

GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MINUTES
Monday December 16, 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, Diane Cota and Rachael Griggs

Community Members Present: Donna LeClair, Jerry Hebda, Denise Abbott Douglass, Sheriff Ray Allen, Jean Prouty, Lucille Campbell Ronnie Bushway, Glenda Leake, David Leake, Carol Obuchowski, Evan Cobb, Mark Cobb Sr., Joseph Obuchowski, Colleen Bushway, Melissa Boutin, Emily Clark, Joe Longo, Sue Lawrence, Tim Parizo, Mike Donoghue and Charles Hollon

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: Old Business – Town Insurance

II. GUESTS: Historical Society:

- **Discuss Change of Hours for Historical Site In Summer:** Jean Prouty reported the Historical Society would like to change the current days to 4 and hours to 21.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the Historical Society's request to move to 21 hours per week. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Sheriff Ray Allen:

- **Budget:** Sheriff Allen reported:
 - There is an increase of \$2.50/hr. in the contract rate, which is out of his control
 - There is a 14% increase for health insurance and he always factors in a 2% increase for the staff
 - We have a full staff with twelve sworn in now and have a very diversified group
 - Last year we were number 3 on STATS and this year we improved to number 2.
 - Asking for 50 hours to include two hours on Sundays, currently we are at 48
 - Still planning to hold a County meeting in January, 2020 to discuss bike tours
 - We are at the two year mark without a fatality motor vehicle wise in the County
 - No overdose death in nineteen months in the County and haven't used more than two doses of NarCan
 - Held a defibulator class and are holding first aid and CPR classes
 - He will be ordering NarCans for the Town Offices
- **Land Behind Sheriff's Building:** Jeff said we should not go through the process of dividing this land up. We have two options, do a MOU temporarily or give the land behind the stump dump to the Sheriff's Department, which is land owned by the Town. This would allow the Sheriff's Department to hold trainings and hunter safety classes.
- **Cell Tower Update:** Hoping by the end of the week both sides will be in agreement to for the preliminary signoff. At this point everything is positive. One little bump in the road. There is not a right of way for the cell tower company to access that road. Joe Longo said there is a way to get a temporary right of way and will find the paperwork. Jeff said we might be able to take the rocks out at the stump dump and put a gate there temporarily.

Development Review Board:

- **Requests for Appointment to DRB Board:** Donna LeClair, DRB Clerk requested to approve all the DRB members who are up for renewal. After a discussion it was decided to place an ad in the Islander and at the three posting places around Town and to renew or appoint applicants at the January 6, 2020 Selectboard meeting.

Planning Commission:

- **Requests for Appointment to PC Board:** Melissa Boutin, PC Clerk said to piggyback the Planning Commission request as well. The ad for the PC position for one new person has already been posted and will place an ad as above.

Listers: Errors and Omissions Solar Certificate for Round Barn LLC and GIVFD:

Joe Longo, Lister reported they learned the Town never got a (CPG) Certificate for Public Good for the Round Barn Solar, LLC installation. He found and printed the CPG form and sent the inventory form to the Round Barn Solar, LLC. By law they have 45 days to return it, which they did. It's been operational for two years so we missed two years of it. We are now going to add \$161,850 per year to the grand list for the next 25 years.

The Grand Isle Fire Department does not affect the grand list. The value just needs to be posted for insurance purposes.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the Errors and Omissions solar certificate for the Round Barn LLC and the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- III. Highway Department Update:** Ron Bushway reported that he and Brad Sheridan met Bethany Remmers to inspect a portion of East Shore North Road between Pomakala's, south to Faywood Road. It was decided Ron would contact Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering to inspect the road to be sure it drains properly and get a cost estimate.

Jeff starts to make a motion then after discussion withdraws his motion until we get the quote from East Engineering

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron Bushway reported the monitor heater at the Town Garage building has been inspected.

- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: November 18, 2019:** Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. Four in favor, Eric Godin recuses himself and the motion passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Consider To Correct The Minutes of September 12, 2016:

Diane Cota reported she learned that the LCATV video recording of the September 12, 2016 Selectboard meeting shows that the minutes' description of the motion made by Mark Cobb regarding Island Circle Road is not accurate as to the wording of the motion. Diane Cota states the October 3, 2016 Selectboard action approving the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes should be amended to note a correction to the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes.

Diane Cota moves to amend the October 3, 2016 approval of the September 12, 2016 Selectboard meeting minutes to correct Item V of the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes to accurately state the actual text of a motion by Mark Cobb, that was

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seconded, as follows: "That we do the irrevocable offer of dedication, let the Town attorney work it out with Carl Lisman, Island Circle's attorney; We have a two-year waiting period before Town acceptance, that gets us through two freeze/thaw cycles from September 12, 2016 to September 12, 2018". Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. A brief discussion followed. After no further discussion four vote in favor, Jeff Parizo recused himself and the motion passes.

The incorrect typed minutes of the motion of September 12, 2016 were written as follows. "Mark makes a motion to accept Island Circle as a public road after a two year period (September 12, 2016 to September 12, 2018) and that the Town Attorney will work with Carl Lisman (Island Industrial Corps attorney) to make an amendment to the 2006 agreement. Bill seconds. All in favor."

The difference was the correct motion made was to accept the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication. The incorrect written motion was made was to accept Island Circle Road as a Town highway. A written amendment will be added to the logbook stating the correct motion made by Mark Cobb. The original minutes will not be changed or deleted and will remain as such in the logbook.

Donate to Front Porch Forum Discussion: After a brief discussed it was decided to not donate to for-profit companies.

Budgets: Departments & Committees: Jeff suggested we review all the budgets and add them to the January 6, 2020 meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Town Website Update: Charles Hollon: Eric thanks Charles for taking this on. Joe Longo reported on the talking point list he and Charles put together. The website has been updated and Charles is the IT person from now on. We do want to stay local and it's possible to get Dewyea Compute Consulting LLC. Also, Walter Chestnut might be put on a retainer yearly. Passwords and security will be changed to allow only two people to access the WEB security. Joe suggested having Charles meet monthly with the Selectboard with follow-up information. Charles and Joe are thanked for the work they have put into this.

Jeff Parizo motions to spend up to \$2500 to hire a company to do network operations. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to spend up to \$500 per year for someone to maintain and update the web page. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

New Town Garage:

- **Waive Grand Isle Zoning Permit Fee of \$2219:**
AnnaMarie DeMars motions to waive the Grand Isle Zoning permit fee of \$2,219 for the permit for the new Town garage building. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.
- **Permission for Jeff Parizo To Be The Applicant For The Permit:**
Eric Godin moves that the Selectboard have Jeff Parizo to be the applicant for the permit for the new Town garage. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. Four are in favor, Jeff Parizo abstains and the motion passes.

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Ron Bushway thanks Jeff for taking the lead for helping on helping with this garage project. He has done a lot of work on it.

- **Town Insurance:** AnnaMarie reported that she and Ron inspected all the Town's properties with the insurance agent who will put together replacement values. We will meet again once the report comes in.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Jeff Parizo motions to allow AnnaMarie DeMars, Chair to review and sign the warrants. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Discussion: Eric Godin moves that we go into executive session to discuss a personnel discussion acknowledging that premature knowledge would cause harm to either the town or that person inviting Joe Longo to join us. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin motions to come out of executive session at 8:45PM with a motion to pay Charles Hollon for the work he has done on the website at the rate of \$20 per hour for a total of 21 hours. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin moves we create a position for a Town I.T. Administrator, Charles Hollon at a rate of \$25 per hour moving forward from this point. Rachael Griggs seconds. Discussion, the term ends December 31, 2020. All in favor and the motion passes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Parizo motions to adjourn at 8:47. Eric Godin 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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