

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday November 12, 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 7:00

- **Agenda For Matters Not Listed:** None

II. GUESTS:

- **J.T. Glover – WRENEGADE Sports, follow up meeting on July, 2018 Bicycle Tour and request permission for an event next year on Sunday (July, 21, 2019)**

J.T. Glover said the event they had this past summer went really well and was one of the best events they had this year. They had 730 people ride with 800 people who had signed up.

Jeff said he drove around during the event and said it was probably one of the best for a bicycle tour out here. It was very well done.

J.T. said they make it clear to all the participants at the beginning about safety and following the rules of the road. They invite law Enforcement to speak to the riders about obeying the law, stop at stop signs and traffic lights. Diane and Eric commented that there weren't any complaints they heard.

J.T. said they are based in Burlington and asked permission to have another tour next year. They will be in touch with the Board next June or early July.

The Selectboard is in agreement that WRENEGADE Sports could hold their event again next July.

- **Donna LeClair – Selectboard Approval for members of the DRB whose terms begin January 1, 2019:**

Donna reported that there are two DRB members and one alternate whose terms end December 31, 2018 and they are all interested in serving for another year.

Diane Cota motions to accept Bill Atherton for a one-year term, ending December 31, 2019, Kristy Wheel for a two-year term ending December 31, 2020 and David Capen as an alternate for a one-year term ending December 31, 2019. Rachael Griggs Seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- **Sue Lawrence – Discuss Lister vacancy:**

Sue said Janice Arnold is due to retire the end of this year and she would like to place an ad in the Islander stating there will be a vacancy and this is an elected position. Also as to where it will appear in the Islander and agreed it would be under Grand Isle news and to be sure it is known that this is an elected position. Sue would also like to run an article about Janice and her longevity as our Lister. This will also be posted around Town and on Facebook.

- **Janice Arnold – Discuss driveway curb cut:**

Janice Arnold is asking the Selectboard to approve a new driveway to her apartment because she is unable to walk very far. A map was reviewed. Jeff said we cannot issue another curb cut because the new one she wants is 4 feet from the property line and the

rules of Zoning is 15 feet from the property line. Janice said it's for a handicap assessable driveway.

After discussion it was decided that Jeff Parizo, Diane Cota, Road Foreman Brad Sheridan and Road Commissioner, Ron Bushway would visit the site, take pictures and bring their findings to the November 19, 2018 Selectboard meeting. Jeff will ask VLCT if there is a provision in State Statute to allow putting in curb cuts that aren't compliant to our set backs under the Disabilities Act since we have the control of roads.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:

- **October 15, 2018** – Diane Cota motions to approve the minutes of October 15, 2018. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Town Health Insurance** – Diane Cota said she was asked to look into the health insurance for Grand Isle (employees). She found that the benefits (with BCBS and MVP) are the same but MVP is \$70 less expensive per month per person. Jeff said maybe we should put out a RFP on all our insurance and maybe get a better deal. At this time there are four employees eligible to take advantage of health insurance and only two do so at this time. Diane will ask Linda to check with Vermont Health Connect to see if there is an advantage to have the employees sign up themselves and the Town pay the premiums. This will be further discussed at the November 19, 2018 Selectboard meeting.
- **Cost of Living Increase for Budget** – This years cost of living increase is 2.8%. Jeff Parizo suggested a 3% cost of living increase for Town employees for the budget. Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk/Treasurer said we have been doing a really good job of keeping the tax rate at a flat rate, not decreasing it. Jeff said by not doing the 3% increase we could lose good employees and that's going to cost more in the long run for training. We have good employees now. In Grand Isle there is no metric to strive for regarding raises. Diane asked if the Town budget can handle this and Melissa said yes, it can. Eric Godin motions to approve the 3% cost of living increase for Town employees. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes. Melissa will send an email out to all departments.
- **NWRP – Appointment** – Eric Godin said Barclay Morris has told him David Borthwick-Lesley is now living at Wake Robin in Shelburne. Barclay and Bob Buermann from South Hero have been giving David rides. Eric said Barclay indicated he should switch rolls with David. Eric will contact Barclay again regarding his interest on taking over that spot and for David's phone number to speak with him about his roll as NWRP Coordinator.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner reported:

- All the sand has been hauled and mixed and the Grand Isle road crew helped South Hero with theirs.
- The old one-ton truck is parked at the South Hero Highway Department on Route 2 with a for sale sign. There has been interest and the Town has received one sealed bid so far. Jeff said some aren't aware there is a reserve on it. Ron said he has been telling people Kelly Blue Book has it at \$10,000 to \$11000 and we hope to get that. Ron Bushway is to be contacted if interested.

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- The bids are due December 1 by 3:30pm and will be opened at the December 3rd. Selectboard meeting.
- Ron and Brad met with Bethany Remmers and reviewed the grant application for the header for the culvert on West Shore Road. They visited the site and took pictures. They also visited two other sites for stone line ditches for future grants. One on West Shore Road and one on Folsom Harbor Road.

VII. BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER UPDATE:

- The Hyde Log Cabin has been winterized.
- The water at the old fire station has been shut off and the meter has been pulled. Water is still in the pipe and they will try blowing it out.
- A lot of the lights at the garage are not working. Ron has called DC Energy to get some lights in there for now. We don't want to spend a lot of money on these lights.
- AnnaMarie said the Library is requesting room at the upper floor of the Annex to store some old books they don't have room for at the Library but don't want to get rid of them. It's agreed by the Board they can store the books there. AnnaMarie will discuss it with Ron and Elaine Chasse, Learning Adventure owner. AnnaMarie will inform the Library.
- AnnaMarie also said there is a bad smell at the Annex, probably a dead rodent. Ron will take care of it.
- AnnaMarie said Elaine mentioned the lawn care service this year was the worse she has had. Bill LeClair said he thought there is a need for a fulltime employee for lawn care as well as helping out the Highway Department. Jeff said he and Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman have been working on this. We will be requesting lawn care bids in January or February 2019. Ron said it's less expensive to hire someone to do lawn care. Jeff said we would have to look at all of it.
- Jeff said he would like a liaison between the Library and the Selectboard and AnnaMarie said she would be able to do this.

VIII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS:

AnnaMarie DeMars motions to have Jeff sign the warrants. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Fire Department Ditch: Melissa said she doesn't believe this warrants an executive motion. It was agreed and this is moved to the open meeting:

- Jeff said the problem with the ditch is we can't get Jay Buermann to sign off on the storm water permit because the ditch doesn't have any grass in it and it needs to be grass. The compromise was they would stone line the ditch at a tune of \$500, a bid from Island Excavating. Jeff said his point is we paid one point plus million dollars for this building and we can't get Nate Hayward to step up to the plate to fork over \$500 to fix the ditch. I think it's ridiculous that we can't get somebody to come in and fix this. Jeff said he asked months ago if the ditch could be stone lined and was told it couldn't be done. Now they say it's ok to do so. It seems to go back and forth between Jay Buermann, Nate Hayward, Island Excavating and Todd Boutin. Rachael Griggs said she believes Bill Baron, the liaison between the Selectboard and Hayward Design Build, is the person to write a letter to.
It was decided Eric would draft a letter to Bill Baron and have it ready for the next Selectboard meeting.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Eric Godin motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. AnnaMarie DeMars 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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