

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 4:30 PM

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4/23/25

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Members Present via Phone: Vice Chair Lauren Bruce

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and a quorum was established.

APPROVE and SIGN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT for May 17, 2025 at GHK

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with the attorney's edits as written. Discussion as below. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

M. Burns stated she would like the motion to state, "approve the warrant with the attorney's changes minus the suggestion to Article 38." To clarify, M. Burns prefers the existing language of Article 38 without a specific percentage. This year, our Town Manager would have already pulled over 10% from the line items for the roads. If we put a limit on it, M. Burns is concerned it would handcuff the Town Manager as to where she can pay the bills from. Also, we're hopefully going to get the \$300,000 from FEMA. Since it's going into Undesignated Funds, that would essentially be over 10% to move it into the roads line, or to use it for any of the other projects we have. We built our budget with the plan of not having a 10% cap that would require a Special Town Meeting.

J. Anderson confirmed that she went over 10% for the roads. She added that this wouldn't take effect until July 1st. This article has always been in here, there's just never been a percentage attributed to it.

L. Bruce asked if this change will require redoing the document. S. Conover stated it wouldn't, as it's just a comment that Attorney Collins made.

Article 43 is just changing the percent.

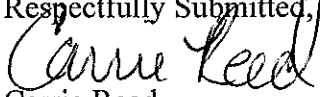
Article 46 gives the Select Board the authority to waive automatic foreclosure upon any property, in its discretion.

- S. Conover stated that currently, we are not typically alerted when a property goes into foreclosure automatically. J. Anderson confirmed this.

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- Regarding the attorney's comment about sales of tax-acquired property, J. Anderson stated that we've not sold any property that we've acquired through unpaid taxes.
- S. Conover asked if we've ever completely gone through the foreclosure process. J. Anderson stated there have only been two foreclosures in 40 years, and they were both many years ago. In recent years, there have been a couple that were close, but they've paid up.
- S. Conover feels it's fine for the Select Board to have the authority, but she wants to make sure the Board is part of the process. We would have to be notified.
- P. Anderson asked if this would be an Executive Session kind of discussion on the off chance that this does occur, so that it's discussed confidentially. We don't have to make it an issue for Town Meeting. If we have information as to why this is occurring with someone, we might be able to hit the brakes on it and give them some leniency.

Motion by S. Conover, seconded by M. Burns to adjourn meeting at 4:39 PM. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Reed
Secretary