Islesboro Select Board Regular Meeting Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 6:00 PM



MINUTES

Members Present:

Melissa Burns and Peter Anderson

Members Present via Zoom: Vice Chair Lauren Bruce

Members Absent: Chair Shey Conover

Others Present:

Via Zoom: Brian Bohanon, Elizabeth Hayden

Call to Order: Vice Chair Lauren Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of February 28, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Roll call. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS.

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

No update.

SEA LEVEL RISE

No update.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce reported that the Committee met yesterday and has formed some recommendations for the Select Board, but they're waiting, trying to get the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) down a little more. Some bids will be coming in next week. They will bring the GMP to Select Board meeting March 27th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Select Board Budget workshop: March 20th.
- Planning Board: March 25th, 5:00pm.
- Sea Level Rise: March 26th.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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- Packet included Agenda for 3/13/24 and Minutes of 2/28/24 Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes/Correspondence:
 - o 2/29/24 Bar Harbor Wealth Management subaccount listing.
 - o 3/1/24 email from Kari Hunt, Waldo County Finance Director explaining increase in our assessment (tax \$931,098.26, up \$80,231.26 from last year, which was \$850,867). This increase is caused by a number of factors, State Valuations increasing, rising interest rates, and utility cost increases.
 - o 3/2/24 email from Mike Nelson regarding Town Center proposal. Lauren spoke with Mike. The Housing Committee will present their proposal at the next Select Board business.
- Requests have been sent out for:
 - o Legal Services
 - Roadside Mowing
 - Landfill & Septage Field Mowing

If anyone is interested in bidding on these, please go to the Town Office for more details.

- Warrant #19
- Manager Report
 - Appointment recommendation for 3/27: I propose the Board appoint
 Dave Dyer as Deputy Road Commissioner. I would like to budget a
 stipend to go along with this. Dave has been extremely helpful and it's
 time to compensate him for this.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussed in Town Manager's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Islesboro Looking Ahead
 - Table for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None.

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APPROVE WARRANT: FY24 #19

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY24 #19. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

Brian Bohanon, Finance Director: Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk, and Deputy Registrar of Voters

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to appoint Brian Bohanon as Finance Director. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no.

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover was absent: No comments.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce: No more sinkholes on Islesboro!

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

M. Burns: Thanks to Maggy Willcox for representing Islesboro yesterday at the Ferry Public Hearing, and reading our liaison John King's letter to the Board. Thanks also to Helen at the Island Market for her suggestion for writing a letter and collecting signatures. It's posted at the market, if anyone would like to read the letter Melissa helped draft under Helen's advisement. It's available for signatures regarding the ferry tariff.

Maggy thanked Melissa for responding to Facebook chatter and answering why our officials weren't at the meeting.

P. Anderson: I second Melissa Burns' remarks. She beat me to it!

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:09 PM. No Discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Carrie Reed Secretary