

Islesboro Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Vice-Chair Shey Conover, Melissa Burns, Lauren Bruce

Via Zoom: Phil Seymour

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Janet Anderson

Via Zoom: Jennifer West, Andrew (Pete) Anderson

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

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by M. Burns, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2022, as written. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no.**

VISITORS COMMENTS – None

**FERRY UPDATE**

G. Pendleton stated there was a meeting of the Finance Subcommittee of the Ferry Service Advisory Board last week that was looking at comparisons of costs with other ferry services and where the State of Maine fit into the larger picture. We are currently about in the middle of the price range. Anticipating follow-up.

There have been some frustrations with the new ticket system and the rollout. John King, who is on the advisory board, is aware of the frustrations.

J. Anderson called Dan McNichol regarding the swap-out of the M. C. Smith for the Spear. He said it was supposed to happen tomorrow, but it's been pushed back to next week, as there was something wrong with the Spear.

**SEA LEVEL RISE**

S. Conover reported that Sea Level Rise Committee met on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. They got about 2/3 through self-assessment process of prioritizing the areas that are part of the Community Resilience Partnership Program with Gabe McPhail. There will be another meeting in July to finish the process, and then the Committee will ask for time with the Select Board to go over priorities and request approval of a resolution.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT**

L. Bruce reported that the Municipal Building Project Committee met last Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> with architect Stephen Blatt. They went through the most recent plans, made some corrections and suggestions, and looked at the site. We need to meet with Will Aldrich

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and confirm the boundaries that were on the delineation from Gartley & Dorsky. Bill Boardman walked it and was confident that there's no problem, but we should have it confirmed. Tomorrow is another meeting at 6pm. This should be the last decision-making meeting on the spaces. It's possible that the site and all three plans will be decided tomorrow. If so, we will come to the Select Board for approval July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Planning Board: June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Fireworks: July 2<sup>nd</sup>/rain date July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- BBQ: July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Parade: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, ICC

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Janet Anderson shared her plan for July annual appointments. She will provide a slate of all the people on one page for the Select Board to sign as a whole, instead of signing individual appointments. The clerks will then type or handwrite individual oaths for people to sign. Many other towns do it this way, so we will adopt this new method.

Janet received an email from the State that the Town will be receiving the second ARPA payment, hopefully this week, for the Dark Harbor Waste Water.

Email from Dave Dyer regarding the Maine DEP investigation into the presence of PFAS from the land application of septage in the municipality. It should be completed by October of this year. Janet has sent the info to Jon Kerr so the Groundwater Committee is aware.

Information about the Ferry system changing over and how to buy tickets online.

Email from ReVision Energy with their Annual Operations Report. If the Board would like it explained, Janet will ask Bill Thomas to come to another meeting. Later this year, ReVision Energy will do Annual Performance and Safety Inspections, and then they will send a detailed report.

Minutes from Economic Sustainability Corporation meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Minutes from the Housing Committee meeting of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Minutes from the Energy Committee meeting of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from the Municipal Building Project Committee meeting of June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Results from the June 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

Received from Jim Mitchell, Chair of the Museum Committee, an invitation and a copy of a new plaque commemorating that Grindle Point Light Station has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. There will be a get-together on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:45 in front of the Keeper's House. They will also be honoring "the dedicated Islesboro

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Women and Men who for 84 years have created, preserved, and shown the Museum to visitors from around the world.”

Received from Dave Petzel this afternoon a 2022 Bicycle/Pedestrian Rack Card from the Safe Roads Committee. He wants Select Board approval before he prints them up.

Janet received information from Keel Kemper with the State of Maine regarding a draft law proposal from Christl Theriault, Assistant to Commissioner Judy Camuso and Liaison with Legislative Fish & Wildlife Committee, to include crossbows with the definition of archery equipment for hunting, which will impact Islesboro’s “bow and arrow only” hunting statute. We need to have a public hearing or some other way of asking the public if we want to include crossbow in our language and change our statute to allow it to be “archery equipment.” She would like to know by the middle of July. M. Burns asked if Islesboro has an exemption for disabled people to use crossbows. Janet answered that we do not currently allow crossbows under any circumstances. M. Burns volunteered to be the contact person for this issue. She would like a Public Hearing at the next Select Board meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and will go the checkpoint station at Ken Smith’s house to ask for hunters’ feedback on this issue.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Janet Anderson shared that she received a letter from Dick Lemke who reported a gasoline theft from his outboard motor on his dinghy at the ferry landing. He’s suggesting we place cameras there so authorities can do something when this happens. We’ve been down this road before with the Harbor Committee, but it never went anywhere. It was 2020 the last time this was discussed. There were concerns about privacy with cameras, and a resolution wasn’t reached. We can bring it up with the Harbor Committee again. Fred is aware of the situation. G. Pendleton stated that at this point he is not in favor of adding another camera, but is not opposed to having a conversation about it. High-resolution surveillance cameras exist, but do we want that? M. Burns suggested a game camera that could record, and if there was an incident, we could ask the Harbor Committee to pull footage from it, that way it wouldn’t be a livestream for just anyone to see. Janet will put it back to the Harbor Committee.

Janet shared a letter from Jennifer West as Planning Board Secretary regarding the Town’s application for the Recreation Pier. The letter states the Town should take action to address issues of parking, pedestrian safety, and a timeframe for implementation prior to the construction of the pier. Janet has been trying to get the grass mowed there. She went to do some weed-whacking and went home with a tick on her. A lot of Public Works crew are out sick, but Jordy is aware. This property wasn’t on the list of places to mow until we inherited it last year. Earl MacKenzie said Trevor Dakers is going to help clear up dead fall, and the picnic table will be painted. We are working on the traffic issue and had a Zoom meeting with the DOT, Ken Smith, and Phil Seymour. The speed limit is 35 and cannot be lowered, because after using the trailer, it was found that the average speed is 32. But we’re going to move some signs, and there are some things we can do in the road, such as a crosswalk, that will help mitigate the problem. The DOT is

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going to come out and look at it. For now, we are talking about putting the donated float on a mooring near the beach so swimmers can use it this summer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Date for Summer Information Meeting.* Lauren Bruce has spoken with Linda Gillies, who seems to have a feel for when would be best for bringing in the summer crowd as well as other people in the community. The date they came up with is Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Conflict with the Planning Board meeting. Linda thought 5:00 would be best. M. Burns suggested 5:30 to accommodate people coming back to the island on the last ferry. *Final decision, Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.*

**APPROVE WARRANT FY22 - #26**

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Conover, to approve Warrant FY 22 - #26.  
Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

Discussion about the Safe Roads Committee Bicycle Card regarding how the numerical order on the map may be confusing, but seems clear enough.

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve Safe Roads Committee Rack Card. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Conover, to appoint Linda Gillies as member of the Municipal Building Project Committee. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.**

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

No Comments

**VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS**

No Comments

**INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Phil Seymour commented that his video isn't working, but has no other comments.

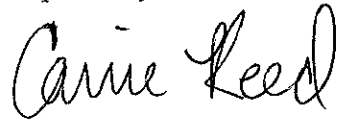
Melissa Burns thanked the community coming out for the Class of 2023, they raised over \$18,000 from their auction.

Lauren Bruce has no comments.

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**MOTION BY G. Pendleton to Adjourn Meeting at 6:38 PM. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "R".

Carrie Reed  
Secretary

