

Islesboro Select Board
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

APPROVED

10/9/24

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Vice Chair Lauren Bruce, Melissa Burns, Peter Anderson, and Stephen Pendleton (Zoom)(6:40)

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Andrew (Pete) Anderson, John King, Linda Gillies, Fred Porter, Donald Shand, Murt Durkee

Others Present via Zoom:

Josh Leach, Derreth Roberts, Jennifer West, Maggy Willcox

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

Minutes of September 11, 2024, Regular Meeting.

MOTION BY L. Bruce, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Tarratine Yacht Club & Tarratine Golf Club

- These are complete applications, no changes.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the Liquor License Renewals for the Tarratine Yacht Club and Tarratine Golf Club. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to take the Agenda out of order. No discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open FY25 Winter Sand Proposals
 - Paul Grindle bid: \$28.75/cu yd @1000 yds=\$28,750.00.
 - John Apelquist bid: \$28.35/cu yd @1000 yds= \$28,350.00

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MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by L. Bruce, to approve the John Apelquist bid. No discussion. Motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no. Peter Anderson abstained.

2. Proceed with Up-Island Public Safety Garage (UIPSG)
 - Pete Anderson spoke on behalf of the MBPC. He explained that the committee sent the bid out three times for the Up-Island Public Safety Garage, and each time the bids came back with an exceedingly high price. The committee has been looking at steel structures, and found one that will make a cost-effective building.
 - The Committee is recommending that the Select Board move ahead and award the contract to Northport Builders, with cost not to exceed contract.
 - We normally would put this out to bid, but we've exhausted all the bidding in this area. There is a stipulation in the Select Board policies that would allow offering a contract without bidding.
 - The steel building company recommended this builder to us. We've reached out to several steel building companies. This is the most economical.
 - Don Shand stated that normally steel building companies have contractors in their areas that they recommend. The normal stick-build contractor does not have the expertise to put up steel buildings. When the Tarratine Club purchased a steel building, they hired Brothers in Arms to assemble it, because they had experience. This was their third steel building.
 - Pete stated that Brothers in Arms did not want to participate in the UIPSG.
 - S. Conover asked if the committee was able to get the space and design that they wanted from this building. Pete answered that it's a little bigger than the original design, and it includes an upgraded insulation package. We think it's going to be a good building for the island.
 - Northport Builders will be the Construction Manager if we hire them, once we negotiate the price.
 - The MBPC has made a motion to recommend that the Select Board offer Northport Builders at cost plus, not to exceed contract, provided they come in with pricing for the Up-Island Public Safety Garage that is not to exceed \$400,000. L. Bruce clarified that we have \$430,000, but the committee wanted some wiggle room.
 - M. Burns asked if we should put in a timing structure as well. L. Bruce stated we would put it in the contract.
 - S. Conover read the policy paragraph from the attorney's email that applies to this situation: Under §349-3(D)(7): "The Board of Selectmen may waive the requirements for competitive bidding for purchases of \$10,000 or more in the case of a nonemergency purchase when the purchase is inappropriate for competitive bidding due to the nature of the item, time constraints, or other factors." The "other factors" are we put this project out to bid three times and this is the first solution we have that comes in under budget.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to waive the need for this project to go out to bid per Policy §349-3(D)(7), and offer the contract to Northport Builders, at cost

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plus, not to exceed contract, provided they come in with pricing for the Up-Island Public Safety Garage that is not to exceed \$400,000. No further discussion. Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

3. Island Medical Transport Draft Operational Plan

- Fred Porter stated that the region has been holding meetings for a couple of years, trying to address medical transport in Penobscot Bay and down the coast. They would like to start moving forward with funding and how to pursue this. He explained that the Medical Transport Boat would run like LifeFlight, with a foundation, covering from here to Lincoln County, almost to Casco Bay, and over to Stonington, Deer Isle, and Swan's Island, providing 24/7 coverage for all the islands. It will possibly have a water cannon on the front for fighting fire on the waterfront. They want to staff it with one Paramedic, one Able-Bodied Seaman (AB) who is an EMT, and a Captain.
- This is a proposed Operations Plan. They are looking for endorsement from the Town to move forward with exploring funding, possibly from grants. Tonight is not a commitment to signing on to this program. It simply means we support the endeavor of looking to where we can go from here.
- Fred referred to the drawings of the boat. There are two rooms, so they could possibly transport two patients at once. There are many nuts and bolts that need to be worked out, but Fred likes the idea.
- For funding, they are looking for grants, and for the towns to possibly buy into the running of this boat.
- They want to base it in Vinalhaven. They feel that's a good central spot.
- Rick Petrie, Events Coordinator for Atlantic Partners, has stated that the idea is not to charge the patient or the municipality per run.
- John King stated he attended first meeting when he was on the Ferry Service Advisory Board. He watched videos of recent meetings.
- John proposes resurrecting the Emergency Transportation Committee (ETC), with Earl MacKenzie, Fred Porter, and Murt Durkee as members.
- Some kind of response is appropriate, but we should talk about what that is.
- They anticipate a 70' GoFast Boat, based in Carver's Harbor, estimated to cost \$5M. In order to man it properly, they need to buy a house. They want to man it 24/7/365. The annual operating expense is estimated to be \$2.5M.
- The coverage will be from Pemaquid Point to the Cranberry Isles. Islesboro was never considered as a central location. We're 21.5 miles from Carver's Harbor.
- Lincolnville can't accommodate a 70' boat. It will have to go to Belfast or Rockland.
- No one really knows what's going on with the Ferry Service and how this boat might affect the current system. The possibility of a transport that necessitates an ambulance on a ferry still exists. If a medical boat is 45 minutes to an hour away, and then another 30 minutes to get to the mainland, that's a big issue.
- If we resurrect the ETC, we can draft something in response.

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- If the funding is available, it would be a good thing for the coast, but not if it involves taking away services that already work.
- Fred stated that the State and Atlantic Partners told the group that the State would be involved in the funding of this boat. Bill Pulver at MDOT has stated he wants to get out of the emergency transport business. There was a long dialog between Fred and Bill Pulver as to why. Fred offered to share video recordings.
- Atlantic Partners EMS is a regional planning organization and representative for Maine Region 6. The State just did away with the bidding process for their regional offices. The State will now head the regional offices.
- M. Burns stated that we need show support for this proposal. In case we don't get to keep the ferry at Islesboro, we will have options. There is no harm in this. If the boat goes to Rockland or Belfast, it cuts out the drive time from Lincolnville.
- L. Bruce asked how often we need the ambulance on the ferry. Fred answered that LifeFlight isn't always available. If we can't go on the ferry, we need to take a private boat or Quicksilver. The proposed boat is equipped like an ambulance.
- Fred added that there's some infrastructure that needs to be done at the piers. We don't know if Belfast, Rockland, or Camden want to do this.
- John clarified that the Maine State Ferry Service and DOT have consistently said that they're not excited about being responsible for emergency runs, but they have continued to do so. It wasn't until that recent meeting regarding the infrastructure at Grindle Point and Lincolnville, that Project Manager Mackenzie Kersbergen mentioned that the decision to keep the ferry in Lincolnville rested with DOT Commissioner Bruce Van Note. It's being considered.
- John stated that, assuming that this can be funded, it is to the benefit of all the island residents. It can't hurt. We should support it, subject to concerns about losing the ferry, about cost, and about the longer trip.
- P. Anderson stated he's not totally sold on it, and is wondering if there's a way to word a response to say that we're curious and would like to know more.
- Murt added that if they get a green light on this and it works well, they might add a second, smaller boat. Then the coverage area improves, just like with LifeFlight.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to respond that we support this group continuing to investigate, we think that there are lots of complexities for how it would impact Islesboro, and it's worth reinstating the Emergency Transportation Committee. Discussion about what happens if we need it and it's somewhere else. We would continue using private boats. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

John King suggested members of the ETC be Peter Willcox, John King, Earl MacKenzie, Fred Porter, and Murt Durkee. John will draft a response.

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to return to the order of the Agenda. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

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FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

P. Anderson stated that there's alarming news about the Margaret Chase Smith being out for three months beginning in mid-October. He is hoping to get insight on this.

Don Shand stated the ferry will be hauled by November for service on the propeller shaft and two main engines. It could take about 8-12 weeks.

Janet Anderson stated that Peter Willcox sent an email to Bill Geary regarding the winter schedule, asking him not to change the schedule until January. Bill replied that it will change, slated for November 3rd.

S. Conover stated that we need to make sure Peter is aware of this as our rep, and he is keeping communication lines open about the concerns, and asking them to do their best to improve communication. P. Anderson stated we've been playing too nice with them. They disregard our opinions. They ask for our input and then don't listen. When do we rise up and use stronger language? L. Bruce added that they should explain why they are changing the schedule in November. Maybe talk with Peter and draft a letter that expresses our frustration and that we need improved communication. They have been unprofessional. S. Conover stated that this seems like something that requires an immediate response, rather than waiting two weeks to get approval to send a formal SB letter. A letter under Janet's or Peter's name would be effective.

Maggy Willcox stated Peter is taking courses in Maryland. Since he is the new kid on the Advisory Board, the emphasis would be best coming from the Select Board.

L. Bruce will draft something and run it by the Board, with the intention that it will go out under Janet's name, Friday or Monday.

SEA LEVEL RISE

S. Conover stated that the next SLR Committee meeting will be on October 24th. Fred, Janet, and Shey met with Shri and Alcina yesterday. Alcina is doing our Hazard Mitigation Plan. It seems our timelines will be aligned to have things in place to make us competitive for Federal disaster funding. FEMA expects to see several community meetings, so we propose an hour workshop from 5-6 on October 23rd before the SB meeting. This will be an opportunity for the public to provide feedback.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

L. Bruce reported that it is possible we will see some action this year on the Up-Island Public Safety Garage.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board: October 7th, 5:00pm.
- Lighthouse Committee: September 26th.

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TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Packet included Agenda for 9/25/24 and Minutes of 9/11/24 Select Board Regular Meeting.
- Committee Minutes
 - Municipal Building Project Minutes of 4/29/24
 - Energy Committee Minutes of 8/13/24
- Correspondence
 - Maine Islands Coalition—appoint member?
 - S. Conover replied that she hasn't had a chance to ask Nancy Alexander, but will. L. Bruce may be interested. She will make a decision and get back to Janet.
 - Email dated 9/13 from William Geary and Peter Willcox exchange on winter ferry schedule changing. We asked for January and he says November 3.
 - Email dated 9/25 from David Kinney, Lincolnville Town Administrator, with letter sent to Maine DOT regarding the ferry terminal project.
- Manager
 - Committee Chair Meeting. Plan something soon.
 - Was there a comment to the MDOT/Mackenzie re: Lincolnville's request?
 - S. Conover stated that Peter sent a draft letter about the schedule and mentioned that he was drafting something for Lincolnville. She will follow up with him.
 - Does the SB still wish to meet with the Lincolnville SB?
 - On a Thursday evening, and take the Quicksilver back.
 - Even better, invite them to come over here.
 - Our custodian, Connie Delaney, has given me her 2-week notice. Connie has cleaned for us since 2012. JA has posted job opening.

- Warrant FY25 #7

CORRESPONDENCE

Addressed in Town Manager Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

APPROVE WARRANT: FY25 #7

MOTION BY M. Burns, seconded by P. Anderson, to approve Warrant FY25 #7. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

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APPOINTMENTS:

S. Conover asked J. Anderson to make sure that everyone on the Emergency Transportation Committee be appointed at the next meeting. J. Anderson suggested Owen Howell be a part of this committee.

CHAIR COMMENTS

S. Conover: I will be out of town next meeting.

VICE-CHAIR COMMENTS

L. Bruce: No comments.

INDIVIDUAL SELECT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

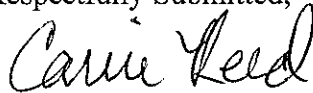
S. Pendleton: It's 100 degrees in Sacramento today.

M. Burns: No comments.

P. Anderson: No comments.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by M. Burns, to adjourn meeting at 7:12 PM. No discussion. Roll Call. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

