

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Thursday, September 2, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Melissa Jagger
Via Zoom: Mia Walsh, Janis Petzel, Jesse Burns, Fred Porter

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 August 19, 2021 with the addition of suggested edits in an email sent to Tina Pendleton from Ken Smith. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

FERRY UPDATE

The Finance Subcommittee has continued to work on pushing the entire advisory board to recommend an accelerated schedule for replacing the ferry boats, specifically to speed up the ferry replacement schedule with the likely funding that's going to be available from the federal government. Gabe expects to have that taken up at the next ferry service Advisory Board meeting. Also right now the annual report is being drafted, which is, by statute from the advisory board to the commissioner, outlining the things that work the things that don't work and recommended changes and concerns for each island. There have been emails about various input from different islands and where we can collaborate and speak with one voice and where we should be writing individual paragraphs essentially tailored to the specific needs of each island. John King is spearheading the first draft for Islesboro as well as the first draft for the finance subcommittee. Lauren will touch base with John to see where he is on that.

SEA LEVEL RISE

Shey is excited to have a new member by the end of the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Planning Board: September 13th.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Scanned Items:

- Agenda 9-2-21
- Minutes of 8-19-21 regular meeting
- Airport Committee Report
- Chapter 186/Ordinance Road Names & Address Numbers
- 2021 Municipal Tax Rate Calculation from Vern
- Email from Julian Kelly, Junior at ICS RE: Sustainability Development Goals for 2030

We received \$20,000 from the Waldo County Fiscal Funds.

There is a Select Board Workshop scheduled for September 23rd at 2:00 PM at the Town Office to review the final plan for underground utility line proposal for Paul Kazilionis at 171 West Shore Drive. Mark Bower will be attending by phone and there should be someone from CMP and Page for GWI attending as well. If everything looks okay we can put it on the September 30th agenda.

Jim Mitchell as reported to Janet that the summer went well. The museum is now closed for the season, but will reopen Saturday September 11th for Maine Lighthouse Day from 8:30-4:30. The Lighthouse committee is looking to do a fundraiser to pay for repairs to the tower and painting. Dave Petzel is on that committee and is working on a plan for some sort of Gala.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Airport Committee Report on 8-31-21 meeting. The request from Tom Bair to put in a hanger has been tabled until they have a site review.
2. CODE Chapter 186: Road Names and Address Numbers. The current code states that homeowners are requested to have their house numbers visible from the road. The wording will be changed from requested to required; if everyone does this it should make it easier for Emergency Services locate residences when called out. Fred Porter expressed concerns for individuals who may be victims of domestic abuse and may not want to display their house number. Janet will start that process of changing the wording in the CODE with the town attorneys and schedule a public hearing at some point in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021-2022 Mil rate set: The new Mil rate is \$17.65, up 65 cents from last year. Per Vern, values are down due to an increase in properties getting the homestead exemption and a couple of large properties that were gutted. Also, last year we used more out of undesignated fund balance, so that makes a difference in the amount of revenue from last year. She mentions that with plans for revaluations that could end up raising valuations then that could have a pretty major impact on future mil rates potentially dropping as a result.
2. Discuss Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030 as suggested by Islesboro Central School Junior Julian Kelly. Julian sent an email to Janet asking whether the

Town of Islesboro would be interested in working with him to develop SDGs for the town. Julian is looking to use this as his Capstone project. Janis Petzel mentions that Julian is a student member of the Energy Committee and they would like to work with him on this project as well. Melissa Jagger is the new sustainability horticulture teacher at ICS and would like to work with Julian if he would like some guidance; there may be other students interested as well. Janet will send Julian an email to see how the town can help him with this project and let him know that the Energy Committee will talk about this at their next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Janis Petzel mentioned that when the final draft of the Technical Assistance grant that they received from National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) is ready they will present it to the Select Board.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY22 - #5

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant #5 for FY22 in the amount of \$113,255.03 . Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce to approve the appointment of Peter Willcox to the Sea Level Rise Committee and Kizzi Nelson to the Recreation Committee. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Melissa Burns states that we had a great first day of school and is glad that everybody is back in the building.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tina Pendleton
Administrative Assistant**