

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday November 4, 2019
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** AnnaMarie DeMars calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM

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

Board Members Not Present: Diane Cota

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Sue Lawrence, Denise Abbott Douglass, Jerry Hebda, Emily Clark, Jenn Wood, Brad Sheridan, Melissa Boutin and Todd Boutin

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: Opioid Litigation, Appropriations Requests, AT&T and New Garage Updates-Emily

II. **GUESTS:** None

I. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: October 21 & October 25, 2019:**

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of October 21, 2019. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin motions to approve the minutes of October 25, 2019. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. AnnaMarie DeMars, Eric Godin and Jeff Parizo approve, Rachael Griggs abstains and the motion passes.

II. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Town owned land at Island Circle:**

Jeff said he wanted to discuss land the Town owns on Island Circle behind the Sheriff and land the Town owns known as the stump dump.

There is about 9 acres, which is pretty much classified as wetlands and wondered if we should open up a discussion about giving some of that land to the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Allen would be able to use it for a shooting range, as he would like to do some gun safety training. It's just preliminary. The ZAO could do a line adjustment because we are not creating any lots and then have a public hearing.

If no objections we would do a quick claim deed. Jeff will take the lead on this.

- **Opioid Litigation:**

Jeff read part of a letter from State of VT's Attorney General's office inviting Vermont cities and towns to join a Negotiation Class involving opioid related litigation. Vermont cities and towns will be automatically enrolled in the Negotiation Class, unless they opt out by November 22, 2019. Grand Isle will not opt out.

- **Appropriations Requests:**

AnnaMarie asked Rachael if she would contact the two who requested appropriations, Northwestern Counseling and Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation to let them know about the signatures they need to get put on the ballot.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website:**

Rachael said Eric has been trying to get the town website fixed. He will talk with South Hero to see who handles their website. Jeff said we will need to get to the bottom of this.

- **PACIF – Possible RFP and re: Cemetery Insurance:** AnnaMarie will ask the department heads to list all items inside and around the buildings. Sue Lawrence will try to get a list of how much the buildings are insured for. AnnaMarie will contact PACIF inviting them to come and talk to her about what is involved. She will also ask about insuring the solar panels and roof of the Fire Station. Denise Douglass suggested calling the Vermont Banking and Insurance and Emily Clark suggested contacting insurance companies to review every two or three years.

- **Traffic Light at Hyde Rd., E. Shore North and Rt. 2:**

Rachael said she just wanted people who don't travel here often to know that the traffic light has been put back up.

- **Public Safety:** Jeff said we have Stowe's ordinance with numbers 1, 2, and 3 listed below included in their ordinance. Eric said we should discuss these starting at our next meeting. The sheriff wants to have a countywide meeting but we need to get ours done now. This is about safety for both bikers and residents and this will be discussed at our next meeting. AnnaMarie said we should be doing the budgets first. Eric suggested putting a couple ordinances on agendas for each meeting.

1. **Special events ordinance:**

2. **Bikes single file ordinance**

3. **Grass in road ordinance**

4. **Traffic study/speed limits review:**

All above moved to another meeting

5. **All Benefits:** (The benefits package will be reviewed soon)

6. **Town Solar Project:** The solar panels proposed to be on the new fire station were discussed. Fire Chief Todd Boutin said he is concern about holes in the roof and would the roof still be covered under the warrantee. Jerry Hebda said he has solar panels and they are clamped to the roof, not screwed in. Jeff will contact Nate Hayward and DC Energy to get answers to Chief Boutin's concerns. Melissa Boutin explained the benefits and costs of the project. This will be moved to the November 18 Selectboard meeting.

7. **Update on Cell Tower:** Emily Clark asked if there is any update on the cell tower at the Sheriff Department location. Eric said the next piece of news would be coming from Sheriff Allen. Melissa Boutin said they were researching the title today.

8. **Update on New Garage:** Emily Clark also asked for any update on the new garage. Jeff said he would be starting on this very soon.

IV. Highway Department Update: Ron Bushway reported:

- Still hauling sand
- Were very busy clearing trees and branches off the roads after the resent windstorm
- Denise Douglass thanked the highway department
- AnnaMarie said the new culvert and guardrails on Moccasin look very nice

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Buildings Facilities Manager Update:

- Cabin has been winterized.
- Septic tank scheduled to be pumped Thursday
- Left Howard DeMars a message to change the furnace filters in the buildings
- Howard has been working at the library
- Bench at the Log Cabin has been moved to inside the School House for the winter

V. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Jeff Parizo motions to have AnnaMarie DeMars sign the warrants. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **Review and discuss applications for Highway position with Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman and Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner.**

Eric Godin makes a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personal matter citing 1 V.S.A. state statute 313(a)(2) that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. We will be inviting in Brad Sheridan and Ron Bushway. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin said we are coming out of executive at 8:11PM with no decision reached.

- **Personnel with Melissa Boutin – Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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Eric Godin said we are coming out of executive session at 8:48PM with no decision reached.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Eric Godin motions to adjourn at 8:49PM. Jeff Parizo 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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