

Islesboro Select Board  
Special Meeting  
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom  
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 @ 4:30 PM

 **APPROVED**  
9/9/26

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Chair Peter Rothschild, Vice Chair Peter Anderson, Stephen Pendleton

**Members Absent:**

Dylan Purington

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Nancy Alexander

**Others Present via Zoom:**

Donna Leone, Bob Kochan

Call to Order: Chair Peter Rothschild called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, and a quorum was established.

**SIGN REVISED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

**Revisions:**

1. Add Time (6:00pm) to front page.
2. Amend language in Articles 4 & 5 to include: "To see if the Town will either authorize or not authorize the granting of the described easement."

**P. Anderson:** "I would like it on record that while I voted in favor of the language of this warrant, as I will never use my role here to stand in the way of the will of the people, I believe this action, notably Article 6, made in response to rumors and speculation, sets a very bad precedent for the future efficacy of this board and its relationship with the community.

We are elected by this community to represent it and act in its best interest, something we were attempting to do by trying to convene a NEW group of people to discuss an ongoing danger to the general wellbeing of our community as a whole. This petition, and remarks made by community members both in public at meetings such as this and on social media, have led me to believe that we, or some of us, have lost that trust.

Turning a blind eye to a major public health risk because what happened in the past is painful to talk about is silly enough, but to kneecap the selectboard like this to prevent us from so much as TALKING about an issue is unacceptable.

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While I'm willing to have the tough, necessary conversations about how to keep our community safe and healthy, I'm starting to wonder if maybe that's not what's wanted of myself or us as a board.

I see the precedent that passage of this article will set as being so potentially detrimental, that if it passes, I fail to see myself being able to fulfill my obligations as an elected official. Thank you."

**S. Pendleton:** "That was exceptionally well stated. I am in complete agreement with the point that we were elected to represent best interests. The lack of the ability to have a conversation regarding a topic is what Pete has already stated."

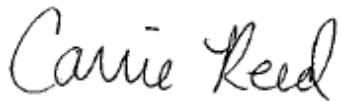
**P. Rothschild:** "I agree also. I do think it is important to note, number one, I had several discussions with the town attorney about this, and I still am of the impression that it violates the U.S. Constitution and probably two laws in the State of Maine to prevent anybody who wants to congregate and study anything they want to. Number two, I think the part that absolutely did touch me is the sense of "them and us," and any implication that the Select Board is somehow trying to go against the will of the majority, because I very much feel, as Pete so eloquently described, the only reason I'm here is to serve the community, and if the community sees me as the enemy, my future role here is jeopardized.

I also would very modestly add that I don't think this prevents the Select Board from having a discussion about this, if it were to pass. I feel like the whole thing was emotional and blown out of proportion. We could have preempted all this by appointing a committee, and, according to Kristin Collins, they can't undo that by this warrant. It was needlessly confrontational."

**MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by S. Pendleton, to approve revised Warrant. No further discussion. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.**

**MOTION BY P. Anderson, seconded by S. Pendleton, to adjourn meeting at 4:39 PM. No discussion. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed  
Secretary