

GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES of
Monday January 20, 2020

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

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

Community Members Present: 25 Community members in attendance.

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:
Pumping Basements - Denise Abbott-Douglass

AnnaMarie read a brief message about the budgets.

II. GUESTS: Proposed Cell Tower at the Sheriff's Department: Representing AT&T; Jennell Smith, Sohail Usmani and Attorney Will Dodge from DRM.

Due to a possible conflict of interest Rachael Griggs recused herself from the discussion and left the table.

Attorney Dodge gave a power point with photos explaining the Cell Tower location at the Sheriff's Department site. It was noted the Town will not be paying any money for the cell tower. The Selectboard has a MOU to send to the Town attorney for review. The Town attorney will then draft a letter of recommendation for the Board to review and sign.

The representatives from AT&T were thanked for a very informative presentation.

Rachael Griggs returned to the table.

Library Budget Discussion: Library Board members Karen Allen-Chair, Glenda Leake, Colleen Bushway and Kate O'Neill were present to discuss the Library budgets line items the Selectboard reduced.

Cemetery Budget Discussion: Ilyo McCray-Vice Chair Sue Lawrence and Lucille Campbell were present to discuss the Cemetery budgets line items the Selectboard reduced. Rachael was asked to read the letter to the Selectboard from the Cemetery Commission regarding their budget.

Website I.T. Updates: Charles Hollon I.T. Administrator: Charles gave an update on the computers and website. He will be looking into opening a FPF and FaceBook account with a link so information such as notices, agendas and minutes will be available to more people.

III. Highway Department Update: Ron Bushway-Road Commissioner reported the Highway Department followed procedures for an ice storm preparedness and got the equipment ready in case we had another major ice storm. He said the lake is high and clogged culverts were cleared. Ron said he has posted the permit for the new Town Garage.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron Bushway-BFM reported the lead paint inspection at the Annex was completed and it went well. He asked AnnaMarie if she has furnished the insurance information to PACIF. AnnaMarie said she still needs the information on the cemetery fence and will then send the information in.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: January 6, and January 9, 2020

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Diane Cota motions to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Road Commissioner and Buildings Facilities Appointed Positions: Jeff Parizo makes a motion that we approve Ron Bushway as Road Commissioner and as Buildings Facilities Manager for a three-year term for both positions. Diane Cota seconds the motion. Discussion followed. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Pumping Basements: Denise Abbott Douglass asked what the protocol is for pumping out basements during an ice storm. Jeff it's not the Towns responsibility to pump out basements. There is a liability there and it's a homeowner's responsibility.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Table to future date:

1. **Templet from VLCT (N. Hero Personnel Policy)**
2. **Personnel Policies**

Jeff Parizo motions to table to a future date the Templet from VLCT and the Personnel Policies. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Review and Approve Budgets for the Town Report: The following budgets were reviewed.

- **Highway Department:** Jeff Parizo motions to approve the \$452,947 for (FY 2021) Highways budget. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Ron Bushway asked about the line item for the Emerald Ash Borer for tree removal.

Jeff Parizo motions to allow the Town to put on the ballot a \$10,000 request for the Emerald Ash Borer beetle to take care of trees in our right of way. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

- **Solid Waste:** Jeff said their request went down for FY 2021. Jeff Parizo moves to approve the Transfer Stations (FY 2021) budget of \$72,247.00. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.
- **Zoning:** Jeff said the Zoning request also went down for FY 2021. Jeff Parizo motions to approve Zoning Office budget for \$22,255. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Municipal, Clerk/Treasurer:

- **Municipal Clerk:** Jeff Parizo motions for the Town Office that we approve the (Municipal Clerk's FY 2021 budget) of \$420,764. Eric Godin seconds the motion. After brief discussion all in favor and the motion passes.
- **Municipal Treasurer:** Jeff Parizo motions for the Town to approve the \$123,980 (Municipal Treasurer's FY 2021 budget). Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.
- **Articles.:** Jeff Parizo motions to approve \$158,370 for the articles. Diane seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.
- **County Budget:** Jeff said as for the County budget we don't have any choice about it. The County is asking \$543,909 for FY 2021 proposed budget.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Jeff Parizo authorizes AnnaMarie DeMars to review and sign the warrants. That's a motion. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matter: Jeff Parizo motions 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. Eric Godin seconds. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to come out of executive session at 10:37PM with no decision made. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Eric Godin motions to adjourn at 10:38PM. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Date: February 3, 2020

AnnaMarie DeMars
AnnaMarie DeMars, Selectboard Chair

Date: 2-3-2020