

Grand Isle Select Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting for
Monday, February 14th, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Esther Blow; Melissa Boutin; Joe Longo; Josie Leavitt; Jonathan DeBono; Ken Tourville; Mitchel Richardson; Mike Donoghue; Susan Lawrence

Board Members to Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

Question about town road and bridge standards – Ron – Old Business
Lister’s ad in the Islander – Jeff – Old Business

II. GUEST OPEN COMMENT

Esther Blow says that in her experience dealing with audits for Fire District #4, that fraud questionnaire’s are standard practice for audits, referencing the debate at the last meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License for Emmons Supermarket: Jeff says that the Board has received a 2022 liquor license renewal form from Emmon’s Supermarket for a second-class license to sell malt and vineous beverages. ***Jeff Parizo moves to approve the liquor license for Emmon’s Supermarket to sell malt and vineous beverages. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds. No discussion. Jeff calls the vote, which passes unanimously.***

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Sign Bond Documents: Jeff Parizo says that the document to be signed is regarding the bond for the new town garage. Jeff says that the document was prepared by the attorneys for the Vermont Bond bank, along with a loan agreement and maturity schedule, with a principal amount of \$52,381 per year. Jeff summarizes the remainder of the documents and says that he is okay with approving the documents, but would like to have the town attorney review them. Eric Godin says that he agrees with that in practice, but these documents have a deadline due in the next few days, and there isn’t enough time to have the attorney review them and have another meeting before the deadline would hit. ***Jeff Parizo moves to accept the documents and the 2022 municipal bond bank sale and paperwork. Eric Godin seconds.*** Josie Leavitt says she thinks that the document should be reviewed, as there is a lot of money being paid, and there could be a mistake in the contract. Josie asks how long the Board has had the documents. Eric explains that the town clerk has been working very hard to compile all the documents. Jeff says that these documents came in on February 8th and needed to be signed and turned around quickly. Jeff says that he will send the document for

review. *Jeff calls the vote, which passes unanimously.*

Scribe Ad Date Discussion: Eric Godin says that he would like to set the end date for the scribe ad for the day of the second meeting in April, to allow time for applicants to send in letters. The Board agrees. No further discussion.

Lister's Ad in Islander: Jeff Parizo asks if Eric ran the Lister's position ad in the Islander again. Eric says that he did not, as he was pretty sure the listers had run the ad themselves. Susan Lawrence says the Lister's office ran an ad in the Islander for 3 weeks, and received two responses, one of which decided he didn't want the position, and the other response was from Diane Cota. It is agreed to run the ad again in the Islander to make sure everything was compliant with statute. Joe Longo asks why there is a delay. Eric explains that per state statute the Board has to handle the issue. There is discussion about the timeline for turning the documents around. Melissa Boutin says that she got an email from the Bond bank regarding the document on February 3rd, saying that the deadline for the documents they would be sending needed to be turned around by the 17th of February. There is further discussion about the process involved and having the document vetted by the attorney.

Road and Bridge Standards: Ron Bushway asks if the Road and Bridge standards have been signed. Eric Godin says that he thinks that the Board had discussed it fairly recently. Ron says the highway department is filling out grants for paving, and thought it had already been signed. Melissa Boutin says that last years documents were signed late, and this year's should be signed in the spring.

V. ADJOURNMENT

AnnaMarie DeMars moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm. Eric Godin seconds. No discussion. Jeff calls the vote which passes unanimously.

Select Board Scribe: _____
Eric Godin

Select Board Chair: _____
Jeff Parizo