

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday October 15, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jeff Parizo called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

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

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Shawn Mercy, Denise Abbott Douglass, Ray Mitchell, Marie Kilbride, Melissa A. Boutin and Amy L. Thompson

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed:

- Under New Business – Grant Cost for Old Railroad Bed Culverts
- Highway Department – Two Grant Applications

II. GUESTS: Ray Mitchell & Marie Kilbride – Grand Isle Rescue: Update on Activities and Annual Budget Request: Ray Mitchell presented handouts of the Grand Isle Rescue Status.

Grand Isle Rescue includes Grand Isle and North Hero.

He explained the State requirements, challenges, finances and EMS services. Every Town has to have an Emergency Medical Service and must conform to Vermont State protocols.

Grand Isle Rescue is one of the few remaining fully volunteer Rescue squads in the state. There were 282 calls in 2017-18 serving the Towns of Grand Isle & North Hero (mutual aid to South Hero, Alburgh and Milton). They only bill for transports.

Marie Kilbride talked about the finances and that G.I. Rescue is able to save \$30,000 a year from profits to get a new ambulance every 6 to 7 years. She also touched on the loss of the Auxiliary and the strawberry social. She said in terms of the true benefit of the Auxiliary, which we sorely miss is the community contact.

Diane Cota asked about the new tax on top of an insurance payment. Jeff said it was hopeful that Grand Isle Rescue would get more money but it didn't turn out that way. Marie said the tax amount paid has gone up 12% this year.

Ray said Grand Isle Rescue is requesting an appropriation for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$19,300, which is an increase of just under 3%. North Hero's is almost 3%. Grand Isle Rescue plans to purchase a new ambulance early in 2019 (with no bonding requirements). Also the building is paid for.

Jeff Parizo asked why they aren't asking for more money from the Town. Marie said that they are a non-profit and so far are able to operate without an increase and don't want to tax the residents if it isn't necessary.

Jeff suggested Rescue should have a conversation with State Representatives.

Recreation Committee: Amy Thompson – Recreation Committee Chair Reported:

- **Vandalism at Donaldson Park:** Spray painting on the basketball court and knocking over the Port-a-Potty. She said they plan to put up several survey cameras. The Sheriff's

Department was notified and they suggested cutting brush and trees along the road. Jeff Parizo said Amy should notify Bill Baron, Tree Warren before cutting any trees.

- **Park Maintenance/Trash Removal:** Amy said she hopes 8th graders will help with putting the wood chips down and removing brush. Trash at the Rec Park is a carry in-carry out policy and this will be put on the new signs. Jeff said the trashcans would be removed.
- **Playground Wood Chips and Cost:** Jeff said the removal of brush would generate wood chips. Amy said she owns a wood chipper that may be used. Jeff said the cost for wood chips would need to be included in the Rec Departments 2019 budget. Also that the Highway Department would be able to deliver purchased wood chips.
- **Ice Rink:** There was a discussion about putting an ice rink in behind the Town Office.
- **T-Ball Field at the Annex:** Jeff said there is still a possibility that more State property could be used at Donaldson Park for a T-ball field.

Shawn Mercy – Rendering for Town Library/Community Roof at Existing Old Fire Station Building: Shawn Mercy, Planning Commission Chair passed out copies of the rendering for a building remodel at the previous Fire Station on Hyde Road. He talked about the process and how this is just a beginning. The drawings will be at the Town Office on voting day for people to see.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: October 1, 2018:

Diane Cota motions to accept the minutes of October 1, 2018 as written. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Generator at School – Ron Bushway:

Ron said during the ice storm (1998) a generator was purchased and put in the school. He said the Highway Department has been manually starting it once a month. The Town pays for the maintenance contract with Brookfield. Jeff said if the school was out of power the school would not be in session, the students would be sent home so the school would not need the generator. The school would be used in an emergency with people using the school so the Town should continue to pick up the \$1800 maintenance cost.

Ron said Ben Ingalls, current Emergency Management Director will check into this.

Grant Cost for Culverts: Jeff explained that we have the hazard mitigation we did through FEMA. What we are trying to do is replace two culverts on the old railroad trestle. One is on Hyde Road and the one that really has to be replaced is on Moccasin Avenue. Tyler Billingsley, East Engineering is working on this and sent the paperwork to Jeff who needs to fill out. The grant is for 75%. If the grant goes through we will pay 25%. That would be a total of \$75,000. Each unit would cost \$150,00, \$300,000 total. The Federal Government would pay for 75% or \$225,000. Jeff said he has to fill out the Hazard Mitigation Assistant Application Funding Certificate. They want us to commit to the 25%, which is \$75,000.

Eric Godin makes a motion that the Selectboard authorize Jeff to sign this form (Hazard Mitigation Assistant Application Funding Certificate) committing us to pay 25% of the replacement cost of the two culverts. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update:

- **Curb Cut Application for 131 East Shore South Road:** Application from Janice and Joseph Arnold for a new driveway entrance. A map and a letter from a neighbor who says they don't have a problem with the entrance being 4 feet from the property line was furnished. The map shows they want to put in a 15-foot wide driveway but it's only 4 feet from the property line. Our By-laws say any driveway must be 15 feet from a property line. This does not meet setbacks from the property line. AnnaMarie said if the neighbor isn't complaining about it wouldn't there be a variance? Jeff said the Selectboard cannot issue a variance, that would be up to the DRB. Then it would come back to the Selectboard.

Diane Cota makes a motion to deny the driveway curb cut request because it doesn't meet the required bylaws. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- **Comcast Laying of Pipes and Wires Application:** Jeff reads the application from Brianna Landry, FISUSA, LLC at 28 Quaker Road for a curb cut application for permit to allow, contractor for Comcast to do the work. They want to cross the road at 28 Quaker Road, Grand Isle, VT private property. The work will be done at 10-13-18. Jeff also read the Road Forman's recommendations.

Diane Cota motions to accept the application permit for laying pipes and wires for Brianna Landry, FISUSA, LLC. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Grant Money from Better Roads Program: Ron Bushway said Bethany Remmers from NWRP is coming Friday to help fill out paper work for a grant from Better Roads Program. Eric Godin motions to give Jeff permission to sign the application for grants for Better Roads Grant Program. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Old One-ton Truck: Ron Bushway said the Highway Department needs to decide what to do with the old one-ton truck. He said according to the Kelly Blue Book the value is around \$10,000. Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk asked if they checked with NADA. They had not so Jeff said to check with both, go with the highest one and put it out to bid. The money would go back to the highway.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron Bushway, BFM gave the update:

- **Emergency Door Quote for Annex Building:** Ron presented a quote from Landry Carpentry for \$2745 for the emergency door and \$224 for labor.

Diane Cota motions to accept the Landry Carpentry proposal for the Annex building exterior (emergency) door instillation for a total of \$2,969. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- **Lead Inspection of Annex Building:** Ron said the annual lead inspection went well. The inspector did an outside walk around the building. He highly recommends putting a fence around the emergency stairs with a sign that says Emergency Exit Only. Jeff asked if a chain across with a sign dangling would be enough. Ron will put up the chain and sign.
- **Items to complete:**
 1. Ron said he has made some phone calls and is waiting for callbacks.
 2. Septic tanks are to be pumped

3. Howard DeMars will do the furnace at the Library
4. Ron will get the air conditioners covered

VI. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Diane Cota motions to sign warrants. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matter:

Eric Godin motions to go into executive session inviting Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk/Treasurer to discuss a personnel matter. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin motions to come out of executive session at 9:02pm with no decision rendered. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie DeMars motions to adjourn at 9:02pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Jeff Parizo, Selectboard Chair

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