

Islesboro Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

APPROVED

10/25/23

MINUTES

**Members Present:**

Chair Shey Conover, Vice Chair Lauren Bruce, Phil Seymour, and Peter Anderson

**Absent:**

Melissa Burns

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Dick DeGrasse, Mike Clayton

Via Zoom: Elizabeth Hayden, Rich Filoramo

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

**MOTION BY P. Seymour, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of September 27, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

**VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

Elizabeth Hayden asked for an update on East Shore Drive. S. Conover replied that there will probably be a special meeting next week to review bids. Elizabeth added that after the latest storm, much of upper East Shore Drive is now washed out.

**FERRY SERVICE UPDATE**

S. Conover reported that a final winter schedule has been decided. They added back trips on Christmas Day.

**SEA LEVEL RISE**

S. Conover reported that the Sea Level Rise Committee met last week, and they are close to a final RFQ, which will most likely be publicized next week, to get an alternative analysis and assess different options for the Narrows. The goal is to have someone on board by mid-November. Next meeting is on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT**

L. Bruce reported that the committee met last week. The deadline is October 18<sup>th</sup> for final budget numbers. There is no change to plan to build both the Health Center and the Up-Island Public Safety Garage, with construction to begin November and end in May or June. We will get a guaranteed maximum price and a contract after the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Planning Board: October 16<sup>th</sup> – 5pm

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- Packet included Agenda for 10/11/23 and Minutes of 9/27/23 Regular Meeting.
- Minutes/Correspondence:
  - Lighthouse Restoration Committee minutes of 9/28/23.
  - Municipal Building Project Committee minutes of 6/29/23.
  - Housing Committee minutes of 8/29/23
  - Bar Harbor Capital Reserve Account through 9/30/23
  - 10/2 letter from Islesboro Affordable Property sending the Town, as an abutting property owner, a notice of their plan to develop 2 new rental houses on Map 17, Lot 9A.
  - Sept 2023 proposed 2024 State Valuation from Maine Revenue Services. Islesboro is #4 at \$545,000,000.
  - 10/4 emails from John King regarding the MCS winter schedule effective 11/6/23.
  - FY22 audits handed out.
- Old Business
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- New Business
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- Warrant #8
- Manager Report
  - Town F350 truck is back.
  - East Shore Drive: We now have 3 bids that need to have references checked. Mike Boucher did a lot of road work during the last storm from MacDougall's down along Charlotte's Cove, because it washed out. It still needs stones, and Peter Coombs went off island today to get more fill. We had a meeting today with Fred and Jordy, working on the list of roads that were damaged to submit to Waldo County, FEMA, and MEMA. Janet is trying to get Jack Earle to do some work. Peter Coombs has done a lot on East Shore Drive. Keller Point also has a deep washout. Curt Speed on 700 Acre Island has reported that a culvert needs repair and requested a new one. Fred is requesting photos of the areas of damage.
  - S. Conover stated she noticed a spot on the side of West Bay Rd that looks like it's starting to become undermined, near Nancy Crate's. Mike Clayton added that we should look at the culvert near Kenny Coombs' driveway. Lauren Bruce added that on Mill Creek there's a culvert plugged up that should be cleaned out.

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- S. Conover suggested a special Select Board meeting next Wednesday at 6pm to review and select a bid for East Shore Drive.
- S. Conover asked about the State valuation and how it compares to our total population. J. Anderson will ask Rob.
- Elizabeth Hayden requested that residents on East Shore Drive be given a phone call for any emergency in the future where the road is blocked. S. Conover replied that we should find ways to communicate road closures as soon as possible, and stated we rely on residents to report issues to Fred Porter. P. Anderson suggested an alert system similar to the school's.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussed in Town Manager's report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Maine Power Options – Dick DeGrasse & Energy Committee
  - Dick DeGrasse reported that yesterday the Energy Committee discussed Maine Power Options. Kay Mann, the head of Maine Power Options, joined in via Zoom.
  - The Town of Islesboro has been a member of Maine Power Options for several years, but we haven't utilized it.
  - D. DeGrasse referred to a memo he sent on September 7<sup>th</sup>, where he outlined that 62% of the electric bill that everyone receives is unregulated. That's the standard offer through CMP. Maine Power Options offers a savings of about \$0.05/kWh. That represents about 15-20% of the bill.
  - Power generation was deregulated in 2000. Maine Power Options was created in 1999 to make sure municipalities didn't fall into the pit of deregulation. Currently there are about 245 communities that are members of Maine Power Options.
  - The Energy Committee voted last night to recommend the Select Board consider getting a quote from Maine Power Options for the purchase of electricity supply for Islesboro municipal accounts, including the school. The committee also recommends the Select Board review a sample contract from Maine Power Options.
  - November is the best time to get a rate because it's the shoulder season between cooling and heating seasons.
  - They offer contracts between 1 – 4 years, and the Town can call to get another quote before the end of the contract.
  - J. Anderson would like to send a contract to the Town attorney to review. They could also look into whether or not Islesboro had a contract previously. Our membership in Maine Power Options could be based on our membership in Maine Municipal Bank.

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- S. Conover would like to look into how the school and Town relate as far as paying electric bills. J. Anderson clarified that the school pays separately, and so it would be a separate contract.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. None

**APPROVE WARRANTS: FY24 #8**

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve Warrant FY24 #8. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

A.L. Pendleton Library Trustee: Brooke Hua

**MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by L. Bruce, to appoint Brooke Hua as a Library Trustee. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

S. Conover: No Comment.

**VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS**

L. Bruce: No Comment.

**INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

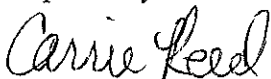
P. Anderson: Congrats to the Eagles for winning 3:1 against Pine Tree Academy.

P. Seymour: Donna & I moving off island, and leaving on Halloween. Last meeting 10/25. I've enjoyed being here and working with all of you.

Janet Anderson: Shout out to Page Clason (birthday today), for all he does for the Town.

**MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Seymour, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:58 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed  
Secretary