Islesboro Select Board Special Meeting Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom Friday, June 20, 2025 @ 11:00 AM



MINUTES

Members Present:

Stephen Pendleton

Members Present via Zoom:

Melissa Burns, Peter Rothschild

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Carrie Reed

Others Present via Zoom:

Reed Silvers of MCOG, Bonnie Hughes

Call to Order: Stephen Pendleton called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for a Public Service Grant for Boardman Cottage. Sponsored by Reed Silvers of Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG).

The total potential grant award could be \$50,000, but MCOG is applying on the Town's behalf for \$28,200 to upgrade Boardman Cottage's heating system and add a new refrigerator, freezer, and dishwasher.

Bonnie Hughes, Treasurer of Beacon Project, the non-profit organization that operates Boardman Cottage, stated that this grant application is for funds to improve a couple of areas in Boardman Cottage that are outdated and need improvement.

The boiler is 20 years old, which is about five years beyond its evaluated useful life. We would like to replace that and the water heater at the same time. We considered a heat pump system for the whole array, but it is not feasible. The generator wouldn't be able to support it, and we would have needed a new one. We looked at an alternative, which is to run the water heater on a heat pump system and replace the boiler with a conventional one. This is significantly less money, and gives some of the benefit of using a heat pump.

The other piece is to add some kitchen equipment to expand the meal delivery program. This will include an industrial dishwasher, and a refrigerator and freezer to hold the many donations of food Boardman Cottage gets in the summertime.

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MOTION BY P. Rothschild, seconded by M. Burns, to approve the CDBG Program Grant Application. No further discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Reed Silver thanked everyone for holding the special Select Board meeting. This formality allows the grant to move forward.

M. Burns thanked Reed for all the work he's doing with this application.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Carrie Reed Secretary