

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

APPROVED

5/20/26

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Daniel Frohling, Michael Clayton, Ted Pendleton,
Lauren Bruce

Others Present via Zoom:

Alsina Brenenstuhl, Donna Leone, Kate Misenheimer, Kara Masters-Siekman, Dylan
Purington, Amy Mulnix, Laura Staines Giardino

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, and a quorum was
established.

Minutes of April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting.

**MOTION BY P. Rothschild, seconded by M. Burns, to approve the minutes of April 22,
2026 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.**

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

None.

SEA LEVEL RISE UPDATE

S. Conover reported that there's been a crew taking geotechnical borings at the Narrows
over the past couple of days. Shri Verill is working on a Maine Infrastructure Adaptation
Fund grant, due Monday, to continue to support engineering work and hopefully some
part of construction.

P. Rothschild suggested the committee speak at Town Meeting about funds that were
eliminated in an effort to limit the budget increase. S. Conover stated she's happy to
speak to that. There's some possible grant funding that may cover the gap.

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

Up-Island Public Safety Garage: S. Pendleton reported that he's been trying to confirm when the contractor will be back. We need to get power in the building

Public Safety Renovation: S. Pendleton reported that the renovation is going well. The water damage in the floor wasn't extensive. It's already repaired.

P. Anderson asked how long the contractor was originally expected to be out. S. Pendleton replied that he thought June 1st. He asked for a firm date in an email today.

Michael Clayton asked about the doors. He thought he read that the doors were ready to go. S. Pendleton replied that he doesn't recall, but everything was moving along at the time the contractors said they were leaving. At that point, we were on schedule. He will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: May 11th, 5:00pm.
- Town Meeting: May 16th, 9:00am.
- Energy Committee: Changed to May 19th, 5:15pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 5/6/26 and Minutes of 4/22/26 Select Board Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes
 - 1/22/26 Special Harbor Committee minutes
 - 4/2/26 Special Harbor Committee minutes
- Old Business
- New Business
- Correspondence
 - 4/30/26 Notice from Fred Porter: May 27th intersection of Main Rd and West Bay Rd will be closed to emergency traffic only. Public Safety will be conducting a scheduled training exercise in that area.
 - We will post again closer to that time.
- Handouts:
 - Expense and Revenue Detail Reports through 4/26/2026.
 - Gartley & Dorsky Ferry Road Improvement Site Plan 4/30/2026.
- Manager:
- Warrant #23
- Public Information Survey Results
 - S. Conover asked when it would be appropriate to recognize the feedback and discuss what we may want to do as a result.

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- C. Reed replied that the survey will be kept open until after Town Meeting, and then she will prepare a final report. This is just a snapshot of the results so far.
- S. Pendleton asked if the survey will be available at Town Meeting for people to fill out. C. Reed replied that it will be available.
- Discussion about email open rates and how to reach all the residents. We will have a way to collect email addresses as well as surveys at Town Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Covered in Town Manager's report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sign Municipal Quitclaim Deed for FY23: Seth Wilbur
 - J. Anderson explained that this is the final quitclaim deed. Everything else has been addressed.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Rothschild, to accept the Municipal Quitclaim Deed. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Meeting Preparation
 - J. Anderson stated that Chris Bates-Withers from the Health Center will be there to answer questions.
 - S. Pendleton stated that he won't be here for Town Meeting. He will be out of town for his daughter's graduation.
 - J. Anderson is working on a list for us to do and prepare for.
 - S. Conover asked when we can expect Town Reports in the mail. J. Anderson will have Tina call tomorrow and check on the status. As soon as they come in, they will be sent out.
 - P. Rothschild asked about protocol in terms of the Select Board responding to comments and questions. S. Conover replied that it depends on the topic. She's happy to speak to the Ferry Ticket Proposal issue when it arises. Committee members will be in attendance to speak as well.
2. Adopt 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - S. Conover thanked Alsina Brenenstuhl for all of her hard work in getting this lengthy plan together. We've had a couple of public meetings that helped inform the plan, and its creation was funded through a FEMA BRIC grant.
 - In order to be eligible for additional FEMA funds, we need to have a local plan approved by FEMA, which has been done. We need to adopt a local resolution for adopting the plan formally. We will be able to access resources for damage from natural disasters.

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- S. Conover added that the FEMA BRIC program has been reopened, and we are anticipating applying for additional funding to support construction at the Narrows.
- Alsina thanked everyone for allowing her to work alongside the Town on this. She stated FEMA is happy with the plan. This is setting the Town up for \$millions-worth of additional funding. This is a living document for five years, and we will have to update it. There's a form in the back of the plan for adding new construction and other mitigation actions as we go along. Keeping track will make it easier to update the plan next time. Congratulations!
- M. Clayton asked how this works. S. Conover replied that this allows us to be eligible for additional funding for proactive projects, but also, when we incur damage, we have access to funds to support rebuilding.
- Alsina added that having this plan in place gives us access to the specific grants that require having a specific plan in place, and it has to be adopted per year forward. We can also leverage the plan when applying for other grants, such as the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund.
- Kara typed specific questions in the Zoom chat. M. Burns replied that we can encourage anyone who has specific questions to contact Fred Porter.
- S. Conover added that Fred is a great resource. Also, we have a lot of committees that are doing proactive work to address this already. Hopefully this can help find resources for that work.
- S. Conover read the resolution from the Hazard Mitigation Plan:
 - **Whereas natural disasters may occur at any time, we recognize that to lessen the impacts of these disasters, we will save lives, property and the environment;**
 - **And whereas the creation of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is necessary for the development of a risk assessment and effective mitigation strategy;**
 - **And whereas the Town of Islesboro, Maine are committed to the mitigation goals and measures as presented in this plan;**
 - **Therefore, the Select Board of Islesboro hereby adopt the 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Rothschild, to adopt the 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. No further discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY26 #23

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve Warrant FY26 #23. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

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APPOINTMENTS:

1. None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: Thank you, all. It has been a privilege serving with you, and I appreciate everyone's service and partnership. I look forward to a good Town Meeting.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

P. Anderson: Thank you both for setting good examples for me as I learned my way through this. I appreciate it.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

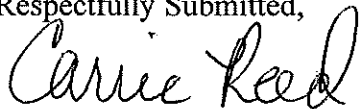
M. Burns: No comments.

S. Pendleton: I second Pete's response. You two have served the community in an exemplary way, and it's been a privilege to be part of it. Disappointed you are leaving, but understand there's only so much time you can put into this. You have done a great job. Thank you.

P. Rothschild: I think both of you have inspired me so much. As the new boy on the block, I can't tell you how impressed I was by how both thoughtfully and sensitively you led us. Thank you so much. You've done an absolutely magnificent job.

MOTION BY M. Burns to adjourn meeting at 6:04 PM. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

