

GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD

AGENDA for SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, January 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER: Diane Cota-Chair calls the meeting to order at 10:00AM

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

Community Members Present: Joe Longo, Ron Bushway, Melissa Boutin and Mike Donoghue

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: Rearrange the 4 items to discuss.

II. DISCUSS FOR 2020 TOWN REPORT:

• **Mail to all active voters absentee ballots:**

Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk said the Secretary of State gave approval to mail out absentee ballots to all active voters listed on the Town's check list. Jeff asked about the cost. Melissa said the State is paying for mailing out the ballots but as for returning the ballots by mail the voter is responsible for putting on their own stamps. It was also mentioned for those who wish to vote in person at the Town Office they need to bring the ballot and inside envelope with them.

Jeff Parizo motions to mail absentee ballots to all active voters on the Grand Isle check list. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

• **Age Well Appropriation:**

Diane mention that Age Well (previously Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) took over Meals on Wheels and these meals were flash frozen and disbursed out of Rutland. She had spoken with a CIDER representative who said CIDER lost a lot of funding because of this. It was also mentioned that at a previous Selectboard meeting we would approve appropriations' requests received in the last five years. Age Well's last request was in 2014.

Rachael Griggs motions to rescind the (following) motion made on January 18, 2021.

"Jeff Parizo motions to approve the Age Well (appropriation) for \$1200 and Grand Isle Lakeshore Restoration for \$10,000. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes."

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the appropriation request for Lakeshore Restoration Association for \$10,000. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

• **Review final budget and approval:**

Melissa explained the edits to finalize the Town's budget which included adding \$1650 to the Zoning budget for mapping services. She still hasn't heard from the County Clerk for the final total. The Board agreed to leave it as is if she doesn't hear of any change when it's time to print the ballots.

Also added an additional line item to the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department to increase capital equipment reserve from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Ron Bushway said he spoke with Bill Baron about the amount for the Emerald Ash Borer and was told that at last year's meeting it was agreed to add \$10,000 per year. Melissa said it is included in this coming FY budget.

Jeff Parizo motions to rescind the following motion made at the January 18, 2021. "Adam White makes a motion for us to approve the Town budget at \$1,344,152.00 plus corrections to be added to the Zoning and the County tax. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motions passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the Town budget in the amount of \$1,360,578.00 with corrections to be added to the County tax. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

• **Approve Official Warning:**

Diane said the first, second and forth items on the warning do not need to be voted on. Item three regarding delinquent taxes will be added to the ballot.

Adam White motions to approve the official warning for the annual meeting for the Town of Grand Isle Information Session for the Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 2:00PM via Zoom and Town meeting day items to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 with corrections discussed during this meeting to the Warning. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Mike Donoghue questioned not mentioning the hours for voting on March 2nd. Adam said the warning has them as 7:00AM to 7:00PM

- III. **ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie DeMars motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:32PM. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

February 24, 2021
Date

Diane Cota
Diane Cota, Selectboard Chair

February 28, 2021
Date

01-29-2021