

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday September 16, 2019
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

**Selectboard Invites Grand Isle Residents to Tour the
Town Highway Department Building**

AnnaMarie DeMars opened the meeting at 6:30PM at the Highway Department Garage and read the following warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Grand Isle are hereby warned to meet at the Grand Isle Highway Department located at 13 Hyde Road on Monday, September 16th, 2019 at 6:30 in the evening to transact the following business:

To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting and to discuss any questions which shall arise concerning the issue to be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

**7:30PM Regular Selectboard Meeting
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

I. CALL TO ORDER: AnnaMarie called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 7:33 PM

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

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Emily Clark, Denise Abbott Douglass, David Graham, Amy L. Thompson, and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: Emily Clark: Questions about Selectboards Status of the Cell Tower location. Under old business.

II. GUESTS: Recreation Department: David Graham passed around photos and explained the following.

1) Shed / Outhouse Updates:

The Bocce club has repainted outhouse
Hole in the floor had been covered with PVC and will be replaced
Two vents installed in the back of the building

2) Potential Land Lease with State of VT - Donaldson Park:

- * Looking into using part of State Park land
- * This is a good place for a ball field
- * 7 Acres and would be on a lease program
- * Architectural study is needed as well as more research

3) Park Updates for 2019:

- * Bocce is very popular and court is used two nights a week with plans for three more courts
- * Boy Scouts have built a shed for the Bocce equipment and a bridge in the walk trail
- * New mulch under swing sets
- * Pickle Ball is very popular
- * Surveillance signs and cameras installed
- * Bird houses installed and cleaned out for the spring
- * Discussed pouring a slab to hold Zumba classes during the summer
- * Electrical panel needs to be replaced and is getting quotes
- * Ice rink beside the Town Office will be mowed to get ready for use in the winter

David was thanked for the update.

Denise Abbott Douglass spoke of a culvert on Donaldson Road near the Rec Park that was damaged last winter and suggested installing a pole for safety.

4) Final Town/YOGI MOU: Amy L. Thompson will email the final MOU to Rachael for the Selectboard to review and sign.

- **Ben Ingalls – AED Update and AED Class:** AnnaMarie said Ben couldn't attend tonight so she and Ron explained all the AED's have been installed. The AED in the Log Cabin is to be pulled for the winter and stored in the Town Office basement.
- Sheriff Allan is holding a class on how to use AED's on Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Sheriff's building. AnnaMarie said she would like all department heads to attend. Melissa will notify people with their checks about the class and they need to sign up. We will need to bring an AED to the meeting as well

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: August 19, 2019: Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of August 19, 2019. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Salt Shed Grant: AnnaMarie said that one of the grants we can apply for is a salt shed. If we get this grant we could use the money we have saved for the salt shed toward building the new garage. Jeff will listen to the website and ask Bethany Reamers and Tyler Billingsley for help in writing the grant.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Road Study: AnnaMarie mentioned Sheriff Allen said he would do a study of the Town roads and should have it by the end of the month. AnnaMarie will ask Sheriff Allen to set all town roads at 35mph except Lovers Lane, which should be 15mph or 20mph per Sheriff Allen. Jeff said he thinks all of Route 2 should be 40 mph in the summertime.

Cell Tower Letter- Emily Clark: Emily asked if the Selectboards letter of the informational meeting on Thursday, September 19 has been sent out to the PUC. Jeff said the attorney is taking care of it. He said we felt it better to have the attorney take care of it so we don't drop the ball. The attorney is coming in tonight to talk about the cell tower.

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The AT&T balloon test results, with pictures were sent to the Selectboard on Sept. 10. Emily said the pictures were mislabeled. Emily talked about the project not fitting within the character of the area. Jeff said it should be an interesting meeting Thursday night and we should keep it respectful.

VI. Highway Department Update:

Two Curb Cut Requests:

- **45 Bell Hill Road:** Jeff read the request for a curb cut for property owners Westside Enterprises, Inc., Roy Maynard at 45 Bell Hill Road. Applicant is the same. Highway 19, Bell Hill Road. Location address, 45 Bell Hill Road. Partial ID number 080141, 1.4 acres signed by Roy Maynard. Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman wrote that a drive to be put into standards 15 feet off property line, no culvert needed at this time, must be 12 feet in width with radius. Drive to be pitched away from Town roadway and brush to be cut east and west with proper site distance. Brad signed it 9-12-19 and Roy signed it on August 13, 2019.

Eric Godin motions to approve the 45 Bell Hill Curb Cut for the Maynard's with conditions. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- **55 Lovers Lane:** Jeff read the request for a curb cut for property owner Ceres Zabel, 55 Lovers. Applicant is Joshua Hess, Cedar Ledge Builders, 328 US Route 2 South Hero. Town Highway Lovers Lane parcel ID# 03-02-48.2. Two acres, new driveway entrance. Brand Sheridan, Road Forman wrote driveway to be put into standards 15 feet off property line. An 18-inch culvert, 30feet in length to be installed. Drive to be a minimum of 12 feet in width with radii and pitched away from Town road. Brush and trees to be cut and stumps to be removed, to the north to Faywood Road and proper ditching North and south of access. Brad signed on 9-12-19 and Joshua signed o 8-21-19.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the curb cut for 55 Lovers Lane with conditions. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, four in favor, Rachael Griggs recuses herself and the motion passes.

Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner reported:

- Highway Department started resetting the riprap at Marycrest Beach that got moved around with high water this spring and filling in between with gravel
- Culvert replacement on Moccasin Avenue started this week. There is a lot of signage about the road closing of Moccasin Avenue in the Islander, on FPF and Sheriff Allen has had it dispatched this morning. Ron also notified the Post Office.
- On Saturday Bill Baron called Ron around 3:00AM about a tree down on the corner of Griswold and Sims Point Roads. Ron and Brad cleaned it up.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update:

- Ron Bushway reported he and Ray Allen installed the keys in the Nox Box at the Annex.
- The AED's are all installed and the Block School House roof got started today.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Jeff Parizo motions to allow AnnaMarie to approve and sign the warrants. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Denise Abbott Douglass wanted to make a statement that she appreciated our Selectboard Chair going to the zoning meeting in South Hero last week in reference to the convenient store/gas station going in. It's going to potentially impact all of us.

Ron said he appreciated what the Selectboard did tonight for the special meeting on the garage.

Emily Clark asked if it would be possible to use the new sign at the school for announcing things like special meetings and town happenings. AnnaMarie will talk to the secretary of the school and maybe the principal.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney Client Privilege Discussion: Eric Godin said the Selectboard finds that the issue we are dealing with would place the town at a substantial disadvantage.

Eric Godin said he would like to make a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending or probable litigation having the need to confer with council at 8:20. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric makes a motion to come out of executive session at 9:53PM with no action taken. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in and the motion passes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Eric Godin motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:54PM. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

AnnaMarie DeMars, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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