

Islesboro Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom  
Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Vice-Chair Shey Conover, Phil Seymour, Melissa Burns.  
Absent: Lauren Bruce

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Dave Petzel, Janis Petzel **VIA ZOOM:** Fred Porter

Call to Order: Chair Pendleton called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM and a quorum was established.

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Conover, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.**

**MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by S. Conover, to go out of order. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Lighthouse Restoration Committee New Logo and Website. Dave Petzel presented a design for a website and logo for the Grindle Point Light Station. Dave also mentioned the possibility of having a link for donations on the website. After some discussion it was decided to approve the website, but to hold off on the donation link until it could be run by the Town Attorney and the Auditors.

**MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by P. Seymour, to approve the website and logo design for the Grindle Point Light Station. 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**

There was an Advisory Board meeting today; John King was there and will hopefully provide an update. Gabe attended a finance subcommittee meeting on Tuesday. One of the issues that came up was the lack of employees for the ferry service leaving them unable to staff all the boats for North Haven for a period of time. The explanation was that they could not get anybody to apply because they were not paying enough. The end projection was that they might have increase pay by 30% for the ABS. This is a relatively large increase and personnel being a large part of the budget already, it is a

concern that has implications for ticket pricing across the ferry system. The Island Institute is currently undertaking a full review of the ferry service and hopefully the ferry service would not do anything with regards to rates until that is done.

Mark Higgins and Dave Bernhardt were here for a workshop on March 9<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about the new ferry for Islesboro, naming the vessel, and infrastructure both on and off-island, specifically because the proposed boat is supposed to be electric at this point. There is a new ticketing system that will be rolling out in April. There was a conversation about changing the schedules to only having Summer and Winter schedules and keeping better records of ridership/vehicles left behind. Dave Bernhardt also was able to connect with Shey and will work with the Sea Leve Rise Committee on those issues at Grindle Point.

## **SEA LEVEL RISE**

Shey reports hearing from Gabe McFale earlier this week that her grant request was successful. Shey will meet with her to get that going. Her goal is to get enrolled in the state program so that in September we are eligible for a \$50,000 grant request and identify a project for her support.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Planning Board: March 28, 2022

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

### **Scanned Items:**

- Letter from Jon Kerr from the Groundwater Protection Committee about PFAS and what the committee is looking at and plans to do.
- Minutes from February 24, 2022 meeting of Groundwater Protection committee.

Janet would like the board to start thinking about the money that is left from the Ferry donation fund for the ferry lawsuit and perhaps moving that to Sea Level Rise. This is about \$19,868. Gabe thinks Grindle Point is a suitable place for it as it is related to transportation to and from the island. Janet will check with the town attorney whether this will require a town vote where it was donated.

## **NEW BUSINESS, cont.**

2. Discuss Increasing Planning Board Fees. These fees have not been changed in a long time and are written into the Town Ordinance and in order to change that we will have to make an ordinance change. They way to do that is to get the ordinance changed at a public hearing to allow the Select Board to make such changes and then the Select Board can discuss changing the fees on recommendation from the Planning Board. Janet will have the town attorney make the proposed change to the ordinance for public hearing.

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Conover, to have the town attorney redraft the Land Use fees portion of the Planning Board ordinance, removing the fees schedule from the ordinance and making them able to be set by the Select Board without town vote. This will be voted on in a Public Hearing. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.**

**APPROVE WARRANT: FY22 - #19**

**MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by G. Pendleton, to approve Warrant #19 for FY22 in the amount of \$163,085.33 . Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.**

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Gabe expects to make a recommendation at the next meeting to increase the selectboards pay in a somewhat substantial way.

**INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Phil wishes everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. Melissa wants to remind everyone about the basketball sports banquet March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Janet will put changing the day of the week for Select Board meetings to a day other than when the School Board meets on the Agenda for the next meeting as there have been conflicts with people, like Maggy, with being able to attend both meetings.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:16 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Tina Pendleton  
Administrative Assistant**