

Grand Isle Select Board

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Monday, October 25th, 2021 at 6:00pm at Grand Isle Town Office and via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present: Jeff Parizo – Chair; AnnaMarie DeMars – Vice-Chair; Ron Bushway; Adam White; Eric Godin

Community Members Present: Melissa Boutin; Colleen Bushway; Dave Capen; Mike Donoghue; Tonya Poutry; Emily Clark; Randy Gover; Linda Effel; Esther Blow; Joe Longo; Lucille Campbell; Bianca Adams; Ken Murvis; Bill Hall

Board Members to Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

BCA Meeting – Review and Approve Minutes

Jeff moves the 6 Sloop Rd Issue to the beginning of the meeting.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING BYLAWS CHANGE

Jeff Parizo asks if there are any questions regarding the new changes to the zoning bylaws. David Capen says he has a couple questions. David asks if elements of the Vermont shoreline protection act can still be enforced by the town ZAO in addition to the state. Dave says he is asking this because the state is shorthanded when it comes to enforcement. Dave says that he wants to make sure that residents can report violations to the zoning administrator. Adam White says that the town is not deferring everything to the state, and that the town and ZAO would be the initial enforcement officer. Adam goes on to say that the bylaw change just says that the town will follow the states guidance. Jeff says that for the zoning administrator to act on any violation takes a lot of time and patience. Emily Clark says that the change in wording would allow the bylaws to remain fluid as the Shoreline Protection Act changes. David Capen then asks about section 7, saying there have been phrases removed regarding the 5 year period involved in determining the type of division of a parcel. Adam White says that he doesn't believe that issue is before the board. The proposed changes are the setbacks and criteria for approval and conditions regarding wireless communications permits. Adam says that the Board is not aware of any other changes. David asks if the Board will look into the changes he sees. David says he has no more questions. Adam asks what the reasoning was behind the new proposed 500ft setback for cell towers. Emily Clark says that the verbiage was added to try and retain the character of the area should another cell tower be proposed within the town. There is discussion about the definition of the term 'dwelling' and it is determined that a dwelling is any structure that is a building designed or used as a seasonal or permanent living quarters for one or more families. A family means one or more persons living as a household. ***Adam White moves to approve the bylaw changes to the setbacks clause and to criteria for approval of conditions for part I-1 regarding cell tower structure setbacks. Eric Godin seconds. No further discussion. Jeff calls the vote, which passes unanimously.***

III. GUEST OPEN COMMENT

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3RD MEETING

Ron Bushway moves to approve the minutes from August 3rd. Adam White seconds. No further discussion. Jeff calls the vote, which passes unanimously.

BCA Meeting: AnnaMarie Demars says she wanted to bring attention to the BCA meeting being held Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00pm, as it pertains to the possible split of the town of Grand Isle into two representative districts, with part of the town being grouped with South Hero and Milton, and the northern part of the town being grouped with the northern Island towns and St. Albans.

V. OLD BUSINESS

6 Sloop Rd: Jeff Parizo says he had asked the town attorney about where things stood regarding 6 Sloop road, and summarized the response. Jeff says that the Select Board has the next step, authorizing the attorney to commence the enforcement action. Jeff says that the town can file for a preliminary injunction to prevent any more violations from occurring. *Jeff Parizo moves to authorize the town attorney to commence the zoning enforcement action in the environmental division based on the September 28th notice of violation issued to Michael Gordon, Jennifer Place, and James Abbey based on the violations at the 6 Sloop Rd property. Adam White seconds. No further discussion. Jeff calls the vote, which passes unanimously.*

VI. NEMRC TRAINING

Jeff Parizo says that Wendy Wilton is present from NEMRC.
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VII. ADJOURNMENT

AnnaMarie Demars moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Adam White seconds. No discussion. Jeff calls the vote, which passes unanimously.