

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

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MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Peter Rothschild, Vice Chair Peter Anderson, Dylan Purington, Stephen Pendleton
(Zoom)(5:34)

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Daniel Frohling, Lauren Bruce, Peter Willcox, Frank Start, Murton Durkee, Josh Leach, Bob Kochan, Doug Welldon, Janice Leach, Tom Tutor, Nancy Alexander, Sue Stafford

Others Present via Zoom:

Daniel Tutor, Andrew (Pete) Anderson, Donna Leone, Michael Miller, Ruthann Hewett, Shey Conover, Elizabeth Hayden, Jennifer West

Call to Order: Chair Peter Rothschild called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM, and a quorum was established.

Minutes of August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by P. Rothschild, to approve the minutes of August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no.

P. Rothschild requested that any comments related to the Tickborne Illness discussion be saved for when we reach item #6 (Old Business) on the agenda.

VISITORS COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Bob Kochan asked about the lack of off-street parking at Big Tree Beach. He is concerned that someone might get hurt. Some folks aren't parking off the road, and there are little children. Vehicles are going by. The town might be liable if there's an injury.

J. Anderson stated that people may park at the boating parking lot to the south. The Town doesn't own any other land in that area that could be developed. P. Rothschild suggested putting up a sign stating that people can park at the boating parking lot.

J. Anderson stated that we're trying to slow people down going through there with some painting on the road.

P. Rothschild suggested that between now and our next meeting, someone go look and see if there are ways to improve the situation.

P. Anderson suggested better signage with specific instructions on where to park, how far to the other parking lot, etc. D. Purington agreed and stated signage could also say to pull all the way off the road.

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Frank Start suggested that if the Town is paving the parking area on Ferry Road, to possibly combine that job with paving at Big Tree, to make the parking area a little easier.

P. Anderson would like to finish one parking project before starting another one. We're always going to have narrow roads and parking issues. There will always be personal responsibility levied on the drivers and pedestrians.

D. Purington stated that in the past, before the pull-offs were there, there were more people walking down the road, sometimes four-kids wide. It's an improvement to what it has been. We can continue to try to improve the area.

FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

Peter Willcox reported that he will present his annual report to the Ferry Service Advisory Board (FSAB) tomorrow. If anyone has questions or comments, let him know.

SEA LEVEL RISE UPDATE

Shey Conover stated that we have a FEMA BRIC grant pending, which would cover \$6 million of an \$8 million project to raise the road at the Narrows. In order to remain eligible for consideration within that grant, we need to document that we have secured the 25% match required for that project. We have a state grant pending, which we hope will cover the majority of that match requirement, but unfortunately, the timing doesn't work. The Town's attorney, Kristin Collins, has helped draft the warrant article that outlines the request for up to \$2.5 million be approved by the Town for the ability to bond \$2.5 million. That doesn't mean we need to bond it immediately. The article also states that the Town will do everything it can to raise additional funds, with grants and fundraising, to reduce the amount of money that would need to be loaned. The mid-September Special Town Meeting aligns well. We anticipate hearing from the federal government by the end of September if we are still being considered. If we were to receive approval from the Town, then they would look favorably on our application, and we would be able to enter negotiations and contract signing. There will be another FEMA BRIC grant cycle happening over the next 12 months. If our application isn't recommended for funding, we hopefully will receive some feedback and be able to be considered in the next round. Approval of that warrant article would put us in strong standing for being eligible.

P. Rothschild stated that if we are successful in securing this grant, which requires the commitment of the bonding of the \$2.5 million match, that doesn't mean we have to avail ourselves of either the grant or the match. It is our hope that we will receive a state grant, which will diminish the amount that has to be raised for the matching funds. This is complicated, and difficult to explain in a public meeting. The goal is to make a renovation to the Narrows that will last another 75 years.

Frank Start asked about the different numbers. He heard last time that the 25% match would be \$1.9 million, and now we're talking about \$2.5 million. He stated there's

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nothing that stops the Town, if we don't get state funding, from taking \$2.5 million in bonds, because it would be approved.

Shey Conover explained that, in order for this project to be built, the Town would also need to secure several easements with the abutters, and all that easement language would also need to be approved at a future Town Meeting.

Frank asked if the project ends up costing more than expected, can the Town take out bonds without having to have another Town Meeting, up to \$2.5 million?

Shey replied that her understanding would be Yes. At the current projected budget based on the 60% design, it's about \$8.1 million in total. The \$2.5M figure anticipates the fact that this town has been through several capital projects. We anticipated that things will get more expensive. We will do everything possible to reduce the costs. This amount provides a modest cushion as we finalize and get to the 100% design, and then hopefully be able to put the project out to bid.

P. Rothschild added that the Town would have the option of not utilizing the bond money, but just adding it to the budget, which will be subject to public review.

Shey stated that, because of the size of this project, there is no way that the Town would be able to afford this without significant federal funding. Unless we have \$2.1+ in the bank in order to have that cash secured, what we need as a community is a Town vote that we are committed to raising that 25% in matching funds to get the project built.

Daniel Frohling suggested that the warrant language include that approval of the matching commitment is subject to receiving state funds. P. Rothschild replied that the committee has considered that kind of language. However, in order to secure the grant, we need to create this bond commitment.

Donna Leone asked if the easement language is included in this bond, or if that will be another bond. Shey replied that we have not negotiated any costs for the private easements that are required, so we have recommended additional funds in the bond to make sure we have money available for that purpose.

Sue Stafford added that a "No" vote on the warrant means we won't be qualified to get the Federal funds. It would set us back to ground zero on this project.

Frank stated that he is concerned there will be skepticism from the citizens about the potential for the Town to take out \$2.5 million in bonds if we don't get the state funds.

Shey reiterated that another Town Meeting vote will be required to make the project shovel-ready. It doesn't make sense to purchase the bond until then, because the BRIC funds are for construction. They are not planning funds.

J. Anderson asked when we will hear about the state grant. Shey replied that we should hear by the end of October.

Frank asked if the abutters are on-board with the easements.

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They replied that the two largest abutters are on the Sea Level Rise Committee. We have not completed negotiations, but we have done our best to make sure that folks who are most impacted have had a seat at the table.

Bob Kochan asked if the Town is capable of getting the bond. J. Anderson replied that we are.

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

Up-Island Public Safety Garage: S. Pendleton reported HVAC work is being done. We received correspondence from the contractor. The September 10th finish date probably won't be met. The doors have been problematic; they didn't anticipate the logistics, etc. We will need to go 30 – 60 days out. We'll have to go back to the contractor, and put teeth into any extension that we provide.

Frank Start asked if there is a performance bond. J. Anderson stated there is not. S. Pendleton added that this was a mistake on our part. If we extend the contract, we'll do so with some financial penalties if they don't make it. He will do more research.

P. Anderson asked if there is a backup plan. S. Pendleton replied that there is not.

Public Safety Renovation: S. Pendleton reported that the countertops and an exhaust fan in the kitchen have been installed. It looks great. The EOC is progressing nicely.

Murt Durkee added that the contractors have been doing floor prep, and prep on the sheetrock for painting. The project is poking along.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: September 14th, 5:00pm.
- Special Town Meeting: September 16th, 6:00pm.
- Housing Committee: September 1st, 5:00pm.
- Cemetery Committee: September 3rd, 3:00pm.
- Energy Committee: September 8th, 5:15pm.

J. Anderson added that the Energy Committee is interested in installing a ground-mount solar array at the Transfer Station or other Up-Island site. Chair Harriet Bering would like some time at an upcoming Select Board meeting. J. Anderson will pass out the plan.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 8/26/26 and Minutes of 8/12/26 Select Board Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes
 - 7/14/26 Energy Committee minutes

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- Correspondence
 - 8/11/26 email from David Kinney, Lincolnville Administrator, inquiring about a joint meeting with the Lincolnville Select Board to discuss items of mutual interest. They are happy to travel or host.
 - The use of the dock is one item that we usually discuss.
 - They will be doing renovations to the pier.
 - 8/17/26 email from Nancy Alexander. She resigned from the Maine Islands Coalition. Members left are Janis Petzel and Michael Nelson.
 - 8/21/26 letter from County Commissioner on election results for the open seats on the Waldo County Budget Committee. District 1: Ian Stover won the seat.
 - 8/24/26 letter from Anthony Hoginski & Lisa Russell regarding a canoe/kayak that's been stored at Hewes Point public landing.
 - Jordy removed it yesterday.
 - There was a lawsuit about this area in 2006. There's something in the agreement about boat ramp improvements: "The Town will not seek permission to install a boat ramp on Hewes Point Road, next to the Hoginski house lot that is greater than 50 feet in length."
 - Although this is a public beach, the ordinance states that nothing can be left there over 72 hours.
- Handouts:
 - 9/16/26 Special Town Meeting Warrant.
- Manager:
 - As of 8/10/26, Holly Fields resigned from the Select Board.
 - P. Rothschild asked if there's been any publicizing for this seat.
 - J. Anderson stated that when the warrant gets sent out, it will be publicized.
 - P. Rothschild stated it's sad that Holly can't continue.
 - S. Pendleton suggested writing Holly a Thank-you letter, commendation, or other kind of acknowledgement.
 - J. Anderson will draft something and share it tomorrow.
 - Paving: Performance Paving will be out mid- to late-September to pave. Will send out a list of the locations prior to that.
 - Big Tree Beach: fencing, porta-potties, trash bins, and bottle container have been placed there. Looking for a rock for which to attach the plaque, thanking IIT for that land.
 - S. Pendleton suggested doing a Constant Contact/Facebook post about these improvements.
- Warrant #5 – FY27

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Covered in Town Manager's Report.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Winter Sand Bids
 - P. Anderson asked to see last year's total, for comparison.
 - We received one bid, from JPA, Inc.
 - 1,000 yards at \$26/cubic yard = \$26,000
 - J. Anderson stated that this is the same as last year.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by D. Purington, to accept the bid by JPA, Inc. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

- Josh Leach asked if there are any plans for getting salt brought to put with the sand for the winter, because there's no place to dump sand currently.
 - J. Anderson stated she would like to talk to the contractor for guidance.
2. Economic Sustainability Corp. (IESC) 2026 Report
 - Tom Tutor, Chair of the IESC, presented the annual update. He stated that IESC is a quasi-municipal organization, formed in 2019 and owned by the Town of Islesboro.
 - The island business loan program has been very successful. We provided over \$600,000 to local entrepreneurs in the last seven years. \$300,00 has been repaid. We have about \$360,000 out right now, and have had no loan defaults in that entire time.
 - This past year, we started a line-of-credit program, knowing that local businesses have a seasonal cash flow problem. Someone who has been in the loan program and paying regularly for over a year can borrow 10% of the original loan, at no interest for six months. If it's not paid back in six months, it's rolled into the original loan.
 - We've started a new loan program for landlords. The typical loan we do for five years at 2% doesn't really work for real estate investments, so IESC has initiated a 10-year program with 2% interest for landlords of year-round rentals to use for renovating costs.
 - We have partnered with the Energy Committee and worked closely with them on a couple of proposals. We've let the store be part of their investigations about having a microgrid in this Town Center.
 - We've talked extensively with the store and PYY about how retail gasoline is provided on the island, and how complicated and vulnerable that setup is, and it will someday end. We're talking about how we can make that transition smoother.

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- We resolved a mistake our attorney made when our organization was first formed. On the SS4 that assigns an employer ID number, our lawyer checked a box that said Other, then wrote in State or Local Government, instead of checking the box that says State or Local Government. It has taken seven years to get the IRS to agree that we have the status that we've always had, and we had to file an amended return with the right checkbox.
 - We initially raised \$2.1 million, and we currently have \$1.9 million in assets. The discrepancy is in the improvements we've done to the Island Market that haven't been reflected in the valuation. Our intent is to recycle these monies through our local economy without needing to go back to ask for more support from private individuals. Our audit is available online at our website, www.sustain04848. We're trying to be as transparent as possible.
 - We have nine directors that are appointed by the Select Board. We have our annual meeting next week, and no one's term expires. Janet Anderson is an ex officio member. Peter Rothschild is our Select Board representative. Other members are Tom Tutor, Bonnie Hughes, Michael Nelson, Larry Hoder, Roger Heinen, Lois Chiles, and Gladstone Jones. We meet regularly. These are all public meetings, and they are publicized.
- Tom stated the discussion about housing stock keeps coming up on Islesboro. There is a problem with year-round housing. IESC was formed with the caveat that we would not encroach on any established institution in town, such as Islesboro Affordable Properties (IAP). He asked the Select Board if they feel the IESC should dedicate energy and money toward housing, with the understanding that we will coordinate closely with IAP. There are other ways that we could promote housing, in a different format than what IAP does.
 - D. Purington asked about the other ways they might promote housing. Tom replied that IESC could buy a year-round house to rent out. They would then need a property manager as an employee.
 - There's been talk about the Durkee's Store property. If IESC is involved in that purchase, there are 17 acres of land, and room to build houses. IAP is constrained by the fact that whenever they have federal or state grant money, they must target low-income individuals. We know that Islesboro needs housing for tradespeople that are making more than the low-income guidelines, but still can't afford to buy a house here. This is an audience that IAP can't address, but IESC could do something.
 - P. Anderson stated that if IESC is looking for approval from the Select Board to adjust the mission statement, he's not comfortable making a decision on that right now. He encouraged IESC to do what they are best suited for doing. This is a good idea, and an interesting attempt to tackle a market that IAP

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doesn't fully represent. IAP's new duplexes are privately funded, so can be rented to anyone. However, IAP and IESC could co-exist perfectly fine.

- Frank Start stated that when IESC was being formed and was before the Town for a vote, someone specifically asked about real estate, and Roger Heinen said IESC had no interest in buying any real estate. This is where distrust with the public comes in. If the IESC starts getting involved in real estate, without talking to the Town about it, it goes back on what was said in the beginning.
- Tom stated he doesn't remember that at all. He explained that on the contrary, IESC was formed to buy the Island Market property. The bylaws say that we will buy, sell, and hold real estate. We've had multiple public meetings that accepted our bylaws in 2019, that say, "Mission and purpose: purchase, own, lease, or otherwise deal and trade with property, both real and personal, of every kind and description, of any interest therein, land and building structures and improvements..." That's always been the case.
- S. Pendleton stated that, in addition to that, here we are, years later, and we need to adapt. We see an opportunity to make a change that might be beneficial, so it's a great discussion topic. There are more topics coming on how we might expedite and support housing.
- Frank stated that he is not for or against the idea. He just doesn't see a lot of opportunity for public input and involvement. There should be discussion to see what people would like to see.
- Tom added that all IESC Board meetings are public. Notice goes out on Constant Contact. Whether someone participates or not is another question. IESC works hard to be transparent and make everything available online.
- P. Rothschild stated that one of the fundamental issues facing Islesboro not only the creation of affordable housing, but the rate at which we are creating housing. Anything we can do, subject to the Town's approval at Town Meeting, he would like to see the Select Board support, to foster a symbiotic relationship between IESC, IAP, and the Town municipal budget. He applauds IESC for saying that they're ready to do whatever they can.
- P. Anderson asked if Tom has a prediction as to how much of IESC's mission, time, and funds could be directed toward housing vs. the economic support that IESC is already proposing. He is concerned about IESC turning more toward housing than economic stability and support. He hopes we're not putting multiple committees worth of people toward one facet of the problem of sustaining this community. Having a house is fantastic, but many can't afford heating oil, fuel, food, etc. Those spots are where IESC fills a big gap.
- Tom replied that, as with an individual, the Town, or IESC, we all have limited resources. That's one of the reasons he's asking the Board's opinion and guidance. We have about \$360,000 out in loans to local business people, and another \$750,000 in liquid assets. If we were to engage in some major development, it would be possible for us to mortgage the Island Market and have another chunk of change to work with. There are ways to do this. He

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does not think that doing something positive about housing would encroach on IESC's ability to service the local business loan program.

3. Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant for September 16, 2026.

- P. Rothschild went over the agenda. There's the Select Board seat, the \$2.5M bond issue, the question of two CMP easements at Grindle Point, and the last item is the petition to address the question of tick-borne illnesses.
- Frank asked why the warrant was not made public before the Select Board signs it.
- J. Anderson stated that Shey is suggesting an informational meeting on September 9th, before the regular Select Board meeting, to go over the articles for the Special Town Meeting. The articles are written by the lawyer, two by CMP, and one by Frank. It was finalized this afternoon.
- Frank stated that this is the first he's hearing that the petition article has made it onto the warrant. At the last meeting, there were questions about its legality.
- J. Anderson replied that the petition was certified the afternoon before the last meeting. It wasn't submitted correctly, so we had to take a few extra steps. We didn't know who submitted it, as Frank's name was not on it. We knew the other person who had collected all the signatures, so that's what we were going on.
- Frank reiterated that his question is about how the entire warrant draft was not viewable to the public before business is done by the Select Board. Often, the Board has materials in front of them that the public doesn't get a copy of.
- P. Anderson asked if a draft warrant is typically distributed publicly ahead of its approval, or do we typically sign it and then it becomes public?
- J. Anderson stated it's typically signed first and then posted publicly. That's what we will do with this one tomorrow.
- Discussion about the purpose of signing. By signing, the Board is approving that the Special Town Meeting should happen. The warrant articles could be amended at Town Meeting.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by D. Purington, to approve the September 16, 2026 Special Town Meeting Warrant. No further discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

4. Set Public Info Meeting for September 9, 2026, prior to Select Board meeting.

- J. Anderson asked what time the Board would like to hold the meeting to go over the warrant articles, particularly the grant information.
- The Board agreed on 5:00 for the Public Info Meeting, and 5:30 for the regular Select Board meeting.

MOTION BY D. Purington, seconded by P. Rothschild, to approve the September 9, 2026 Public Info Meeting at 5:00. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Display new plaque for Big Tree Beach
 - The plaque was on display in the meeting room.
 - J. Anderson stated that once it is placed on a rock, she will take a nice picture.
2. Town Resident Requests Discussion to Address the Fire Risk to the Island Community.
 - Doug Welldon stated that he had time a couple years ago to talk with Maggy Willcox during a carpool, and he heard her concern about the danger of wildfires on Islesboro. She knew about Doug's concern as well, because he had written an article about it for the Islesboro Island News in 2017. They agreed to republish that article with updated information. This conversation happened in the spring after the January storms that had leveled many trees on the island. Many other trees were still there from previous storms.
 - Since then, Dan Tutor has published a series of articles about wildfires. There have also been discussions about the issue on the Maine Calling radio program, and an article in the Pen Bay Pilot about a fire on Ragged Mountain in Camden.
 - Years ago, this island didn't have as many trees. Doug believes that there was a pact between humans and Mother Nature, that if you move to an island, you need to be aware that you might have this problem. Since the days of widespread wood cutting for various purposes, the secondary growth has come in.
 - Doug would like to see the Town mount an effort to find out how to start mitigating the wildfire danger here. Other towns that have had big fires now keep their woods pretty clean.
 - P. Rothschild asked Doug if he has any specific ideas on what we could do.
 - Doug replied that there ought to be a small committee dedicated to following through on this, who would contact the Maine State Forestry Service and the people who handle emergencies locally, and research what can work. Doug would be willing to talk with this committee about his thoughts and the research he did for his articles.
 - P. Rothschild stated that it seems like this is a global problem, and there must be technologies being developed to try to anticipate and control this.
 - J. Anderson stated that we've had the Forest Ranger out. He supplied information about keeping trees away from houses. Some people can't afford to clean up their woods. IIT doesn't like to clean up trees.
 - Doug stated that the Maine Forestry guy pointed out that since the Bar Harbor fire, lots of new methods have come up. One thing that works is a fire break.
 - P. Anderson asked if Doug could send along his research on what other towns have done.
 - D. Purington stated that sending out notices and talking to people is in order. He used to teach backpackers about forest fires, has been to professional firefighter training, and has cut and burned here for a long time. Some places here are at

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severe risk for a forest fire. Putting out information about cutting and getting the material on the ground so it can break down is better than nothing. He thinks cutting a strip of trees for a fire break across the island is a good idea. There are local contractors with machines who might be willing to donate time for this. Any person who works in the woods recognizes that we're at severe risk. The thing that sets us apart here is that we can't call in other towns to get here quickly with equipment. Not everyone understands that getting dead stuff out of the woods is good stewardship or responsible property maintenance.

- Frank Start referred to a community effort years ago to clean up Town Beach.
- Doug suggested a sustained effort to keep information in front of people.
- S. Pendleton requested that this discussion be put on the next agenda under Old Business, to determine if the community would like to form a fire risk committee.
- P. Rothschild stated he would like to advance the research into options. Is the only way to effectively deal with this is if we create a fund that is dedicated to doing this, or is it a matter of an ordinance that requires property owners to do something? There must be specific strategies for addressing this.
- Murt stated that he has put together a Community Wildfire Prevention Plan. It was first published in 2009, with an update in 2014. From this plan, many recommendations were done. There are many ways to approach the messy woods, but it's going to take many dollars to fix it all. Based on the housing discussion earlier, if people don't have enough money to pay their living expenses, they don't have money to clean the woods up. The Town, over the course of creating this plan, told everyone to clean a perimeter around your home, keep driveways clear for large vehicles, have house numbers visible, and other recommendations. Development helps with making fire breaks. The Forest Service has a few options; you do have to get some grants. They can bring in a large chipper, but you've got to be organized, and get signatures of all property owners to establish this effort. All the wood has to come to the curbside, then they chip it and leave. It's an expensive venture. We're already spread thin with too many committees.
- P. Anderson stated he thinks this is all great information, and it sounds like a great idea for a committee. He would hate to see us, in the preliminary discussion, hear about what the committee may or may not do, may or may not talk about, or have somebody say a trigger word that shuts the committee down before it even takes off. He proposes to put the creation of a committee on the next agenda. Let the committee have these conversations. These conversations are great, much like with the tick committee, but the conversations need to be reigned in. Before we launch into suggestions, solutions, and ideas, let's form the committee, and let them take the information and either continue or shut themselves down.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by D. Purington, to put the creation of a committee to explore solutions to the fire risk on Islesboro on the next agenda. No further discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

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- Bob Kochan volunteered to be on the committee.
- 3. 2026 Municipal Tax Rate for 2026-2027 = \$13.75. 2% increase/\$1 higher. Tax bills are in the mail.
 - J. Anderson stated the mil rate went up \$1. Last year it was \$12.75.
 - Bob Kochan asked about the 2%.
 - Frank Start explained that it's a 2% overall budget increase, which increased the mil rate \$1.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY27 #5

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by D. Purington, to approve Warrant FY27 #5. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Groundwater Protection Committee: Donald Roderick Pendleton
 - P. Rothschild stated he talked with Pam Larson, Chair of the Groundwater Protection Committee. She verified that there have been no wells that have dried up, or any indication that we've overtaxed the single-source aquifer. She recommended Rod Pendleton, who is a hydrologist and engineer.
 - We will ask Rod to come to a Select Board meeting in September to speak to us about issues related to groundwater and whether or not we need further legislation to protect the groundwater on Islesboro.

MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by D. Purington, to appoint Donald Roderick "Rod" Pendleton to the Groundwater Protection Committee. No further discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

CHAIR COMMENTS

P. Rothschild: The petition that went around, and the decision to have a Special Town Meeting to discuss the creation of a group to study tick-related illnesses, or whether or not the deer population can be studied, or whether or not to use the words, "White Buffalo" in any committee—this sounds like a violation of the United States Constitution. I'm agnostic on the subject, but I don't understand what benefit anyone will reap from preventing a committee to study some problem. We don't have to follow their recommendations. It's clear from discussions with Owen, Chris, and others at the Health Center, that we have a real problem with tickborne illnesses, and it's getting worse. However, we will have the Special Town Meeting and vote on it. We have made it clear that the Select Board is not proposing such a committee, even though it's within our power at the moment to create a committee. My only concern is that, at the Special Town Meeting, we deal with the bond match and the election of another Select Board member first.

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VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

P. Anderson: No comments.

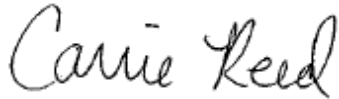
INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

D. Purington: No comments.

S. Pendleton: No comments.

MOTION BY D. Purington, seconded by P. Anderson to adjourn meeting at 7:34 PM. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary