

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

APPROVED
11/20/24

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Melissa Burns, Peter Anderson, and Stephen Pendleton (Zoom)

Members Absent:

Vice Chair Lauren Bruce

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Peter Willcox

Others Present via Zoom:

Maggy Willcox, Fred Porter, Doug Welldon

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

Minutes of October 23, 2024, Regular Meeting.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of October 23, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

Peter Willcox stated he has no update since the last meeting. He suggested he and the Select Board get together and make decisions on how to proceed.

S. Pendleton stated he received a request on parking. He learned there's a certain amount of reserved parking for the crew and lighthouse. The crew is one spot short if they're all on the island. One of the captains requested an additional reserved parking spot. This is especially needed during the summer.

- S. Conover stated there is a Grindle Point Parking Committee that hasn't met for a while. This would be worth bringing to that committee so we can understand the history. We can ask them to review the request.
- Discussion about handicapped spots. P. Willcox thinks there's one at the north end of all the reserved ferry spots. They need to be marked again.

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- S. Conover stated we have a huge parking problem right now. We should have the Committee meet and look at this request and all parking.
- S. Pendleton agreed that there's a need to have the group revisit the whole parking situation. It's a mess. How do we help the workers who are critical to the island have a place to park without destroying wetlands?
- J. Anderson will set up a Parking Committee meeting. There is one vacancy on the committee. There is no ex officio from the Select Board. S. Pendleton will contact the committee and investigate the request for an additional spot, but can't commit to being ex-officio at this time.
- P. Anderson asked about the area near the Oak tree. S. Conover stated it's private property. Taylor Watts may be interested in selling. It's worth exploring.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that the next SLR Committee meeting is Thursday, November 14th at 4:30.

Addendum: Two years ago, we enrolled in the Maine Community Resilience Partnership, which opens us up for eligibility with different grants. We have to re-enroll every two years. SLR & Energy Committee are working together to update those documents, and will soon have drafts ready to share. Hoping Fred can take a look, as many of them are Public Safety related. Hoping to bring the materials for the SB to approve on November 20.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce was absent. No update.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Lincolnville & Islesboro Select Boards Joint Meeting: November 7th, 5:30pm.
 - Ferry service upgrades and waterfront are topics of mutual interest.
 - They've requested someone from our Broadband Committee be here.
 - P. Anderson stated that the Harbor Committee is asking about the money we give Lincolnville every year and what it's used for.
- Planning Board: November 18th, 5:00pm.
- Energy Committee: November 12th, 5:15pm.
- SLR Committee: November 14th, 4:30pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 11/6/24 and Minutes of 10/23/24 Select Board Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes
 - 10/17/24 Harbor Committee Minutes (draft)
 - 10/24/24 Lighthouse Meeting Minutes

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- Correspondence
 - 10/31/24 Bar Harbor Wealth Management sub-accounting report.
 - Maine Community Foundation Health Center Endowment Fund quarterly report \$1,656,344.
 - Draft 2025 Select Board meeting dates
 - Two conflicts: January 1 and December 24
 - P. Anderson asked about meeting on December 30.
 - M. Burns requested SB meetings start at 5:30 in winter. To begin next meeting, through March (DST).
 - Reminder about Joint Meeting with Lincolnville Select Board 11/7.
 - Islesboro Election Results
- Manager
 - October.
- Warrant FY25 #10

CORRESPONDENCE

Addressed in Town Manager Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Set Date for Next Committee Chairs Meeting.

Held twice a year for committees to report top priorities, coordinate, and collaborate. Last meeting was Thursday, February 15th, at 4:30.

To be Tuesday, November 19 at 4:30. J. Anderson will notify Committee Chairs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. S. Pendleton asked about supporting discounted ferry tickets.
 - Idea to offer a discounted rate once or twice a month, as a test in the winter?
 - This would come from Islesboro funds, the difference would be subsidized.
 - We can look at ways to make it more affordable for people to live here.
 - S. Conover stated that the ferry service told John King that if the Town wanted to administer something like this, it's up to us. There is the question of administration at the Town Office. We could have a group work on this to see what makes sense as a test case.
 - M. Burns stated that this is one of the reasons we have the ICF. They provide tickets to people who reach out to them.
 - P. Anderson asked if the General Assistance Fund could be used for this.

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- J. Anderson stated that Outreach Worker Jen McFarland might be helpful. She has a budget of \$15,000. That might be able to cover some tickets.
 - J. Anderson will reach out to her.
- We could add this as an Agenda item in early December.
- Islesboro Health Center helps people with ferry tickets, as well.
- S. Pendleton stated that the more we let people know about available services, the better.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY25 #10

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY25 #10. No discussion: Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

Maine Islands Coalition: Janis Petzel.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to appoint Janis Petzel as an Islesboro Representative to the Maine Islands Coalition. No discussion: Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: Thank you to the election volunteers and officials. It was a long day, and it was nice to see so many people standing in line with neighbors.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce: Absent. No comments.

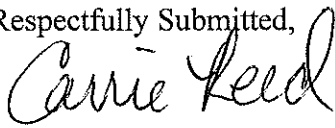
INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

P. Anderson: Good to see the crowds yesterday.

M. Burns: Tina reported a record turnout for in-person voting. At 3:00, we had tied the numbers from the 2020 election.

S. Pendleton: Congratulations to Pete on his first year of business. It provided a fun, new place for us to congregate.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carrie Reed
Secretary