend <u>\$1,385,709.00</u>	
School Committee Recommends:	\$1,385,709.00
The Regular Instruction includes expenses directly related to K-12 classroom teaching and learning such as salaries for teachers, substitutes, instructional materials and supplies.	
Teaching salaries	\$985,982.00
Benefits and health insurance	283,022.00
Professional credits and development, dues, conferences, travel	22,945.00
Contracted services and copiers	14,050.00
Materials, books, supplies	38,085.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	7,800.00
Computer hardware and software	23,625.00
Secondary tuition classes and field trips	10,200.00
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,385,709.00

ARTICLE # 4	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education. Recommend <u>\$204,393.00</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$204,393.00
Special Education includes expenses for direct classroom instruction and outside special education services.	
Teaching and coordinator salaries	\$135,138.00
Benefits and health insurance	34,868.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	3,217.00
Contracted services and testing	28,250.00
Materials, books, supplies	2,920.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	0.00
Computer hardware and software	0.00
Student tuition	0.00
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$204,393.00

ARTICLE # 5	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. Recommend <u>\$45,109.00</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$45,109.00
Career and Technical Education includes assessment expenses approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board directly related to student vocational education and debt service.	
Student Assessment Vocational	\$6,530.00
Vocational Assessment Debt Service	\$38,579.00
TOTAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$45,109.00

ARTICLE # 6	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. Recommend <u>\$140,905.00</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$140,905.00
Other Instruction includes expenses directly related to extra-curricular athletics and co-curricular activities.	
Stipends and salaries	\$82,792.00
Benefits	6,913.00
Dues and conferences	1,700.00
Officials	9,500.00
Supplies	10,000.00
Student travel	30,000.00
TOTAL OTHER INSTRUCTION	\$140,905.00

ARTICLE # 7

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
Recommend \$203,178.00.

School Committee Recommends:	\$203,178.00
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Student and Staff Support includes expenses for direct support of classroom instruction and learning such as guidance, health services and technology services.

GUIDANCE	
Teaching salaries	\$118,676.00
Benefits and health insurance	60,597.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	2,650.00
Contracted services, Pathways and testing	4,000.00
Materials, books, supplies	800.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	0.00
Computer hardware and software	0.00
Field trips and student travel	700.00
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$187,423.00

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES	
Health Contracted Services	\$9,880.00
Health Supplies and Dues	\$770.00
TOTAL STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES	\$10,650.00

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
Summer Tech Services, Web Master	\$4,870.00
Benefits	235.00
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$5,105.00

TOTAL STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT	\$203,178.00
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ARTICLE # 8

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
Recommend \$188,633.00.

School Committee Recommends:	\$188,633.00
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System Administration includes all expenses system-wide for the School Committee, financial services and Superintendent's Office.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Stipends	\$2,800.00
Benefits	230.00
Contracted services, legal services, liability insurance	7,878.00
Dues, conferences, advertising, supplies, travel	2,600.00
TOTAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS	\$13,508.00

ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
Financial contracted technical services	\$13,472.00
Audit	17,000.00
Financial system technology supplies	670.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$31,142.00
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	
Salaries	\$123,362.00
Benefits and health insurance	17,771.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	1,900.00
Contracted services	0.00
Computer hardware, software, equipment, furniture and supplies	950.00
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$143,983.00
TOTAL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$188,633.00

ARTICLE # 9

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
Recommend \$202,796.00.

School Committee Recommends:	\$202,796.00
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School Administration includes all expenses for the direct operation of the Principal's Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	
Salaries	\$141,036.00
Benefits and health insurance	53,160.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	2,200.00
Contracted and technical services	2,000.00
Printing and binding, periodicals, supplies	4,200.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment, repair	200.00
Computer hardware and software	0.00
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$202,796.00
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$202,796.00

ARTICLE # 10

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
Recommend \$50,584.00.

School Committee Recommends:	\$50,584.00
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Transportation and Buses includes all expenses for student transportation and bus purchases and bus maintenance.

BUS OPERATION	
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Salaries	\$22,760.00
Benefits and health insurance	2,867.00
Contracted services, testing, fees	850.00
Fuel, insurance, travel	16,896.00
Maintenance, parts, supplies	7,211.00
New Equipment	0.00
Lease/Purchase payment	0.00
Out of District transportation	0.00
TOTAL BUS OPERATION	\$50,584.00

ARTICLE # 11	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. Recommend: \$321,247.00	
School Committee Recommends:	\$321,247.00
Facilities Maintenance includes all expenses for operation of the plant.	
OPERATION OF PLANT	
Salaries	\$100,716.00
Benefits and health insurance	48,313.00
Property and liability insurances	20,425.00
Contracted, repair services	41,568.00
Utilities, fuel oil, propane	95,700.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment, repair, travel, supplies, fees	14,525.00
Contingency Fund	0.00
TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT	\$321,247.00
TOTAL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$321,247.00

ARTICLE # 12	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service. Recommend: \$189,438.00	
School Committee Recommends:	\$189,438.00
School Construction Bond Interest	\$29,438.00
School Construction Bond Principal	\$160,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$189,438.00

ARTICLE # 13	
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures Recommend \$94,373.00 .	
School Committee Recommends:	\$94,373.00

All Other Expenditures includes the local expenses for the school food service program.	
FOOD SERVICE	
Salaries	\$51,104.00
Benefits and health insurance	13,667.00
Contracted services, equipment, repairs, supplies, travel, fees	9,602.00
Food	20,000.00
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$94,373.00
TOTAL ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$94,373.00

ARTICLE # 14	
To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommends \$905,002.36)** and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. (Recommend \$830,923.21)**	
School Committee Recommends:	Approval as written.
Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.	
**Preliminary estimate numbers from ED279 released January 17, 2024.	

ARTICLE # 15	
To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town voters for non-state-funded school construction projects and non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.	
Recommend \$189,438.00.	
School Committee Recommends:	Approval as written.
School Construction Bond Interest	\$29,438.00
School Construction Bond Principal	\$160,000.00
Total Debt Service	\$189,438.00
Explanation: Non-state funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the town's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by voters.	

ARTICLE # 16

To see if the Town will Raise \$94,373.00 for the Food Service Program.

School Committee Recommends:

\$94,373.00

ARTICLE # 17

(Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$1,590,495.79) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation by (Recommend \$1,590,495.79) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee Recommends \$1,590,495.79 for additional local funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,590,495.79: The State Funding Model does not fund all of the costs necessary to run island schools.

ARTICLE # 18

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Recommend \$3,026,365.00.

School Committee Recommends:

Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 19

To see if the Town will appropriate \$0.00 for Adult Education and raise \$0.00 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.

School Committee Recommends:

Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 20

Vocational Education Regional Day Programs

"Shall the Regional Career and Technical Operating Budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 be approved in the amount of \$6,097,007.00?" Local share from this school district is: \$6,530.04.

School Committee Recommends:

Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 21

Adult Vocational Education Regional Programs

“To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate \$245,082.00 for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and raise \$93,000.00 as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.” Local share from this school district is: \$1,912.85.

School Committee Recommends:

Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 22

To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the School Bus Reserve Account.

School Bus Reserve

\$3,000.00

School Committee Recommends:

\$3,000.00

ARTICLE # 23

To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the Capital Improvement Reserve Account.

Capital Improvement Reserve Account

\$60,000.00

School Committee Recommends:

\$60,000.00

ARTICLE # 24

To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the Solar Project Reserve Account.

Solar Project Reserve Account

\$12,100.00

School Committee Recommends:

\$12,100.00

ARTICLE # 25

To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the School Nutrition Reserve Fund.

School Nutrition Reserve Fund

\$30,000.00

School Committee Recommends:

\$30,000.00

ARTICLE # 26

To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the Contingency Reserve Fund.

Contingency Reserve Fund

\$19,500.00

School Committee Recommends:

\$19,500.00

ARTICLE # 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend such sums of money as they deem necessary from the School Bus Reserve, Capital Improvement Reserve, Solar Project Reserve, School Nutrition Reserve, and Contingency Reserve Accounts for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the School's approved budget.

School Committee Recommends:

Approval as written.


The Select Board gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be at the G.H. Kinnicutt Center on August 1, 2024 from 5:30pm-6pm for the purpose of accepting registrations and correcting the voting list. *A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in an election.*

Given under our hands this 24th day of JULY, 2024.


Shey V. Conover



Lauren K. Bruce

Melissa Burns


Peter H. Anderson


Stephen P. Pendleton

ATTEST: A True Copy


Tina L. Pendleton
Deputy Town Clerk
Date: 7-24, 2024
Posted: 7-25, 2024

RETURN

Special Town Meeting Warrant

August 1, 2024

Pursuant to the attached warrant, I have notified and warned all the voters of the Town of Islesboro to meet at the time and place for the purpose herein named by posting this day an attested copy of the warrant at the:

Durkee's General Store

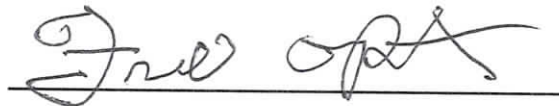
Island Market

Islesboro Town Office

U.S. Post Office

Being conspicuous public places in the Town of Islesboro.

July 24, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred O. Porter", written over a horizontal line.

Fred O. Porter, Constable
Town of Islesboro
Waldo County



July 26, 2024

Dear Community Members of Islesboro:

The Islesboro School Board met several times in late June and July to revise the 2024-2025 Islesboro Central School Budget. On July 25th, the School Board voted unanimously to bring forward to the Islesboro Special Town Meeting being held on August 1 a proposed Islesboro Central School budget of \$2,942,642.

The School Board worked hard to reduce the budget in areas that would have the least impact on student learning. The proposed budget of \$2,942,642 represents a decrease of (\$143,723) from the budget proposed at the Town Meeting on June 15th. The impact to the taxpayer has been reduced from a 12.97% increase to 7.23%.

Personnel related change(s) are in Articles 3,4,7,8,9 and 11. The proposed change(s) reflect a modest decrease in health insurance premiums, an elimination of the Part-Time custodial position, a reduction in the Physical Education position based on the needs of the program, and removing (\$20,000) in computer purchases. Taken together the change(s) total (\$63,467).

The School Board also voted unanimously to reduce the School Nutrition program by (\$20,256) and School Nutrition Reserve by (\$30,000) and Capital Reserve by (\$30,000).

Islesboro Town Attorney Kristin Collins recommended including an Information Note on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. She has added a new Article Two (2) which reads: *To see if the Town will vote to find that the school budget was not validly approved at the annual town meeting held on June 15, 2024 due to a failure to consider and act on all school budget articles, and that the votes taken at said meeting on Articles numbered 3 through 17 are therefore deemed void.*

Based on legal counsel the Warrant Articles published were required to be the same as the previous meeting and that the process will be for a school board member to propose the amendment at the meeting to align the article with the revised budget.

The School Board understands that there are many long-term policy goals that must be considered for the future. The Islesboro Central School offers a unique island education

and makes a positive difference in the lives of our students. Ensuring that community values and traditions are kept and passed along to our students is part of our mission.

Lastly, please know that there will be a Public Hearing on Monday, July 29 beginning at 5:30 and a Special Town Meeting on August 1 at 6PM. Both meetings will be held in the G.H. Kinnicutt Center.

Sincerely,

Cornelia Brown PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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24 July, 2024

Dear members of the Islesboro Select Board,

As promised, I attended the July meeting of the Maine State Ferry Service Advisory Board, held in Rockland, last Thursday, July 18. I wanted to do that to allow for a reasonable and orderly transition.

Kindly accept this letter as my somewhat reluctant resignation as the Islesboro representative on the Advisory Board for the reasons I have shared with you already.

It has been a distinct pleasure to act in that capacity. I have attempted over the years to represent the town's interests, and those of its citizens, as best I have been able. I thank you for that opportunity.

I will be happy to assist going forward to the best of my ability.

Many thanks,



John King

Cc: Jon Emerson
Gabe Pendleton
Bill Geary
Bill Pulver