

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

APPROVED

1/18/23

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson

Via Zoom: Jim Mitchell, Terry Sanderson, and Doug Welldon

Absent: Melissa Burns

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 December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting and Executive Session, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

G. Pendleton reported that John King has asked to create a small committee to work on Islesboro's emergency response, with the members being John King, Earl MacKenzie, and Phil Seymour. Gabe proposed that such a committee be created tonight as a working group. John has been in contact with others on North Haven and Vinalhaven, talking about cooperative solutions.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by S. Conover, to form an Ad hoc Committee to Consider Current and Future Emergency Transportation Options. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

J. Anderson asked if this will be an ad-hoc or a long-term committee. G. Pendleton replied that it will be ad-hoc with the purpose of addressing emergency response. J. Anderson will type appointments for the Select Board to sign at the next meeting.

G. Pendleton stated that John King is planning on notifying the public of the committee meetings. John also asked about using the Town's Zoom account. J. Anderson will check with Tina.

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G. Pendleton reported that there have been some concerns and discussion about the minutes of the last Ferry Service Advisory Board meeting, perhaps not accurately reflecting what was said or the sentiments of the meeting.

The emergency response issue on Swan's Island remains a significant concern. We've had several emergency trips here on Islesboro since that discussion, and Gabe has not heard of any other issues. Gabe has had positive discussions with several crew members. There is a Union negotiation that will be taking place in March or April, and these issues may be on the table. Hopefully this will help iron out goals and expectations of the crew.

Doug Welldon asked if the most recent overnight emergency ferry trip went smoothly, and if the ferry was the first choice, or if the ferry was utilized because we couldn't reach the captain of the Quicksilver. G. Pendleton answered that he didn't know the specifics of that run, but he believes that typically the ferry is the first choice for runs, because they have all the equipment they need in the ambulance.

Doug Welldon asked if the ferry captains have received the state cell phones, as discussed at a previous meeting. G. Pendleton stated he did not know the answer to that, but that it has come up in discussions at the last Advisory Board meeting and in conversations with Mark Higgins. Gabe's understanding is that providing a state phone is a way to require someone to have a phone and answer it when on call. Here on Islesboro, we had an incident with a miscommunication, and a state phone should resolve the issue. Fred Porter has been in touch with Mark, and has been working on procedures locally.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the Sea Level Rise Committee learned just before the holidays that we got the second \$50,000 grant to fund the engineering study. We're working through a couple of questions with them, and will hopefully have a contract signed within the next week or so. Hopefully we will be getting applications for the planning position that's posted on the website. It had been delayed getting on the website, but now that it's up, it will be easier to blast. Janet reported that she has posted the position on the MMA site, and is trying to put it on the APA Northern New England Chapter of Planning Organizations. S. Conover stated that she is going to send it out through the network of resource folks she's been working with, and if they have specific suggestions, she will relay them.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce stated she had no update. P. Seymour asked how many bid packets have gone out for the Up-Island Public Safety Garage. J. Anderson answered that 9 had gone out. They are due back February 13th.

J. Anderson reported that donations received total \$718,268 so far.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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- Planning Board: January 9th – 5pm
- Municipal Building Project: January 17th – 5pm
- Harbor Committee: January 19th – 6:30pm

TOWN MANAGER REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Town Manager Janet Anderson shared:

- Minutes from 12/21/22 Select Board Regular Meeting
- Thank-You letters to Linda L. Achorn and Elizabeth W. Hayden for their years of service with Maine State Ferry Service.
- Correspondence:
 - 1/4/23 email from Jon Carman, our DHWWTF Operator. He will be retiring in June 2023. Hopefully he will help us find someone new.
 - 1/3/23 email from Murt Durkee stating that the Fire Dept. sent a thank you to Josh and Shey Conover for the use of their garage space during the Dec. 22-24 storm.
 - 12/30/22 email from Andrew Weeks, Redzone Wireless Operator, that their tower behind the sand/salt building has been removed from the location and island. Revenue lost will be \$1200/year.
- FY23 Warrant #14

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sign Thank-You letters to Linda L. Achorn and Elizabeth W. Hayden for their years of service with Maine State Ferry Service.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by P. Seymour, to sign Thank-You letters to Linda L. Achorn and Elizabeth W. Hayden. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANT: FY23 #14

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve Warrant FY23 #14. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

- None.

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CHAIR COMMENTS

G. Pendleton had no comment.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover had no comment.

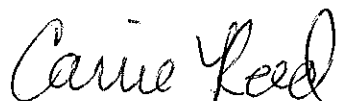
INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Lauren Bruce had no comment.

Phil Seymour had no comment.

MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by S. Conover, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:17 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary