

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday September 17, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

Several people were present at the Fire Station from 6:15 to 6:55pm to hear the presentation by Bill Baron on the invasive Emerald Ash Borer and it's effect it will have on our State.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jeff Parizo open the Selectboard's regular meeting at 7:03pm

Board Members Present: Jeff Parizo-Chair, Diane Cota-Vice Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars, Eric Godin and Rachael Griggs

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Shawn Mercy, Trooper M. Lamothe-VSP, Carolyn McCray, Michael Inners, Denise Abbott Douglass, Bill Kennedy, Barbara Capen and David Capen

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: New Business-Delete Memorial Contribution. Move Hot Water Tank Leak to BFM Update below. Under Highway Dept. Update, add two new curb cuts.

II. GUESTS: Shawn Mercy-PC Chair: Discussion on the Architecture Design of Old Fire Station:
Shawn Mercy reported:

- Effort focused on visioning determining on how we can develop the identity of the building through architectural design.
- Improve the entry procession into the building
- Identify and resolve code and access issues and propose materials which are cost effective, endurance and maintenance free
- All documentations will be provided in PDF. Large prints will be provided for local presentations and team meetings as necessary.
- Estimate cost for design estimated at \$8000. Does not include estimated services or any civil or other engineering services or construction documents, which would be architect blueprints. Drawings are just for the exterior.
- We don't know what the actual use for the building will be at this point. We will have drawings for a general purpose.
- Drawings will be available to be seen at the Town Office for November voting and at Town Meeting in March, 2019
- We are trying to do our due diligence to get the project going after the Town garage (is built).

Diane Cota makes a motion that we approve the \$8000 to move forward with the conceptual drawing of the information that was just presented. AnnaMarie seconds the motion.

Discussion followed. Michael Inners asked to see the engineering study for the structural part of the building. Jeff Parizo said it hasn't been released yet as this quote we have will probably go up significantly and we are not there yet. It is more like three years out. Michael Inners asked if it is necessary to do an open records request for a copy of the study. Shawn Mercy said this whole goal was to determine if it can be done and it can be. Jeff asked what he wants to do with the information.

Michael said he had read it would be upward of \$100,000. Jeff noted there is a lot of miscommunication out there and no numbers should be quoted. Jeff said he would scan it and send a copy to Michael. Shawn suggested unless information comes from the Selectboard at a public hearing he would dismiss it. This is just for the materials to retrofit the outside of the building.

Jeff Parizo said there is a motion and it has been seconded. All in favor and the motion passes.

VSP Trooper M. Lamothe: Trooper Lamothe said he stopped by just to check in and give a brief update. He stated that burglaries are down and drug use is up. He discussed how often they patrol the Islands, mostly on weekends as the Grand Isle Sheriffs Department covers during the week. The State Police Department has two new troopers and will technically be full up for the first time in several years. We have had three troopers patrol and now that we are full we will have six. Bicycles and tours use was discussed. Jeff said we are having the people from the tours come to our meetings. The Board thanked Trooper Lamothe for stopping by.

Recreation Committee: No one present from the Rec. Committee.

- **Welcome new Chair – Amy Thompson** – Moved to Oct. 29th fifth Monday meeting.
- **Playground Wood Chips and Cost:** Jeff reported he has received information from VLCT on products that can be used. The State no longer requires special mulch for playgrounds. Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman will haul mulch from Cyr Lumber in Milton in the spring of 2019. Each department will be responsible for spreading the mulch.
- **Vandalism:** There was a discussion about vandalism to residents around the Donaldson Park area. It has not been reported to the Sheriff's Department. Diane said acts of vandalism need to be reported by the residents who are being vandalized.
- **Park Maintenance** – Moved to Oct. 29th fifth Monday meeting.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: August 20, 2018 – Moved to Oct. 1, 2018

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Services of Stitzle, Page & Fletcher for Delinquent Tax Collection – AnnaMarie said she has questions such as why we aren't having Melissa (Boutin, Town Treasurer) write to the attorney first and how many delinquent taxes are there. Jeff said Melissa has done all that is required and asked AnnaMarie to contact Melissa with questions. Moved to Oct. 1, 2018 meeting.

Civil Engineer Design of Town Highway Garage: Diane Cota makes a motion to approve the East Engineering proposal for rendering assistants for the new Town garage with all the details. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No Discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Water Permit Roads: Bethany's Response – This is the annual permit fee of \$1,350 that we are required to pay.

Eric Godin motions that we approve the Storm Water Permit for the town of Grand Isle to the State of VT for the annual fee of \$1,350. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No Discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

MOU: Use of Training Room Between Town and Fire Department – Eric Godin gave an update after communicating with the GIVFD Chief, Todd Boutin. After a discussion Diane said she, Bill Baron and Chief Boutin have signed the MOU. We will move this to the October 1st meeting. If there isn't anything more to discussion it will be taken off the agenda.

Highway Department Update:

Speed limit signs on Lovers Lane – After Jeff explained that if don't post any signs then the speed limit could be 50MPH it was agreed to post Lovers Lane at 25MPH.

Application for two curb cuts off Pearl Street:

Eric Godin motions to approve the two curb cuts on Pearl Street, one for Debuque Drive and the other for Baker Road and will be built to the conditions indicated by the Road Foreman. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No Discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Application for a curb cut at 25 Lovers Lane – Moved to an October Meeting:

Buildings Facilities Manager Update:

Cameras for Hyde Log Cabin and Block School House – Ron Bushway, BFM said the big tire behind the Log Cabin belongs to school and is on school property. He said we are not set up for outside cameras. Other types of cameras were discussed.

Annex to do list: Building Facilities Manager reported:

1. **Emergency door, repair or replace:** Ron Bushway said he and Alan Landry have looked at the emergency door and determined it was old and would be replaced.
2. **Lock on basement door:** Ron said a small hook has been installed at the top of the door so children would not be able to open it and access the basement.
3. **Chimney chinking:** Alan Landry will be repairing the chimney.
4. **Crawl space in basement needs to be inspected:** Ray Mitchell from the Fire Department and inspected the crawl space and found a rodent problem. Poison has been put down to rid the area of mice.

Bench at the Hyde Log Cabin has chained and locked.

Glass in one window has been repaired

Metal for the Block School House roof is at Robinsons. They will find a place to store it in the old fire station.

Hot Water Tank in Town Municipal Building: Jeff Parizo said to get it replaced as soon as possible.

Ron Bushway wanted to add to the Highway Department update:

- Someone spray painted the 40 mph speed limit sign on Pearl Street
- New one-ton truck is at the
- Replaced culverts on Moccasin Avenue
- Guardrails on 314 have been cleaned up
- Jeff said he talked with Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman about the ditch at the Fire Station. Brad said it shouldn't be a problem to rake it out, put some seed on it and mulch it. Jay Buermann won't sign off on it until it's done.

VI. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Diane Cota makes a motion to approve the warrants. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No Discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Eric Godin made a motion to go into executive session at 8:09pm to discuss a legal issue. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin makes a motion to come out of executive session at 8:44pm with no decision. Diane Cota seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie DeMars makes a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Jeff Parizo, Selectboard Chair

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