08-17-2026 Selectboard Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2026, 6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called to order the Grand Isle Selectboard Meeting for Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM at 9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, Vermont, and via Zoom.

a. Board Members Present:

Present: Jeff Parizo, Ron Bushway, Jennifer Morway, Aimee Cochran, Ellen Howrigan

b. Board Members via Zoom:

No board members attended via Zoom.

c. Community Members Present:

Jeanne Prouty, Colleen Bushway, Sally Picard, Lucille Campbell, Steve Moore, Jim Hoag, Rachael Griggs, Melissa Boutin, Sara Santor.

d. Community Members via Zoom:

Lynda Morgan Gardner, Paul Hansen, Melissa Howes, Kayli Barber, Michael Miller.

II. Amend Agenda for Matters NOT Listed

The Chair asked if any board members or members of the public wished to amend the agenda for matters not listed. No amendments were proposed.

III. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

IV. Review and Approve Minutes

a. 08/03/26 Minutes

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2026 meeting.

> Motion to approve the August 3, 2026 minutes with corrections was made by Board Member Jeff Parizo and seconded by Board Member Ron Bushway. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Guests

No guests were formally listed for this portion of the agenda.

VI. Review and Sign Warrants

The Chair called for a motion regarding the warrants.

> A motion that the Selectboard Chair sign the warrants was made by Board Member Parizo and seconded by Board Member Bushway. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Financials

Chair Morway noted that formal financials were not yet available for review. However, she reported that Treasurer Melissa Boutin had provided an updated delinquent tax figure as of that day. The delinquent tax balance stood at $187,206, representing a collection of approximately $27,472 since the last meeting — a period of roughly three weeks. The Chair characterized the progress as "a pretty good number going in the right direction," and no further questions were raised by board members.

VIII. Highway Department Update

a. Sign grant agreement for Municipal Mitigation Grants in Aid FY27 - GA1262

The Chair reported that the Board was being asked to sign two separate agreements. The first was grant agreement GA1262, a Municipal Mitigation Grant in Aid for Fiscal Year 27, in the amount of $8,000 with a 20% match requirement of $2,000 in-kind, to be completed by September 30, 2027. The specific project location had not yet been determined, as the Town was waiting for an updated map to identify the most concerning area — similar to the previously completed Marycrest project.

> Motion to approve the Municipal Mitigation Grant GA1262 was made by Board Member Parizo and seconded by Board member Bushway. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was an agreement related to the Statewide HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program, Parenthesis 17) small-scale local highway safety improvement program grant. The Chair explained that while the award had been confirmed, the amount was not yet known, and the agreement was a precondition to receiving the funds — including a verification that the Town was not subject to certain disqualifying rules, which it was not.

> Motion to approve the Statewide HSIP (17) agreement was made by Board Member Parizo and seconded by Board member Howrigan. The motion carried unanimously.

b. East Shore North road construction project

Highway Department Road Foreman Steve Moore presented findings and a proposed plan for East Shore North Road, which he described as the worst road in town. He explained that test pit information provided by the engineer revealed no road base whatsoever on that road — only approximately one inch of base stone beneath the pavement before hitting clay soils. The engineer recommended a full reconstruction: tearing the road out down to the clay, installing road fabric and 18 inches of stone, and then repaving.

More provided a rough cost estimate of approximately $123,000, noting that a significant portion of the work could be done in-house using Town equipment and labor. He explained that the paving portion — estimated to represent a large share of the total cost — would be covered by the Town's existing annual paving budget of approximately $65,000–$70,000. The remaining material costs — road fabric, roller rental, and stone — were estimated at approximately $45,000, which More proposed drawing from the Highway Department's fund balance.

More outlined the phased schedule: this fall, crews would perform clearing on the east side of the road to allow for re-ditching in the spring. By midsummer, when conditions dry out, they would begin reconstruction starting at the intersection of Faywood and East Shore North, proceeding down to Pomykala's farm stand first, then completing the remaining section — a sequencing designed to avoid disrupting farm traffic from both directions.

The Board inquired about the Highway fund balance, which was estimated at approximately $595,000, meaning the $45,000 expenditure would bring it to roughly $550,000 — leaving a healthy reserve.

Board Member Parizo was strongly supportive, noting: "I think it's a no-brainer. They're gonna be using their equipment, their labor. They've got the money. We need to fix it. Let's fix it." He also noted that if grant funding could be identified in the future, it could help offset costs, though Moore acknowledged that most structural grants tend to be for larger culvert projects.

> Motion to authorize the Highway Department to proceed with the East Shore North road construction project at the Bob Pomykala section and to spend up to $45,000 for materials out of the Highway Department fund balance, with paving to be covered under the existing annual paving budget, was made by Board Member Parizo and seconded by Board member Bushway. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Discussion regarding adding a third highway dept. employee

Road Foreman Steve More opened a discussion regarding the potential addition of a highway department employee. He framed this as a preliminary conversation to gauge board interest before doing detailed budget work.

More described his vision for the position: a 30 to 40-hour-per-week role, potentially structured as Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday on 10-hour days, to simplify scheduling. He explained several key motivations:

First, the position would free him up to pursue professional development and administrative work that he currently cannot attend to because he is "in the field all the time, basically." He cited specific missed opportunities, including classes on blacktop maintenance and timing of repaving, as well as road salt reduction courses offered through Vermont Local Roads — the latter of which Board Member Parizo flagged as particularly important, noting that Grand Isle is an island community and the state is likely to mandate salt reduction in the near future. "We live on an island," Parizo said, "and the state's gonna force salt reduction pretty soon. It all flows into the lake? Yep. So of all towns that's important, it's this one."

Second, More explained that the department hauls approximately 200 loads of material per year — fill sand, road sand, and road materials — which pulls him and the current staff away from ditching, brush cutting, and other maintenance work. A third person dedicated to hauling, including dumpster runs at the transfer station, would allow the other two staff members to remain productive on field maintenance tasks. He noted that the department hauled 50 dumpsters in the past year, with some weeks seeing as many as three loads.

Third, More noted that a third person would allow more work to be done in-house, including tree cutting. He suggested that the department could rent a basket lift for approximately $1,000 per week rather than paying a tree service $3,000 per day, handling the non-hazardous removals themselves — particularly relevant in light of the ongoing emerald ash borer crisis.

More also noted the growing volume of administrative paperwork he is required to manage — including grant documentation for the library project, transfer station inspections, and permit reporting — and suggested that freeing up field time for another employee would allow him to manage those duties more effectively.

Board Member Parizo expressed support, stating he had been a proponent of this idea for several years and that "with the highway department we have and the direction it's heading, it only makes sense." He also pointed to the increasing severity of weather events, referencing the recent storm that impacted North Hero: "These weather events are gonna continue to happen. We all know that. Weather's changing."

Board member Parizo also pointed out that the transfer station would continue to fund the labor time attributable to its operations — partially offsetting the net cost increase. More also suggested that bringing lawn maintenance in-house could save approximately $11,000, and that the per diem budget of approximately $29,000 could be redirected toward the new position.

Chair Morway noted that the Board supported the concept in principle but needed detailed budget numbers before making any formal decision. More agreed that he would develop those figures and present them at the budget meeting rather than at an interim meeting. The Chair encouraged him to show specifically "where the numbers are coming from" when he presents.

No formal action was taken. The matter was deferred to the upcoming budget process.

IX. Buildings Facilities Manager Update

Board Member Bushway transitioned into a brief update on the transfer station, which was reviewed during the East Shore North discussion and continued under this agenda item. He reported that the transfer station had recently been inspected by the Agency of Natural Resources — an occurrence he noted had not happened in all his years working there.

The inspector found the facility to be overall very well managed but identified several compliance items:

- Refrigerators and air conditioners must not be accepted unless they have been emptied of refrigerant; if received, they must be carefully placed on top of the load.
- Metal in the burn pile was noted as an issue.
- Heating oil tanks need to have sludge cleaned out before acceptance.
- Fire extinguishers are not to be accepted at all and must be directed to a hazardous waste facility.
- Tires must be included in the retract waste report, which Town Treasurer Melissa Boutin handles.

Board member Busway reported that Treasurer Boutin joined him and Road Foreman Steve More for a 7:00 AM working session to finalize responses to the inspection findings. He emphasized her critical role in the reporting process and that a formal response had been submitted.

Board member Bushway also announced that the second Free Metal Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th.

X. IT Update

There has been ongoing difficulty obtaining access to the Town's GoDaddy account, which is required to gain control of the Town's grandislevt.org domain name in order to move over to the new website. The primary obstacle has been obtaining an IRS verification letter, which can only be obtained by calling the IRS directly — and the IRS has not been accepting calls consistently. The board member noted: "It says try back again tomorrow. So it's been frustrating." Despite this, the Town's web developer (Paul, attending via Zoom) and the Selectboard Administrator have continued to work through the issue.

Regarding the Town Facebook page, Selectboard Administrator Sara Santor recommended giving up on regaining access to the old page and suggested starting a fresh page instead.

Paul Hansen of Ecopixel, attending via Zoom, provided additional context on the domain situation. He explained that the Town must retain the grandislevt.org domain name for security reasons — even if it is no longer actively used as a primary site — to prevent it from being claimed by others. He noted there is a formal dispute process available, though it is typically used in trademark disputes, and expressed confidence that the issue could be resolved through GoDaddy directly.

A board member noted that there had been previous attempts to contact Kevin at SNS (the Town's former IT provider transition partner), and that no response had been received. It was noted that the root cause of the access problem stemmed from when the Town migrated from Rural to SNS and began the dot-gov licensing process for Microsoft email — a transition that required transferring the dot-org domain, at which point access was lost.

The board member confirmed that the dot-gov infrastructure is set and fully functional; the only outstanding issue is regaining control of the dot-org domain. Paul confirmed: "From my end, the website's been ready to go live for a month. So we're just trying to get ahold of the domain name... we just need it for the address that you're currently using because, otherwise, people wouldn't know that your website had changed."

No formal action was taken. The matter remains ongoing with no estimated timeline for resolution.

XI. New Business

a. FY27 Proposed tax rate

Town Treasurer Melissa Boutin presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 municipal tax rate. She reported that she had distributed worksheets to all board members that included the full general budget, all items voted on separately, the grand list as lodged, the state's announced education rates for homestead and nonresidential properties, and the veterans' exemption threshold that Grand Isle had previously voted to extend.

Boutin proposed a FY27 municipal tax rate of 0.4313, representing an increase of 0.0246 compared to the FY26 rate of 0.4067.

She then presented the combined rates when the state's education levies are included:

- Homestead: The state set the homestead education rate at 1.9885, yielding a combined rate of $2.4198 — up from FY26's combined homestead rate of $2.3205.
- Nonresidential: The state set the nonresidential education rate at 1.69658, yielding a combined rate of $2.3971 — compared to FY26's nonresidential combined rate of $2.3099.

A board member asked for clarification on the $4.7 million figure referenced in the worksheets. Boutin explained that this represents the grand list value — arrived at by the listers' work during the year — and that the municipal tax rate is derived by dividing the amount needed to be raised by this grand list figure.

Chair Morway noted that while the state portion of the rate increase is significant, Grand Isle's rates remain among the lowest across the island towns, with only Alburgh coming in slightly lower. The Board expressed no pleasure at the increase but acknowledged it reflected the voted school and state budget.

Motion to accept the municipal tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027 at 0.4313 was made by Board Member Howrigan and seconded by Vice Chair Cochran. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Review and sign MOU for fire station to continue to be the state public POD (Point of Distribution) site

Chair Morway introduced a Memorandum of Understanding between Grand Isle Fire, the Town of Grand Isle, and the State of Vermont, designating the Grand Isle Fire Station as a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Point of Distribution (POD) site for a five-year term. The Chair noted this is related to emergency management.

A question was briefly raised regarding whether the Town falls within the Burlington Metropolitan Statistical Area, as referenced in the MOU. The Board concluded that the Town is likely not within that designation but agreed the approval should stand, as it did not affect the substantive intent of the agreement.

> Motion to approve the MOU designating the Grand Isle Fire Station as a state public Point of Distribution (POD) site for a five-year term was made by Board Member Parizo and seconded by Vice Chair Cochran. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. Old Business

a. Approve draft town charter and legal notice for 1st public hearing

Chair Morway reported that she and Vice Chair Cochran had followed up with the Town Attorney regarding Section 3, Appointed Officers, subsection (e), item 8 of the proposed town charter — a provision that had been flagged at the previous meeting as potentially rendering all appointed officials at-will employees.

Following consultation with the attorney, the language was revised. The updated provision reads: "All those serving in appointed positions, either as a member of a board or commission or separate office, may be removed from office in accordance with state law or, if state law is silent, in accordance with the town's personnel policy."

The Chair explained that Vermont statutes were reviewed for each appointed position. The relevant statutes are:

- Town Treasurer: Title 17 VSA § 2651(f), Chapter 55 — removal for just cause after notice and hearing
- Tax Collector: 17 VSA § 2651(d) — same standard
- Assessors/Listers: 17 VSA § 2651(c) — the Chair noted this position may be the one distinction, as it could potentially be terminated outright

Chair Morway read from the treasurer statute directly: "A treasurer so appointed may be removed by the legislative body for just cause after notice and hearing." She summarized: "It wouldn't be an at-will [position]. In order to remove a treasurer, you would have to have just cause. You'd have to do a notice and then a public hearing." Board member Parizo confirmed this is the same process currently used for the zoning administrator.

The Chair thanked Community member Melissa Howes for originally surfacing the issue.

> Motion to approve the August 17, 2026 draft as the final version of the town charter was made by Board Member Parizo and seconded by Vice Chair Cochran. The motion carried with Board Member Bushway abstaining.

The Chair then called for the statutory motion regarding the public hearing notice. Vice Chair Cochran read the motion formally into the record.

> Motion that the Select Board approve the charter proposal as too long and unwieldy to set out in full in the public hearing notices and warning for the special town meeting, and that the hearing notices and warning shall contain a concise summary of the charter proposal, with official copies of the charter proposal available for inspection at the town clerk's office and copies made available to members of the public upon request, was made by Vice Chair Cochran and seconded by Board Member Parizo. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair confirmed that the first public hearing is scheduled for August 31, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office, immediately preceding or following the regular Selectboard meeting that evening.

b. Plan Com request for SB support of Municipal Planning Grant Application with 10% Match

Chair Morway read a written communication submitted by Planning Commission member Emily Clark on behalf of the Planning Commission. The communication described a proposal to submit a grant application to hire a qualified landscape architecture firm to design a new multiuse village green envisioned as a community civic, recreational, educational, and cultural hub, with an emphasis on environmental stewardship, community involvement, and long-term funding readiness.

The consultant would be tasked with: analyzing existing site conditions (including wetlands, vegetation, drainage, topography, and accessibility); engaging the public to develop a shared community vision; creating multiple conceptual design alternatives refined into a preferred master plan; and preparing preliminary cost estimates, permitting needs, and future funding options.

The Planning Commission requested a motion of support for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) application with a 10% match of up to $5,000 on a total estimated project cost of $50,000. The Chair noted that the MPG maximum had recently been raised from $25,000 to $50,000.

A board member confirmed that the Town has a $8,000 grant match line item in the current FY27 budget that has not yet been utilized, which would cover this commitment. It was noted that even if the grant were applied for now, an award notification would likely not come until the following spring — within the FY27 budget year.

> Motion that the Select Board support the Municipal Planning Grant application with a 10% match of up to $5,000, to be drawn from the budgeted grant match line item, was made by Board member Parizo and seconded by Vice Chair Cochran. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair also relayed an announcement from the Planning Commission regarding a community engagement meeting on proposed bylaw updates — specifically lot sizes — scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 PM at the Grand Isle Fire Station.

c. Jim Hoag, Grand Isle Historical Society, presentation on proposed use of current library

Historical Society representative Jim Hoag presented a formal proposal for the conversion of the current library building into a Town historical museum. He described it as a venue for collections of Grand Isle's history, including Abenaki artifacts, Quaker heritage, and other local history items. Hoag characterized it as a "cultural addition to the golden district of Grand Isle" and a "resource for schools, homemakers, townspeople, and researchers," noting that there are very few physical Abenaki resources anywhere in the state of Vermont.

Hoag outlined the operational model: the museum would be open two days per week, staffed by volunteers and Historical Society members, and open year-round. He anticipated approximately 500 visitors per year, drawing in part from the 500 visitors who currently pass through the nearby log cabin site each summer. He noted that he had inquired with South Hero about their comparable museum's visitor count but had not yet received a response.

On finances, Hoag indicated that the Historical Society expects no significant impact on existing town maintenance costs, with electricity largely offset by the building's solar panels. Insurance for artifacts would be covered by the Historical Society. Some upfront work would be required, including an air quality analysis and procurement of display cases.

A community member, Sally Picard, made a brief presentation to illustrate the caliber of items in the proposed collection. She displayed an item made from a cedar rail from the Reynolds Farm on Reynolds Road, dating back to an early Quaker settler from approximately 1787, with residents' names written inside — calling it "187 years old." She emphasized the fragility and irreplaceable nature of such artifacts, noting that they "have to be white glove handled" and that moving them repeatedly between locations would cause damage.

Sally also stressed the environmental control requirements: "The temperature, humidity, and everything else has got to be adjusted to preserve them." She encouraged Board members and the public to visit the South Hero Museum to understand how a similar collection is displayed and to appreciate the space requirements.

The Board raised a question about climate control adequacy in the current library building. Hoag responded that a specialist in document and artifact preservation would be brought in to assess the existing infrastructure and make recommendations on whether upgrades — such as a more powerful dehumidifier or humidifier — would be needed.

Chair Morway raised a recurring question about why the building could not be a shared space, noting the survey results had shown strong community interest in a general community/meeting use. Hoag responded that the scope of the collection — particularly following the donation of Sally's extensive collection — had grown to the point where it would realistically fill the building entirely, and that having other people "roaming around" would not be compatible with the preservation requirements of the artifacts on display.

Community member Lucille Campbell, interjected on behalf of the Historical Society, pushing back on the Chair's characterization of the Society's prior position: "When we originally brought this up, what, six weeks ago or more, at that point we said yeah, we probably could share. There could be other people in there. And then we have the offer from Sally. That is a huge collection she has. You can't store it in some shed somewhere. You can't display it in just a little part of that library."

Chair Morway acknowledged the changing circumstances and was not dismissive of the museum concept, but expressed concern about the community demand data. Vice Chair Cochran recalled that the survey had yielded the following suggested uses: 26 respondents suggested community/meeting space; 12 suggested historical society use; 6 suggested commercial use; 3 suggested food pantry; 2 suggested offices; 2 suggested storage; and one suggested a snack bar. She expressed personal conflict: "I love the idea of having the museum. Like, I love that idea. But when you look at what people suggested..." She also noted that many survey respondents may not have been aware of Sally's collection when they responded.

Community member Jeanne Prouty added historical and cultural context, noting that Grand Isle has both a Quaker heritage — including an active cemetery — and an Abenaki heritage that had long gone unacknowledged: "When you get over on Pearl Street, there was a whole tribe down through there. When you get into other places, like on the West Shore, they were in there too." She emphasized that to turn away the Abenaki collection would be equivalent to turning away the Quaker heritage — "because they're both here."

Hoag clarified that even with Sally's collection, the Society would likely need to rotate some items in and out over time, but the building would be filled by the collection. He compared it to the South Hero Museum: "The South Hero Museum is full all the time. They have trouble with their displays, and we're the same size with the same amount of stuff."

The discussion did not result in a formal decision. The Board agreed it needed more time and public input. The Chair proposed putting a formal question to the community, potentially as a ballot question at the November general election, which would benefit from the high voter turnout of a national election year. Hoag suggested that an announcement in the local paper asking for community input might also be effective, and the Board discussed using Front Porch Forum.

Chair Morway suggested continuing the discussion at the second September meeting, and the Board agreed. Vice Chair Cochran agreed to draft a Front Porch Forum post inviting community input. The Chair indicated she would also consult the Town Attorney regarding the mechanics of placing a question on the ballot.

> No formal action was taken. The item was tabled for further discussion at the Selectboard meeting on September 21st.

d. Proposed future use of current Library building - possible action

This item was discussed in conjunction with agenda item XII.c above. No separate formal action was taken.

e. IT RFP – continued discussion and possible action for an effective date of 1/1/2027

The Chair reported that the subject of the IT RFP had come up again during conversations with the Town Attorney about other matters. She proposed that the Board move forward with issuing the IT Request for Proposals (RFP), noting that issuance does not obligate the Town to hire anyone — particularly if the Town is unable to exit its current contract with Thrive. She noted that the Town is actively trying to avoid disrupting the existing relationship while other matters with Thrive are being resolved, and that "we're trying not to rock the boat."

Board members were in consensus that putting out the RFP was a prudent step: "We're gonna make a decision after the submittals come in. And if we can't make a decision, then no harm, no foul." The Chair proposed that proposals be submitted to Sara by email or mail to Melissa, with a deadline of the second Selectboard meeting in October.

A discussion arose regarding contract length with the board deciding on a three year term.

The Chair indicated that the previously drafted RFP was in good shape and could be used without significant changes.

> No formal motion was recorded. The Board reached consensus to issue the IT RFP with a proposal submission deadline of the second October Selectboard meeting and a three-year contract term.

f. Discuss possible speed study for Lovers' Lane (continued from 8/3 meeting)

The Board continued its discussion from the August 3rd meeting regarding speeding concerns on Lovers' Lane. A board member explained that in order for a posted speed limit to be legally changed, the Town must first conduct a formal speed study through Northwest Regional Planning — otherwise, any ticket issued could not be sustained.

Board Member Parizo expressed his personal familiarity with the hazard, describing drivers accelerating into the curve near his residence: "They get up speed and they can see that they can just make it around that curve like they're driving on Daytona." He referenced a past incident where a motorcyclist ended up sideways in a neighbor's front lawn.

Vice Chair Cochran indicated she would contact Northwest Regional Planning to initiate the speed study process. It was noted that the road is seeing increased use and will likely continue to grow as properties on the upper hill are developed.

> No formal motion was required. Chair Morway agreed to contact Sheriff Ray Allen regarding increased patrol presence, and Vice Chair Cochran agreed to contact Northwest Regional Planning to initiate the speed study.

g. Community information outreach options and brainstorm session

The Board engaged in an open brainstorming session regarding how to better communicate with and engage residents. The Chair noted that she had brought in sample letters that other towns had enclosed with their tax bills and found them "super informative."

Chair Morway had already contributed to the Grand Isle News / Island News with meeting summaries following recent meetings and intended to continue doing so.

Vice Chair Cochran raised the idea of posting agendas on Front Porch Forum, noting that it hadn't been done yet but reaches a large number of residents. The Board agreed this was worth pursuing.

The Chair proposed a monthly "Bagels with the Board" informal session, where two board members would be present at the Town Office or another location for residents to come in and speak informally — outside the formality of a public meeting. The concept was received positively.

Treasurer Boutin suggested including an informational insert with tax bills — a double-sided sheet, within the one-ounce postage limit — giving residents the opportunity to sign up for notifications such as road closures (citing the Hyde Road closure as an example) and potentially agenda distribution. She noted that the cost of adding additional pages would increase postage. Vice Chair Cochran noted that she had collected email addresses from survey respondents who expressed interest in receiving communications, and offered those to Melissa for this purpose.

Board member Parizo referenced the Vermont Alert system, noting that he is already working on it for Fire District 4 users and that the fire and sheriff's departments also utilize it. He suggested the Town could use it more broadly to notify residents of localized events such as road closures or storm impacts — for example, alerting residents to avoid East Shore North Road after a storm event. He acknowledged that the project was on his to-do list for the fall but had been deferred due to workload. "It takes time because a lot of people just don't want to give up their information because they think you're overreaching."

The Chair noted that the forthcoming new website should support resident sign-ups for alerts directly online, extending the reach of the Vermont Alert system or a similar notification tool.

> No formal action was taken. The topic was designated an ongoing open discussion item for future meetings. The Chair invited continued suggestions from board members and the public.

XIII. Executive Session

> Motion to enter executive session to discuss contracts pending, citing 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2), that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, was made by the Chair at 7:25 and seconded by Board member Parizo. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered executive session. Upon conclusion of the executive session:

> Motion to come out of executive session at 7:49 PM was made by the Chair and seconded by Board member Bushway. The motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Library Update

a. Grant amendment approval - updated library project budget

Following the return from executive session, the Chair presented two motions related to the library project.

The first motion concerned approval of an amendment to the existing library grant to reflect an updated grant award, including an additional $50,000 and updated terms.

> Motion that the Selectboard approve the amended library grant for the updated library project, including the additional $50,000 and the updated terms, was made by the Chair and seconded by Board Member Howrigan. The motion carried unanimously.

The second motion addressed the reallocation of previously designated funds informally known as ARPA funds.

> Motion that the Select Board adjust the previously designated $30,000 in funds informally known as ARPA funds to $40,000, to be used for completing the library project, was made by the Chair and seconded by Board member Howrigan. The motion carried unanimously.

XV. Administrative Check-In

No items were raised under Administrative Check-In.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM was made by Board Member Howrigan and seconded by Board Member Parizo. The motion carried unanimously.