

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Peter Rothschild, Vice Chair Peter Anderson, Stephen Pendleton, Holly Fields,
Dylan Purington (5:32)

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Dave Dyer, Tom Michaud, Jordy Watson, Murt Durkee,
John King, Daniel Frohling, Paul Mills

Others Present via Zoom:

Elizabeth Hayden, Amy Mulnix, Julie Reidy (Crazy House), Brian Bohanon, McFarland

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

Minutes of June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MOTION BY H. Fields, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

John King provided an update on Subsidized Ferry Ticket sales. We started on June 15th thanks to the generous \$25,000 donation. The Ferry Service has been great—they are printing tickets at Grindle Point for us. On the 12th, we bought almost \$25,000 worth of tickets: 350 vehicle, 375 adult, and 300 minor tickets. Sales have been good. We have sold 554 vehicle tickets, 370 adult tickets, and 35 minor tickets. We have replenished the stock with income from the sales. We have purchased close to \$20,000 worth of additional tickets. In total, we have spent \$43,550, and we have \$20,887.50 in revenue. At the end of June, the net we had was \$22,962.50, which is close to the donation amount. Tina and Dave have been great in the office. Most people seem to understand the program. Feedback has been positive. John intends to do a demographic study.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

P. Rothschild stated that emergency service will be suspended for four nights, per the email we received.

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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 electricians are currently working and should be done by the end of next week for the internal work.

Public Safety Renovation: Murt Durkee reported that the EOC room has been framed. There has been no work this week, but the contractors should return next week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Sea Level Rise Committee: July 9th, 4:30pm.
- Planning Board: July 13th, 5:00pm.
- Energy Committee: July 14th, 5:15pm
- Municipal Building Project Committee: July 16th, 5:30pm

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 7/1/26 and Minutes of 6/17/26 Select Board Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes
 - 4/16 Harbor Committee minutes
 - 5/28 Lighthouse Committee minutes
- Correspondence
 - 6/11/26 James Kossuth, Northport Administrator, is asking the SB to vote for him to continue on the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee.
 - P. Anderson stated that James has been doing this for a couple years. His wife used to work at our school. The two of them have been an inside line for the Waldo County budget process. They spoke on our behalf a couple times. He's dedicated.
 - Fred Porter submitted the outline for "Emergency Responder Scenario-Based Exercise" held 5/28 at Main Rd and West Bay Rd.
- Handouts:
 - Handouts on burning construction and demo debris—posted on our website and sent out via Constant Contact.
 - This was in response to a burn that a resident had last week, which caused a lot of consternation in the community. She has

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forwarded the complaints to the DEP and the Maine Forest Service, and has responded to people who've sent letters.

- Manager:
 - Lincolnville ferry transfer bridge work evenings July 1, 2 and 6, 7. No nighttime emergency trips during these dates.
- Warrant #27 – FY26
- Warrant #1 – FY27

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Covered in Town Manager Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss Town Purchasing Excavator.
 - J. Anderson stated she asked Dave, Jordy and Tom to be here to chime in. She referred to a letter from Julie Reidy.
 - Dave Dyer stated he has spoken with Peter Coombs, who does work for us along the roads, and Trevor Dakers, who was going to do some work on West Shore Drive. The consensus was a mini excavator would serve our purposes, as it could have the attachments to do some roadside trimming, apart from the taller stuff. We could be more ahead of the game than we have been.
 - Dave added that he asked the Public Works crew, and they recommended getting an excavator as well, so that's what we went with; it wasn't an uninformed decision.
 - P. Anderson stated he believes the Town voted for a tractor. He asked if there are other things that we contract out, such as roadside mowing, that an excavator could help with. We could probably do that better with a tractor.
 - Jordy Watson stated each machine has different strengths. It needs to be based on what the Town wants Public Works to do. Roadside cutting can be done with this Vulture. With an excavator, the crew can do smaller ditching if necessary. We could also break down the demo bin, which will save the town money in the long run. It can also do various other tasks. A loader with a backhoe can do some tasks, but cannot do grinding along the side of the road. A backhoe would also block a lane of traffic. We still only have two people.
 - S. Pendleton stated that the Select Board is responsible for the budget. We got money appropriated for a piece of equipment. He proposed this to go after the number one thing we kept hearing about, which was cutting back branches along the road. The community voted to approve this, and it is no longer the Select Board's responsibility. It's now the Town Manager's responsibility to execute on that item. If it was called a tractor at Town Meeting, that's

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unfortunate, but the three Select Board members who were part of this process should agree that it was clear what we were putting in there. People can come to the Town Office and talk with the Town Manager about it.

- Tom Michaud stated that he was at Town Meeting. When Article 33 came up, there were no comments or questions. We moved into a vote, and no one was opposed. After it had passed, Julie Reidy asked questions about it.
- P. Rothschild stated he agrees with S. Pendleton. The Select Board approved the expenditure for a piece of equipment. The Town at Town Meeting passed it. If the Town Manager or anyone else feels that this decision should be revisited, that's up to others to give Janet any advice.
- D. Purington added that the people he's talked to have indicated that this forestry mulcher attachment is the correct thing for this job. He supports the purchase of this equipment.

2. Review Transfer Station Solid Waste Increases

- J. Anderson stated that she went over this with Brian Bohanon and they agreed on a 50% increase in fees. One schedule is for individual pricing, and one is for the demo bin.
- S. Pendleton asked if there's a change on the cost of individuals' bags. J. Anderson replied that there is not.
- J. Anderson added that these fees were increased three years ago, but our costs are going up a lot.
- S. Pendleton asked if this reflects an increase that we've been given from the companies. J. Anderson replied that we'd have to put them up 100% to make a dent in that. This is a money loser for us, which is why we hoped contractors would get their own demo bins.
- P. Rothschild asked if there is a mechanism for requiring contractors to provide their own demo bins. J. Anderson replied that the Planning Board and CEO advise builders to acquire one.
- P. Anderson stated he remembers talking about a town that does not allow construction debris at their transfer station, but doesn't remember which town.
- P. Rothschild asked if we can discuss this with the Planning Board.
- J. Anderson stated she will ask Dave Dyer.
- P. Rothschild asked if there's a way to increase the incentive to recycle. He has spoken with a group of people on the mainland who are willing to work with us on this. He will speak with Peter Willcox and others.
- Murt suggested encouraging the Planning Board to make sure contractors get their own bins.
- Carrie Reed clarified that the Planning Board does encourage contractors to have their own bins, and it's written on the permit application. However, there's no ordinance for it, so it doesn't have any teeth.

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MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by D. Purington, to approve the proposed Transfer Station Waste Fee Schedule. No further discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

3. Discuss Select Board Committee Preferences
 - The Board selected their ex-officio positions on the committees.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

APPROVE WARRANTS: FY26 #27 and FY27 #1

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by H. Fields, to approve Warrant FY26 #27. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve Warrant FY27 #1. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. None

CHAIR COMMENTS

P. Rothschild: There will be a presentation Affordable Housing Islesboro at the Forum August 9th. Speakers will be Ned Truslow, Michael Nelson, and myself. I am also very intent on completing the parking project on Ferry Road. In addition, the issue that has been raised multiple times is what happens when Line 3 is loaded and people who are parked along the guardrail can't get out. There's not an easy solution, but hopefully the striping will help. Discussion.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

P. Anderson: No comments.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

S. Pendleton: No comments.

H. Fields: Lane 3 is a real traffic hazard. The sooner we get the lines painted, the better.

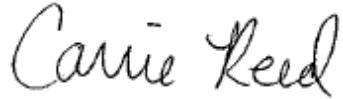
D. Purington: No comments.

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7/15/26

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MOTION BY H. Fields, seconded by D. Purington to adjourn meeting at 6:17 PM. No discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary