

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES of
Monday February 17, 2020**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** AnnaMarie DeMars, Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:59PM

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

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Colleen Bushway, Lucille Campbell, Jean Prouty, Denise Abbott Douglass, Sheriff Ray Allen, Glenda Leake, David Leake and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: ** Items added to tonight's agenda

II. **GUESTS:**

Sheriff Allen - Land Behind Sheriff's Department:

- Sheriff Allen was present to sign the Right of Entry Agreement
- Jeff described the agreement for the land at 10 Island Circle Road located behind the Sheriff's building
- Town of Grand Isle and Sheriff's attorneys have vetted and signed off on this agreement for an MOU with Sheriff Allen so he can use this land come spring for hunter safety and other things
- This temporary agreement would be in place until such time we are able to deed the land over to Ray if we are in agreement in the future or near future
- We just have to warn it for 30 days and if anyone has a problem; they can make a petition

Diane Cota makes a motion to approve the Right of Entry Agreement with the Grand Isle Sheriff's Department and to have AnnaMarie DeMars as our Chair to sign this. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

AnnaMarie and Sheriff Allen sign the agreement and a copy was given to the Sheriff.

Historical Society - Liability Insurance on Town Buildings: AnnaMarie said she still has not heard back from VLCT on her request for information on liability insurance on Town buildings. She is going to send an email to them again. Jean Prouty said she wants the information in writing. After Town Meeting we need to get other insurance companies in and get quotes.

Jean said she also wanted to discuss the wages for Historical Society employees. This is to be discussed under Old Business - Wage Schedules.

III. **Highway Department Update:** Ron Bushway said there isn't much going on except plowing snow. They have been helping out South Hero with snow plowing as well. Brad's insurance papers have been taken care of.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: The Community Service person has been cleaning outside the garage and hopes to get some cleaning done in some buildings.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: February 3, 2020: Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

****Michael Inners to attend Town Meeting, regarding Consolidated School**

Presentation: Rachael will contact Michael and let him know he is welcome to attend the Selectboard meeting on February 24 as well as Town Meeting and give a CIUUSD presentation.

****State Police Letter:** AnnaMarie read a letter from the VT State Police letting the Board know they don't have enough people to send someone here to talk with us. They said if we would like to go there to speak, they are ok with it.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Date & Time Change for Town Meeting on School Sign: AnnaMarie has asked and asked and was told it is only to be used for school related events. She is going to contact the school again because the sixth grade is going to have a food sale. This is school related.

Rules of Procedure Update: Rachael said she would like to consolidate letter F information so we can hand out copies at meetings. Everyone is in agreement.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the Rules of Procedure for the Grand Isle Selectboard dated for February, 17, 2020. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

East Engineering Quote for Library/Town Office Building: Jeff said whatever money is spent for these permits would be paid back when the bond is approved. Having the permits in place would save a lot of time. This stays with the land. The Library is in agreement to lend some money for this and would also be reimbursed when the bond is approved. The money would go back into the General Fund and back to the Library.

Jeff Parizo motions to accept the East Engineering Civil Infrastructure proposal for the Town Library/Community Room/Town Office of \$25,000. Eric Godin seconds, Jeff amends motion adding we will receive half the funds of this particular process to offset the cost of the Town from the Library with the stipulation they will get paid back once the bond is approved. Diane Cota seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Discuss Announcements When Taxes are Due: Diane Cota said this was brought to her attention. It was mentioned there is a notice in the tax bill stating when the taxes are due. There is a sign on Rt.2 for a month and with the additions of Front Porch Forum, Face Book and the Town's website it isn't necessary to do any more.

EMD Report Due: Diane read the information from VLCT which states the EMD report is due every year between Town Meeting and May first.

****Town Meeting Moderator:** Eric said all that is needed for Ron Bushway to stand in as moderator for Ben Ingalls at this year's Town Meeting is for Ben to write a letter stating he is unable to attend this year and Ron can take his place. Rachael will contact Ben.

****Hold Selectboard Meeting on March 2:** Jeff said he feels we should have a meeting on March 2 because we have a lot to do. After discussion it was decided to hold a regular scheduled Selectboard meeting on March 2, 6:30 at the Library. Jeff said he would like to move the rest of the wage schedules to an executive session at the March 2nd Selectboard meeting.

Wage Schedules: Jeff said we have to do \$10.96 for Historical employees until we see the numbers and we get a budget. Jean Prouty said they aren't going to do a budget and was told at the next budget review a budget will be needed. Jean said minimum wage was not paid to two employees. Jeff said they will be paid minimum wage.

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: ** AT&T - A Temporary License Agreement: Jeff Parizo motions to go into executive session 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 the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin motions to come out of executive session at 8:00PM with a motion on the floor to have the Chair of the Grand Isle Selectboard, AnnaMarie DeMars sign the Temporary License Agreement between the Town of Grand Isle and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Parizo motions to adjourn at 8:00PM. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Date: February 24, 2020

AnnaMarie DeMars
AnnaMarie DeMars, Selectboard Chair

Date: Feb. 24, 2020

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