

GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES of
Monday October 19, 2020 – via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER: Diane Cota, Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM

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

Community Members Present: David Roy-Wiemann & Lamphere Architect, Emily Clark, Ron Bushway and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: Jeff would like to set up special Selectboard meeting for a site meeting at the new town garage.

II. GUESTS: David Roy, Wiemann & Lamphere Architect – New Garage Update: David Roy said there is not a lot he needs to report. No requisitions newer than the one he presented at the last meeting. There are a couple change orders he will discuss when we meet on site.

Jeff Parizo said there are some change orders that he will send to the Board to review before we meet. He wants to have the contractor and David Roy present. One of the changes orders we did approve was the \$5900 for the electrical. The change orders amount is \$26,000 plus. He feels there is some savings but hasn't seen them yet. David Roy continued with his update saying the schedule is pretty much the same. We are getting to the point where we are weather tight and starting to work on the interior. We are waiting to set up the meeting to go over the changes with the contractor as well.

The Board and David agreed to meet at the new Town Highway Building site on Thursday, October 22 at 5:00PM. This will not be a Zoom meeting and anyone attending must wear a mask.

III. Highway Department Update: Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner reported:

- Stone-lined ditching on East Shore North Road is complete. Grant money received from VT Local Roads was used to pay for this project. (Note correction from November 2 meeting. Ron said they had not received the \$6,710.00 grant money from VT Local Roads yet to pay for this project). Diane has signed the application and Ron said we should still get the grant money.
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- Helped South Hero haul their sand and started hauling ours last week. As of this morning we have 200 yards.
- Hauled gravel to the new site for the driveway and special gravel for the salt shed

Diane asked if they have a date for the roadside mowing. Ron said Brad does have it on his schedule and they plan to finish the mowing.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Nothing going on, and there are no complaints. They are pretty much concentrating on the salt shed. Hoping to break ground this week and the footings should be in this week as well. Harrison will come in and pour the walls and pad for propane tank and generator fuel station.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: October 12, 2020: Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. After brief discussion regarding the start date of the salt shed reserve fund all vote in favor and the motion passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Budgets: Sheriff's Department Budget: Sheriff Allen was unable to attend tonight's meeting. A brief discussion regarding increasing the number of hours for coverage per week and that other Towns need to do this as well. The Sheriff said Grand Isle and South Hero have extra hours but if they receive a call from one of the other three towns they have to respond which means we are paying for the extra responses to the other three towns. This will be discussed at the November 2 meeting with the sheriff.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Transfer Station Certification: The certification numbers are in a file in the Town vault. Diane and Rachael will meet Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the town office and fill out the certification form.

Electronic Road Speed Sign for Adams School Road: Adam has talked with Sheriff Ray Allen who said they have an electronic speed sign that records the data and it was put on the Adams School Road. It was removed after the data was recorded. Some repair will be made it will be put back up.

The Board discussed and approved moving forward with monitoring the speed on all roads with the Sheriff to be able to change the speed of all Town roads to be 35MPH, with the exception of Class 4 roads.

There was a discussion on budgets and reviewing them:

The Boards and Commissions should really take a look at their prior years' budgets and actual amounts spent. If there are ways they can cut and reduce it because they are not utilizing the funds that's what they should be doing, not just level funding.

Diane will be contacting the Boards and Commissions to schedule their review and ask them to have their budgets ready for the Boards review a week before the meeting.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Jeff Parizo motions to allow the Chair of the Selectboard to sign the warrants via email. Adam White seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal Matter: Litigation – Island Industrial, LLC

Rachael Griggs motions to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter, Litigation with Island (~~Cirele~~) Industrial, LLC 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. Adam White seconds the motion. No further discussion. Jeff Parizo recuses himself at 6:46PM and signs off Zoom. Four vote in favor and the passes.

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Adam White motions to come out of executive session 6:54PM. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Adam White motions that Diane Cota as Chair of the Selectboard reaches out to John Klesch the Towns attorney with Stitzel, Page and Fletcher to continue with the appeal file with Island Industrial LLC to move the appeal process forward. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. After brief discussion all vote in favor and the motion passes.

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Rachael Griggs motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:56PM. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Date: November 2, 2020

Diane Cota
Diane Cota, Selectboard Chair

Date: Dec 14, 2020