

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

MINUTES

APPROVED

2/1/23

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Via Zoom: Myra Sinnott, Ellen Berry, Jennifer West, Dick DeGrasse

Absent: Town Manager Janet Anderson

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

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

G. Pendleton reported that there was a meeting of the Finance Subcommittee yesterday, focused primarily on the variance report by the Maine State Ferry Service looking at their budget, and also the Unfunded Pension Liability and whether that ought to be considered part of the operating expense of the Ferry Service and whether that ought to have 50% of its cost made up by fare-box revenue. It appears that the Unfunded Pension Liability for the State could potentially make rates much higher. It's already more than \$1million/year for the Ferry Service budget. There is a Full Advisory Board meeting tomorrow at 11:00. One of the topics will be more on Emergency response; the Ferry Service is revising their protocol. The Zoom link is on the Ferry Service website.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the next Sea Level Rise Committee meeting is next Thursday. The Committee is currently accepting applications for the Project Planning position.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce reported that Architect Steve Blatt will be meeting with potential bidders for the Up-Island Public Safety Garage next Tuesday, January 24th, 12 – 3, at the Town Office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: January 23rd – 5pm

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- Harbor Committee: January 19th – 6:30pm
- Municipal Building Project, Bidders meet with Architect Stephen Blatt: January 24th – 12pm
- Sea Level Rise: January 26th – 5:30pm

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Anderson was absent. No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Up-Island Public Safety Garage: Heating System Design Recommendations, 1/16/2023, Islesboro Energy Committee

G. Pendleton stated that this has been on the radar for the Municipal Building Project Committee, and his understanding is that they plan to put PEX tubing in concrete slab to accommodate potential slab heating in the future.

Myra Sinnott, Chair of the Energy Committee, explained that the Committee had concerns with the plans, didn't get much feedback, and didn't know what the plans were; things were unclear. They did extra research and provided it to the Building Committee. It's good to hear that PEX is going to be in the slab—we didn't know that. We thought it would be important to share information and reconsider if those concerns weren't on the radar yet.

G. Pendleton thanked the Energy Committee for all the input; the Town is appreciative. Some of the concerns that Eric Jagger raised have been brought up with the architect.

G. Pendleton stated he is not in favor of pausing the bid process. A lot of heating options can be incorporated in the future.

L. Bruce added that the Energy Committee provided this information to the architect and the Building Committee, and it was thoroughly discussed, so it isn't new information. Some members of the Building Committee got together and decided that it would be prudent to add PEX to the slab. We're on the same page.

Myra Sinnott added that the Energy Committee would have liked more communication so they didn't have to stress their concerns. Hopefully we can get back on track. We're thinking alike, and it would be nice to have it on paper, too.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANT: FY23 #15

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY23 #15. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

New AD HOC Committee to Consider Current and Future Emergency Transportation Options, established 1/4/2023 – John King, Earl MacKenzie, and Philip Seymour

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to appoint John King, Earl MacKenzie, and Philip Seymour to the Committee to Consider Current and Future Emergency Transportation Options. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

G. Pendleton had no comment.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover had no comment.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Lauren Bruce had no comment.

Melissa Burns had no comment.

Phil Seymour had no comment.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by L. Bruce, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:12 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

