

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

APPROVED

4/8/26

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Vice Chair Peter Anderson, Melissa Burns, Peter Rothschild, Stephen Pendleton

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Murt Durkee, Michael Clayton, Josh Leach, Janice Leach, Charles Cilley, Daniel Frohling

Others Present via Zoom:

Kate Misenheimer, Anna Congdon, Dustin Reidy, Fred Porter, Jordy Watson, Elizabeth Hayden, Robert Achorn, Tom, TJ

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM, and a quorum was established.

Minutes of March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MOTION BY P. Rothschild, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

No update.

SEA LEVEL RISE UPDATE

No update.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT: UP-ISLAND PUBLIC SAFETY GARAGE, & PUBLIC SAFETY RENOVATION UPDATE

Up-Island Public Safety Garage: S. Pendleton reported that the building is enclosed, with doors and windows. They're bringing in the hookup soon. It's moving along well.

Public Safety Renovation: S. Pendleton stated the committee is gathering final pricing from a couple of the contractors.

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P. Anderson asked if anything has happened with the pile of insulation on the floor of the Up-Island Public Safety Garage. J. Anderson stated she emailed the contractor about it and is waiting to hear back. Andrew (Pete) Anderson has said this kind of insulation is only for metal buildings. We don't know if it can be returned. M. Burns suggested that maybe it can be used in the salt shed or the transfer station.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Energy Committee: April 7th, 5:15pm
- Sea Level Rise Committee: April 9th
- Housing Committee: April 9th, 5:00pm
- Planning Board: April 13th, 5:00pm.

S. Conover stated that Bill Thomas from the Energy Committee has sent three detailed reports with analyses of energy usage. We will put these in a future packet.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 3/25/26 and Minutes of 3/11/26 Select Board Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes
 - 2/10/26 Energy Committee minutes
- Correspondence
 - None.
- Handouts:
 - None.
- Manager:
 - Town Office will be closed Friday, March 27th for all day mandatory election training.
 - Olver Associates submitted CDS application to Senators Collins & King to repair 1905 sewer treatment system components and replace old clay collection sewers.
 - Now preparing the Town Meeting Warrant
- Warrant #20

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open "Snow Removal" Bids (second round)
 - JPA: \$1,428,593.40 for a five-year contract.
 - \$234,000 in the first year, increasing incrementally to \$342,599 in the fifth year.

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- The bid packet includes a written statement and an estimate for a new truck that would be purchased for the job, along with all required documents.
- Josh Linscott: \$1,725,000.00 for a five-year contract.
 - \$335,000 in the first year, increasing incrementally to \$355,000 in the fifth year.
 - There's a statement included that states if the bid is approved, copies of updated insurance policy and workers comp will be provided.
- Josh Leach and Peter Coombs put together a report of truck and equipment prices to help the Town in the consideration of possibly purchasing a truck. It would be about \$656,000 for the Town to go that route.
- S. Conover stated she is in favor of continuing to contract this work out for the next five years. However, she thinks we are reaching a point where we need to start putting money away and consider restructuring how we do this work, so that we have the Town own the equipment. It will be more cost-effective in the long term. Other towns of similar size have started to go this route.
- P. Rothschild stated that his understanding is that having an accessible mechanic capable of maintaining this equipment is a critical ingredient.
- P. Anderson stated he wishes we didn't have to commit to a contract for five years. S. Conover replied that both bidders have a three-year option, but asked for five years. P. Anderson added that we need to start thinking about how we're going to do the job ourselves.
- P. Anderson added that we need to figure out if we really need a 25,000-pound truck with a 13-foot plow with wing and hoppers. In his cursory research, he found a wing plow that can fit onto an F-350. He would like to explore options to find us the least expensive way to get this done.
- Josh Leach stated he had talked with two places in Bangor. A lot of towns are starting to do things differently. CDL drivers are harder to get because it's a six-week school that costs \$5,000. A lot of places don't want to pony up the money to do that. There is a medium truck option that is in between the bigger truck and the smaller one in the bid, so you can get away from needing a CDL driver. A medium-sized truck is less expensive as well.
- S. Pendleton stated that we ought to talk with Babe and get his opinion. With some insight, we can talk more intelligently about it.
- Jordy Watson stated we need to consider the added time it will take for a smaller truck to go back up island to get sand and salt, as well as the potential for a breakdown with a smaller truck trying to push large amounts of snow. Another cost to consider is a place to put these trucks to work on with a mechanic. Jordy added that it's kind of risky to have this conversation in front of people who put bids in, who had certain requirements, but in five years, we might do it with less. Their bid might be substantially less if they were not under the same scrutiny of requirements that they are currently.

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MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Rothschild, to approve the bid from JPA for five years. No further discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

2. Sign Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for FY24: Wilbur, Seth (4); Bennett, Travis (1)
 - J. Anderson explained that these properties had been foreclosed upon, but the taxes have since been paid. The properties are going back to the owners.
 - S. Conover asked if there is still one property that is unpaid and not on the list. J. Anderson said that there is, and she's working on that.
 - Select Board members signed the quitclaim deeds, and Carrie Reed signed as witness.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open "Landfill & Septage Field Mowing" Bids
 - Bob Achorn: \$6,600 for a two-year contract; \$3,300 per year.
 - The bid package is complete.

MOTION BY P. Rothschild, seconded by M. Burns, to award the bid to Bob Achorn for two years. No further discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

2. Open "Summer Gravel Bids"
 - JPA: \$26.25 per cubic yard x 1,000 yards = \$26,000
 - This is for getting it over here. We purchased the gravel, too.
 - The bid package is complete.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Rothschild, to award the bid to JPA. No further discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY26 #20

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve Warrant FY26 #20. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. None

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: Nice to see so many people here tonight in person and online. Our final budget workshop will be next week, and we encourage everyone to come and participate.

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VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

P. Anderson: No comments.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

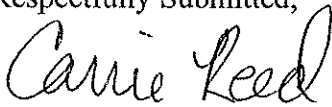
S. Pendleton: No comments.

M. Burns: No comments.

P. Rothschild: No comments.

Motion by M. Burns, seconded by P. Rothschild, to adjourn meeting at 7:04 PM. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

