

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting via Zoom
January 7, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present via Zoom:

Chair Gabe Pendleton, Shey Conover, Phil Seymour, Lauren Bruce, Arch Gillies

Others Present via Zoom:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Steve Miller, Fred Porter, Roger Heinen, Maggy Willcox, Michael Hutcherson

Call to Order: Chair Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:33PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by A. Gillies to approve the minutes of December 22, 2020. Roll Call: Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce to go out of order to allow Steve Miller to speak about plastics in Penobscot Bay. Roll Call: Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Gabe: Thanks to Steve for being here tonight. Everybody on the elect board has received a copy of the letter that Steve drafted both on behalf of IIT MB on behalf of the Select board. Thanks for spearheading this and spending all the time that it takes to get into writing a letter like this, especially with some of the work you did on behalf of IIT.

Steve did get acknowledgment from Mr. Kavanah on receipt of the IIT letter, and he reiterated that in fact they are investigating the matter. This warrants very close attention as it appears to be to be in violation of at least Maine law, if not State or Federal law to not report this. More importantly, there is some legislation coming up that would appear to attempt to begin to address disposal of plastics in Maine; Steve will try to keep abreast of that legislation.

Gabe will help Janet create a cover sheet to send with the copies of the IIT letter and the letter from the Select Board to other towns and island communities on Penobscot Bay. Copies will also be sent to Vicki Doudera and Chip Curry. The letter will be available to be signed by the Select Board Friday at the Town Office.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by A. Gillies to approve the letter written by Steve Miller RE: Plastics in Penobscot Bay as written. Roll Call: Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

COVID UPDATE

Lauren read the attached Islesboro Health Center Islesboro COVID Status Update dated 1-7-21.

FERRY UPDATE

Gabe reports that Mark Higgins did respond to Vinalhaven's letter requesting MV Thompson be returned to the Vinalhaven/Rockland route. He and John King agree that the Select Board should respond in some way to acknowledge the frustration of dealing with an aging fleet and dealing with a huge budget shortfall and open the door to work together to resolve these things. The MV Smith is still slated to return to the Islesboro/Lincolntown route January 22, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board: January 11, 2021

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Scanned Items:

Scanned 12/31/20

- Agenda
- Minutes
- Copy of letter to Brian Kavanah, Director Bureau of Water Quality RE: Plastic Waste Discharge into Pen Bay
- Copy of letter IIT wrote to Brian Kavanah on 1/3/21

Scanned 1/6/21

Warrant #14 and recap

Scanned 1/7/21

Box-Holder going out Friday on "Town Office Open for Business"

Janet will be sending out a Box-holder on Friday with the updated protocol for doing business at the town office. This system is working well and we have had no complaints so we will continue this through January and revisit it at that time.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY21 - #14

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by A. Gillies, to approve Warrant #14 for FY21 in the amount of \$333,020.07. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS: None

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Shey would like to have links to the various Town ZOOM meetings posted on the website to make them easier to find. Tina will put them on the website and be sure a “clickable” link is available on Constant Contact emails.

Phil asked for an update on Peggy’s and Bill’s positions being filled. Janet reports that Dave Dyer is in training for Bill’s position; when he is finished with that he will come in and do some training with Bill. As for Peggy’s position, Sarah Runnion-Bareford has started on Mondays and will be keeping the patient cover sheets up to date and a few other things that she is already familiar with as she’s done the chart audits for Medicare for the last five years or so and is familiar with Peggy’s office. Peggy has been coming in on Sundays doing some work in preparation for the annual Health Center Advisory Board meeting which is January 21, 2021.

Phil would like to know any estimates of over budget expenses due to COVID. Janet will get that information to the Select Board after Kathy has done a journal entry on the Keep Maine Healthy Grant check for \$34,639.67 that just came in.

Arch: Good meeting, well run.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to move into Executive Session to consider a concealed weapon permit application. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Pendleton

Administrative Assistant

... Continuation of Minutes of 1/7/2021 SB Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by P Seymour and seconded by L Bruce to enter executive session at 6:15pm.

VOTE: All in favor

Motion by L Bruce and seconded by A Gilles to exit executive session at 6:25pm.

VOTE: All in favor

Back to the regular meeting.

Upon a motion by A Gillies and seconded by L Bruce to approve renewal of concealed weapon permit #2021-1.

VOTE: Gabe Pendleton [] Yes [] No [x] Abstain
 Shey Conover [x] Yes [] No [] Abstain
 Lauren Bruce [x] Yes [] No [] Abstain
 Arch Gillies [x] Yes [] No [] Abstain
 Phil Seymour [x] Yes [] No [] Abstain

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Janet Anderson