

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2020 @ 5:30 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present in person: Chair Gabriel Pendleton, Shey Conover, Phil Seymour, Archibald Gillies, and Lauren Bruce

Others Present in Person: Town Manager Janet Anderson and Michael Hutcherson

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

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by Laruen Bruce, to approve the minutes of Sept 17, 2020 as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board meeting October 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Crisis Committee Meeting October 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM

MOTION by A. Gillies, seconded by L. Bruce, to take the agenda out of order. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

IMB Policy Recommendation to Consider New Subscriber Installation Costs

Roger Heinen said the IMB is recommending the following revision to the installation policy:

1. Tina collects a nonrefundable \$100 from the new subscriber to green light the site survey.
2. Tina collects the estimated install cost from the new subscriber to green light the installation, if the estimated cost Tina collects is more than the actual, a credit is issued. If less, an invoice is presented.
3. Discontinue the \$500 incentive credit as of Dec 31, 2020. If individuals need financial help with an installation, they might make a request to the Islesboro Community Fund, etc.

After Select Board discussion of the proposal, it was decided that along with the announcement of this policy change, that there should be information included directing a person to contact Janet Anderson if this is a financial hardship for them.

MOTION by A. Gillies, seconded by S. Conover, to accept the IMB recommended policy changes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Scanned Items:

Select Board Agenda 10/1/2020

Select Board Minutes 9/17/2020

Agenda for Pesticide Safety on Islesboro Meeting 10/2/20

Minutes Pesticide Safety on Islesboro from 5/29/20 Meeting

IMB Minutes Oversight Committee of 6/2/2020

Warrant #7 and Recap

Correspondence:

9/21/20 Email from Jeanne Porter on safety for motor vehicle operators and bicyclists/Fred Porter will address this.

Discussion: Fred Porter spoke on behalf of Jeanne Porter, who wrote an e-mail regarding an incident with a near miss involving bicyclists and other vehicles that she was involved in during the summer. The Select Board discussed the dangers of bicycling on the narrow island roads which lack appropriate shoulders. It was decided to ask David Petzel for his recommendations regarding ways to address this problem, perhaps signage, turnouts, public awareness, etc.

MOTION BY G. Pendleton, seconded by P. Seymour, to seek out advice from David Petzel and/or others regarding safety measures that can be taken to address this issue as described above. Motion passed 5-0.

IMB Policy Recommendations

Covid-19 and the Fall/October Flyer

Notice from MDOT regarding Islesboro Fender System Modifications, start date 9/28/20, completion date 4/19/21

Janet Anderson reported that she is still working on getting the stones from the ferry pen. If this works out, they will be stored on the town land next to Cliff Houles and will possibly be used for the Pripet Wharf project.

Janet Anderson said that Melissa Jagger, Recreation Director, contacted her asking about reopening the playgrounds. Janet said she is first going to have a guy from Cedar Works look at the playground set before proceeding to open.

**MOTION BY A. Gillies, seconded by L. Bruce to return to the original order of the agenda.
Motion passed 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Ferry Revenue

The Select Board had a long discussion regarding the ferry. Gabe Pendleton said that the MSFS Finance Committee met last week to look at revenues which are down due to loss of ridership during Covid. Gabe said "it is not a great situation". Gabe said "they don't appear to be taking steps to cut costs". He suggested that they close down the upper deck which would eliminate a deckhand, which would in turn save money. There is talk about implementing the e-ticketing system, but that has not yet been done. There is also the continued question about the unfunded pension liability. Gabe stressed the fact that all the other islands "need to be onboard" regarding going forward and asking for help from the government. Arch suggested that it is time to formalize Gabe's comments/recommendations and move forward with engaging the legislative bodies. Arch suggested that it is time to reach out again to the other towns and islands for support. Janet Anderson said she would begin the process of reaching out to the other Town Managers. She said that it would be wise to set up everything up that we can this year, formalize the process, trying to get a "road map" in place, and then if the Ferry Service doesn't follow through, there could be a vote of no confidence.

WARRANTS FY 21 #7

MOTION by P. Seymour, seconded by A. Gillies to approve Warrant #7 for FY 21 in the amount of \$511,433.46 Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pike

Secretary to the Select Board