

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

APPROVED
8/14/24

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Melissa Burns, Peter Anderson, and Steve Pendleton

Members Absent: Vice Chair Lauren Bruce

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson

Others Present via Zoom:

Maggy Willcox

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and a quorum was established.

Minutes of July 17, 2024.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to approve the minutes of July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Junkyard Renewal: M/M Garage & Services

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Pendleton, enter into Public Hearing. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

We have a complete application. Dave Dyer, CEO, has recommended approval.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to exit Public Hearing. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Pendleton, approve the Junkyard Renewal of M/M Garage & Services, as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

S. Conover reported that the new rates go into effect tomorrow, August 1st. We have the resignation from John King as representative on the Ferry Service Advisory Board. In our packet is the draft position announcement. S. Pendleton sent some suggested changes. S. Conover is hesitant to add that level of specificity. We don't want to set someone up for goals that may not be attainable. Email changes to Janet by 8/7 or 8/9, before the next Select Board meeting on the 14th. Janet will give it to Tina to post.

S. Conover had a conversation with Gabe Pendleton and Bill Geary today to discuss concerns and frustration that some of the definition language had changed in the tariff that was not available to the public. Vehicles that fit the previous definition and did not fit width- or height-wise down the sides would be charged the truck rate. Bill Geary heard concerns, and about an hour and a half later called to say they would be revising the tariff and not including that change in definition. While she understood why they wanted to make that change, she was bothered by the process and not having it available to the public. S. Conover is pleased Bill Geary heard our concerns.

J. Anderson reported that there will be a grace period of two weeks to honor old tickets without needing to upgrade.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover reported that Taury Smith will hold a geology walk at the Narrows with the SLR Committee and members of the public on Tuesday, August 6th at 4:00. Hoping to publicize tomorrow. The next committee meeting will be August 20th. At the last meeting, we talked about the need to prioritize grant research, writing, and management. This will be the focus as we move forward.

S. Pendleton asked if this means looking to procure a full-time grant manager. S. Conover responded that this recognizes that we need help with research and writing, and after we get those grants, there's a lot more work that needs to be done. Right now, we have a project manager through Shri Verrill. One of the things that was written into the Community Action Grant was sustainability. We talked about using this as a model. Do we need additional capacity for grant management? It's worth talking about because there are other committees looking for grants, and grants are a lot of work for existing Town staff. It takes a lot of time and effort to track the dollars and report on it.

Discussion about hiring a Grant manager/writer. There is money in budget; we need to define the position. It would be good to have a small subcommittee to work on this. We advertised for the position about two years ago, but didn't get any applicants, likely because we needed to be clearer. S. Conover and S. Pendleton to discuss. Jen Hayden wrote a detailed report last year. In the spring we restarted having the Committee Chair meeting. We will probably have the next one in October. About 75% of committees stated they are actively trying to get grants, or would be interested in applying for grants.

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce was absent. No update.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Special Town Meeting: August 1st, 6:00pm.
- Planning Board: August 12th, 5:00pm.
- Energy Committee: August 13th, 5:15pm.
- Housing Committee: August 15th, 5:00pm.
- HCAB: August 15th, 3:00pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 7/31/24 and Minutes of 7/17/24 Select Board Meeting.
- Committee Minutes:
 - Special Town Meeting Warrant for 8/1/24.
 - Discussion about possible handout from the School Board.
- Correspondence
 - Reminder: New ferry rates start August 1st.
 - 7/26 Letter from School Superintendent Cornelia Brown
 - 7/26 Letter from John King resigning from the Ferry Service Advisory Board
 - 7/30 Email from William Geary, MSFS Ferry cancellation for diagnostic troubleshooting Friday, August 2nd. Cancelling the 10:30 & 11:00 runs.
- Manager
 - Submitted Maine Municipal Bond Bank application 7/30/24. We have heard from our Bond counsel at Preti Flaherty; he is in communication with the Bond Bank.
 - Post opening of John King's seat on the MSFS Advisory Board tomorrow.
 - Taxes will be committed 8/20/24.
 - 7/30 Shey's letter regarding opening for Islesboro Representation to the MSFS Advisory Board.
 - Reminder: DOT/Road Work on Mill Creek Rd. 8/5-6-7-8
 - DOT will be paving state roads and ferry parking lot 9/16/24. J. Anderson will find out about striping.
 - S. Conover asked about the Lincolnville Ferry Terminal meeting on August 22nd. There will be a Quicksilver run.
- Warrant FY25 #3

CORRESPONDENCE

No other correspondence.

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lessons Learned from Town Meeting
 - S. Pendleton asked if there has been any response from the survey.
 - The survey was submitted but hasn't gone out yet. M. Burns sent the links to Tina to put on Constant Contact.
 - Wait until after the Special Town Meeting for possible changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve FY24 Sewer Bills

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve FY24 Sewer Bills. Discussion about location of sewer; smallest in state. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Broadband bills going out soon.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY25 #3

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by M. Burns, to approve Warrant FY25 #3. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: Someone has asked if we can get the packet out earlier. We often sent it out on the Friday before the Select Board meeting, but recently it's been going out later.

J. Anderson stated that items continue to come in. Discussion about cutting off submissions on Friday.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce was absent. No comments.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

P. Anderson: No comments.

M. Burns: Visit Pete's food truck. It's amazing!

S. Pendleton: I will when I get my wallet back. It fell overboard Saturday.

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Concealed Weapon Renewal #FY25-1 pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(F); 25 MRSA §2006

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Pendleton, to enter into Executive Session at 6:28 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no.

See attached Executive Session Notes

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Reed
Secretary

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

. . . . Minutes of the 7/31/24 Select Board – Executive Session

Time in: 6:30pm

Motion by S. Pendleton and seconded by M. Burns to **enter** executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) and 25 MRSA § 2006 to consider concealed weapon permit application FY2025-#1.

VOTE: All in favor

Motion by M. Burns and seconded by S. Pendleton to **exit** executive session.

Time out: 6:44pm

VOTE: All in favor

Returned to the Regular Meeting

ACTION:

None taken – due to an error on application and will request applicant to re-submit for the 8/14/24 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Janet Anderson

W: Minutes EX SES