

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Vice Chair Shey Conover, Phil Seymour, Melissa Burns,
Lauren Bruce via ZOOM - not voting unless needed

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson
VIA ZOOM: Vern Ziegler, S. Paige Zeigler, Maggy Willcox, Joe Kaminski

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

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the minutes of December 23, 2021. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

FERRY UPDATE

There is an Advisory Board meeting in the next week or two. John King is out of town so Gabe will be attending. The Finance Subcommittee is working on a list of recommendations for the broad 360 degree view of the ferry service that's being conducted by the Island Institute and perhaps a parallel investigation being conducted by the Maine State Ferry Service. Gabe is not really clear if those are both happening or exactly how they're splitting that up, but hopefully by the next meeting there will be a list from the finance subcommittee, which he thinks will be very similar to the things that Islesboro recommended and are primarily focusing on reducing the cost of operations as well as the cost of maintenance going forward for the Maine State Ferry Service.

SEA LEVEL RISE

Subcommittees are doing some work and Shey hopes to have more to report before the next meeting on January 20th. There is a state program that Islesboro might consider applying for; there are a couple of different ways to apply either for specific action grants or for some more of a consortium for different communities.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Planning Board: January 10, 2022

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

State Representative Stanley Paige Zeigler (Paige) was present via ZOOM to speak about the upcoming Legislature - **LD 1806 “An Act to Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay.”** The Select Board would like to know why this is an issue now and how this would change Islesboro's tax base. Paige thinks this is coming under the radar now after the recent Census found that there was an error in the past.

Town Assessor, Vern Ziegler was on the ZOOM call to speak about the Bill. He would like to see a map of the proposed boundary change, before and after. We need to be sure that this does not add anything to Islesboro.

S. P. Zeigler feels that this shouldn't be concern as those islands should stay unincorporated as they will remain under federal jurisdiction but will be put into Waldo County. The Board would like a clear answer to this as there is a concern that if they become part of the Town of Islesboro would Islesboro then be required to offer services to them and what the repercussions might be.

Vern will participate in the public hearing; there will be a live YouTube link to the Public Hearing on the bill LD 1806 on January 12, 2022 at 10:00 am.
<https://legislature.maine.gov/committee/#Committees/SLG>

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Scanned Items:

- Agenda 1/6/22
- Draft Minutes of 12/23/21
- Warrant FY22-#14 and recap
- Draft 2022 Islesboro Looking Ahead
- Village Soup article “New committee gets tour of crowded health center and public safety space.”

Handouts:

- Info on LD 1806
- 2nd Quarter Expenses and Revenues

Janet reports that the Big Tree Recreation Dock Project donations to date are \$5,215.00.

Janet will touch base with Steve Miller about a letter in regards to the proposed Windmill port and the town's preference for Mack Point.

Linda Wentworth, FNP submitted her resignation as of 7/1/2022. She has notified all providers and supervising physicians and will begin the search for her replacement.

Adam Thacker is looking into a couple of grant possibilities for more money for the Health Center. He is willing to write them but needs the info by next week.

Janet asks the Board to read over the Draft “2022 Islesboro Looking Ahead” and she will put it on the next agenda. Gabe will update with any changes and circulate to the rest of the Board for any changes/additions.

At the next meeting the Board will be opening bids for the Town Septic System.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY22 - #14

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by M. Burns to approve Warrant #14 for FY22 in the amount of \$298,339.37 . Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Pendleton
Administrative Assistant

Janet Anderson

From: John King <skyfrme@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Gabe Pendleton; Shey Conover; Lauren Bruce; Melissa Burns; Phil Seymour; Tina Pendleton; Islesboro Town Manager
Subject: MSFS

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 reports 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.

Correspondence

January 13, 2022

To: Selectboard, Town of Islesboro
From: Assessor, Town of Islesboro
RE: LD 1806

Attached are two maps I received yesterday after the public hearing with the SLG Committee. These were part of the testimony submitted to the Committee by Dale Rowley EMA director for Waldo County. The maps are labeled #11 and #13.

Map number 11 depicts three boundary lines for Waldo County: what is presented on maps today in orange; what is in effect by deeds and taxes in blue and the statutory line in pink.

Map #13 depicts Waldo's proposal for LD 1806 as shown by the blue line. The solid pink line was the boundary when Waldo was created, and the dashed line represents the boundary when Knox was created.

It appears to me that more than just "Lassell and two small rock islands" would be held in Waldo after the change. I'd like to see a map that shows the original Waldo boundary, the current mapped boundary and this proposed boundary all in one map with enough clarity to view all the islands. It looks to me like the proposed boundary goes as far south as below Robinson Rock.

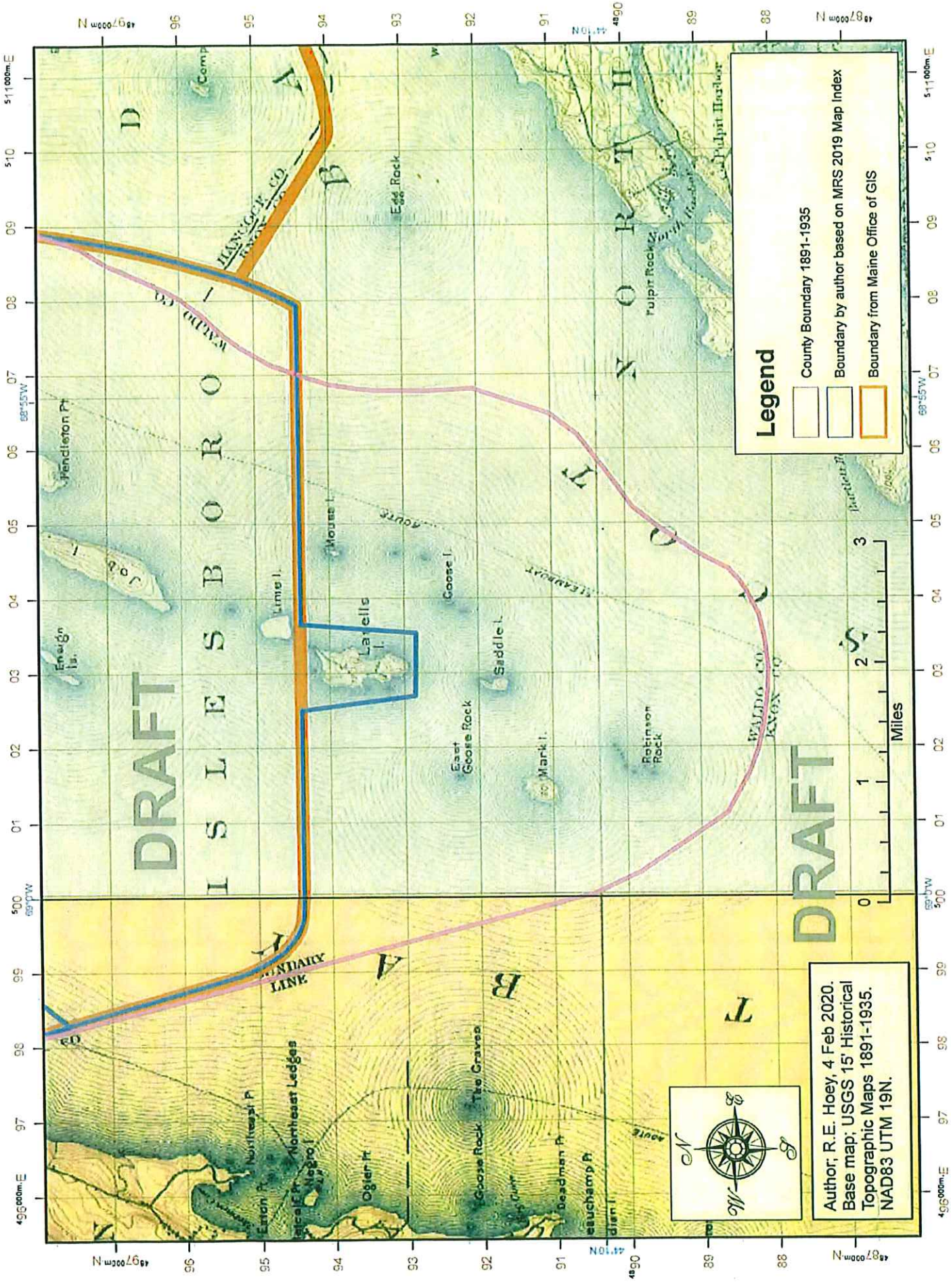
When this informal committee meets to discuss this and come forward with a revised LD 1806, I'll push to get such a map.

At this point, as I wrote yesterday, it was clear that none of this affects the municipality of Islesboro or the UT responsibilities. As long as none of that changes or unless you tell me otherwise, that will be my focus in this working group.

I'll keep you posted on the timing of any meetings on this issue and the results of those meetings.

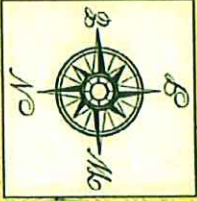
Vern

Waldo/Knox County Boundary Discrepancy



Legend

- County Boundary 1891-1935
- Boundary by author based on MRS 2019 Map Index
- Boundary from Maine Office of GIS



Author: R.E. Hoey, 4 Feb 2020.
 Base map: USGS 15' Historical
 Topographic Maps 1891-1935.
 NAD83 UTM 19N.

1/20/2022 Small Community Grant Bid Opening

Just opening – not awarding.

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

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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	\$ 0
DAN FORD HOPE	\$ 59,600.00
WILSON CONSTRUCTION S. THOMASTON	\$ 21,518.40
PAUL HATCH, JR.	\$ 31,241.00