

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

APPROVED
2/3/22

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Vice Chair Shey Conover, Melissa Burns, Phil Seymour,
Lauren Bruce - Via Zoom (not voting)

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Page Clason, Bill Boardman **VIA ZOOM:** Fred Porter,
Dave Petzel, Steve Miller, Yvette Reid, Maggy Willcox

Call to Order: Chair Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by Melissa Burns, to go out of order. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Steve Miller here to speak about the press release regarding the development of Mack Point. Islesboro Island Trust would like to thank the Select Board for their support. IIT is going to put out a press release early next week and Steve has penned a letter for the Select Board to sign showing support to develop Mack Point for the proposed offshore wind port.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by M. Burns, to adopt the statement re Mack Point and Offshore Wind to be mailed to state and shared with other towns to keep them informed. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by S. Conover, to go back in order. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

FERRY UPDATE

John King sent a letter to the board summarizing the advisory meeting earlier today. DOT has issued a work plan that includes \$500,000.00 for the design of an electric ferry to replace the Margaret Chase Smith. There was some dialogue about the schedule and the need for better data about cars left behind. For more information see the letter attached to this report.

SEA LEVEL RISE

She reports that they had a meeting just prior to the Select Board meeting and subcommittees are working on a variety of different projects. Janet is working to get a meeting with the committee and Haley Ward (formerly CES) who did the engineering report at the narrows to start to get some more details about infrastructure improvement needs and provide some more community input on the recommendations that they did in 2020 since State recommendations have changed. Lauren has coordinated a group of volunteers who are capturing images of some of the recent kinds of extreme weather and extreme tides so we will have a repository going forward. There is a new program, Community Resilience Partnership, that She is hopeful Islesboro can benefit from.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Planning Board: January 24, 2022

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Scanned Items:

- Agenda 1/20/22
- Minutes of 1/6/22
- Warrant FY22-#15 and recap
- Statement RE Mack Point
- Email from Dave Petzel, re ad hoc committee: Grindle Point Light Station Restoration
- 1/6/22 Email from Dominic DePatsy
- 1/13/22 Email from Vern Ziegler RE: LD1806

Janet is starting the process of looking for a replacement for Linda Wentworth, FNP by placing some adds and has consulted with David Kuhns who was Islesboro's first PA. He is heading to a PA's convention in Vermont and will take our information to hand out. There was some discussion about whether we need to have a supervising physician if we had all Nurse Practitioners; Janet told the board that because we are a rural Health Center, we would still need to have a supervising physician.

School Superintendent Dominic DePatsy sent an email requesting a meeting with the Select Board to talk about budgets. Janet will arrange a meeting on February 3rd at 4:00.

Email from Vern Ziegler about LD1806. Vern attended the public hearing on January 12th. He has provided the Board with the maps showing the areas in question and the proposed changes. Lassell island would remain unincorporated but all the islands would be part of the "Islesboro archipelago". Vern is participating in an informal committee to discuss this and come forward with a revised LD1806. He will keep the board posted on the timing of any meetings on this issue and any results of those meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Islesboro Looking Ahead discussion has been tabled until a later date.
2. See discussion above RE Mack Point.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Bids for two “Town of Islesboro Septic System Bids” Small Community Grant Program – NOT to be awarded at this meeting. See attached sheet for amounts. Bill will send off to the State with his recommendations.
2. Request to establish a new ad hoc committee “Grindle Point Light Station Restoration Committee”: After discussion with Dave Petzel, it was decided to have this as a subcommittee working under the Lighthouse Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Page Clason presented the board with options for installing a big screen TV for streaming meetings and different configurations for the room. He will have a computer for Tina soon so her laptop can become the streaming computer. The Board gave him the OK to order the TV and we will progress from there.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY22 - #15

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant #15 for FY22 in the amount of \$264,959.33 . Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by P. Seymour, to appoint Margery Hamlen to the Pesticide Safety on Islesboro Committee. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Lauren says California is beautiful, sunny and warm but she misses Islesboro.

Melissa would like to send out best wishes to everyone affected with Covid.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Tina Pendleton
Administrative Assistant**

Attached: John King Letter, Results Grant Bid Opening



Janet Anderson

Hi all,

We just had an advisory board meeting this morning. I thought I should share some highlights. First, and probably most important, the managers in Rockland have been scrambling regarding staffing because of Covid issues. DOT is getting a lot of OOW calls, and the MSFS is as well. There will probably, in the next few days, be a public announcement of the possibility of temporary service interruptions. How those might manifest themselves remains to be seen and will depend upon the circumstances which are currently changing day to day.

Second, David Bernhardt advised us that DOT has recently issued a three year work plan that includes \$500,000 for the design of an electric ferry to replace the Margaret Chase Smith. At the meeting this was described as an "all electric" boat. This plan can be found on the DOT's website.

The DOT website describes the vessel as a "hybrid/electric boat". We have been in favor all along of an all electric vessel and I propose that our position remain the same. I was pleased to hear the boat described at the meeting as an "all electric" boat, however. DOT is aware that significant electric infrastructure improvements need be made in Lincolnville and on the island for this to happen.

The DOT website says construction is anticipated to begin in 2024, which is good news. That would put the ferry into service in 2025 or 2026, at least two years earlier than anticipated by the most recent capital plan we had received last year.

I haven't had time to find it on the website but we were also told that funding has been established to have two engineering projects initiated to improve parking in Rockland AND Lincolnville. I don't know the details but it sure sounds like our broken record voices have been heard in that regard which is very encouraging.

Mr. Bernhardt indicated DOT has been working closely with our Congressional delegation and it appears that federal funds will be coming both for operating expenses and capital funding and, in particular, the funding of the successor to *the Margaret Chase Smith.

The financials report actually look pretty good right now. We received what the MSFS calls the "Variance Report" which is essentially a P&L statement along with ridership figures. The numbers we received represented a six-month summary as the state's financial year begins on July 1.

Ridership is back to, or, in some cases, almost back to, pre-Tariff 8 cases. Revenue is up over last year and very close to projections made by DOT when it established the current tariffs which is good news. Costs are very close to predicted and personnel costs actually appear to be going down somewhat, although the figures this month were somewhat skewed by one time personnel payments.

We still await news regarding the Commissioner's report to the Legislature's Transportation Committee. Bill Pulver told us the Commissioner is still considering how to do this and will probably advise the Committee that more time is needed. If that is the case the report probably won't get done this year as the Legislature is only in session until April.

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The new ticketing program is being worked on. The new credit card machines have been received. That is a big deal as that was the holdup the last time around (remember when the poor CSRs had to write in everything by hand? Training has begun. The current target date is March 14.

I raised the issue of the difficulties encountered this year when the fall schedule went into effect and again asked as to whether a record of vehicles left behind could be kept and whether a cost/benefit analysis could be done to establish whether reducing the runs per day from 9 to 7 really saved any money to begin with.

Mark Higgins did not seem very excited about either of those options. I think they are not unreasonable but he has a tot more important fish to fry E think (like keeping the boats moving).

I suggested that rather than make this a full Advisory Board issue, maybe we could just parlay with Mark about possible Solutions. Mark seemed fine with that and actually suggested maybe we go with two schedules, a summer and winter,

and. forgo the fall schedule. That may be something that deserves serious consideration. Maybe we (the island that is) Could propose to keep the summer schedule until sometime around Thanksgiving and then go to the winter schedule? Something for your consideration. The next meeting is going to be March 17 and the sitting chair, Dennis Damon, suggested that if we could agree on something we could report back then. I am not sure we could do it by then but maybe you folks could discuss what you think might be reasonable.

We also have a new chair, Jon Emerson, of North Haven. Gable and I have worked closely with Jon. think he is a very fine choice.

That is all for now. If you want I am around today and could call in to your meeting if desired.
Best,

John

1/20/2022 Small Community Grant Bid Opening

Just opening — not awarding.

From here Bill Bo sends the bid amounts to the DEP for a SCBG coordinator approval.

sent to bidders 1/21/22

ENGSTROM, 139 Babbidge Road

JOHN APELQUIST	\$25,979.06
DAN FORD HOPE	\$62,400.00
WILSON CONSTRUCTION S. THOMASTON	\$21,989.60
PAUL HATCH, JR.	\$29,435.00

LEACH, 118 MAIN ROAD

JOHN APELQUIST	_____
DAN FORD HOPE	\$ 59,600.00
WILSON CONSTRUCTION S. THOMASTON	\$21,518.40
PAUL HATCH, JR.	\$31,241.00