

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
December 7, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Adam White called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

**Board Members Present:** Adam White-Chair, Mark Cobb-Vice Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars, John Lawrence and Bill Baron

**Board Members Not Present:** None

**II. GUESTS:** Teri Geney and Carol Miller – Grand Isle School Board  
Shannon Bundy – Poratti Property Questions. Grand Isle Listers

**Community Members Present:** Diane Cota, Sue Lawrence, Janice Arnold, Jeff Parizo, Ron Bushway and Brian Elbrader

**Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:**

**Grand Isle School Board:** Teri Geney from the GI School Board spoke to the Select Board about the possibility of having the Town Highway Department plow the school parking lot and mow the grounds.

1. Bill asked if Teri could provide current numbers for both the snow plowing and law mowing. Refer to the tax rate of the School v Town to see the effects on the tax rate.
2. AnnaMarie mentioned the school would be a special circumstance.
3. Teri said if there is a storm the school would be closed.
4. Mark said the Highway Department doesn't have the manpower.
5. Teri will get the costs broken down for both plowing and mowing.

Adam mentions that the cost for the Annex Survey is \$3,345. The Town will pay 1/3, Bill Baron will pay 1/3 and Adam asked if Grand Isle School would pay 1/3. This process should be completed by end of fiscal year 2016. Teri will bring that up at the next School Board meeting and inform the Selectboard of their decision.

There was discussion about Act 46.

**Shannon Bundy – Poratti Property Questions:** Ms. Bundy asked why the Selectboard thought the Poratti Property should be purchased by the Town.

1. Shannon started by asking where buildings could be built on this property because it has wetlands.
2. Mark explained that only one acre is considered wetlands (by the State) and that the rest of the property, 3.8 acres is approved to have buildings erected. Also that this property has approved septic capacity the Town needs in order to even remodel any of the existing buildings. If the present systems should fail there wouldn't be any way to replace or expand them.
3. Shannon said she thought that with Nut Free Chocolates moving out of Grand Isle that it might be better if the Town purchased that building instead of buying the Poratti Property.

4. AnnaMarie said that Nut Free Chocolates building is in an industrial park and the Town buildings are municipal and should be located in a so-called Town Center. Also that Grand Isle is trying to bring businesses here and if the Town takes over that building Grand Isle would lose tax income to lose business and jobs.
5. Mark reiterated that the Selectboard is not going to make any major decisions on buildings without first getting the community involved.

**Listers:** Sue Lawrence and Janice Arnold answered questions from the Selectboard.

1. They have started doing inspections of the 123 that need to be done between now and April.
2. A new computer and a laptop have been requested for the Listers Office.
3. New, updated maps have been received. This is done every year.
4. There are no new appeals or court hearings.
5. They have presented a reduced budget for the new fiscal year.

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015 with corrections. John seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

**IV. FIRE STATION UPDATE:** No update at this time.

**V. PORATTI PROPERTY UPDATE:** No update at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS: Town Garage Heater (Furnace):**  
The furnace (monitor heater for the office area) was looked at and recommendations were made to replace it. Mark will get quotes for the Selectboard to review.

**Budgets:** The Selectboard will meet on alternate Mondays, December 14 and 28 at 6:30, to review the Budgets.

**Transfer Station Hours:** The Transfer station will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. The Highway Department oversees the Transfer Station. Brad Sheridan, Road Forman, will ask Merritt Vantine to work with Joe Longo on the Saturdays following these two Holidays.

**Fish Hatcher Solar Update:** Adam will update the Selectboard when he hears from Adam Miller regarding the designated 40 acres regarding the Solar installation.

**Annex Lot:** Greg Polowsky from AES North East Serving Services has been contracted to survey the property. Bill Baron will contact Greg and go over the plans with him.

**Monetary Allocations Requests – Town Meeting:** Adam will let Jan Marinelli from LCEDC know that a petition request can be left on the counter at A&B as well as the Town Office.

**Reappointments Expire 12/31/15:** ZAO and PC reappointments tabled.  
Letter of Interest from Stewart Robinson will be forwarded to DRB.

**Proposed Changes to By-Laws and Town Planning after Public Hearing by Planning Commission:** Adam will make copies for the Selectboard. Public meeting was held.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**VIII. REVIEW ORDERS and PAY BILLS:**

AnnaMarie makes a motion to review orders and pay bills. (Bill) seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

(Mark) makes a motion at 9:30PM to go into Executive Session regarding a Personnel Matter inviting Jeff Parizo to attend. (Bill) seconds. All in favor. Motion Passes. Mark makes a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:00PM with no action taken. (Bill) seconds. All in favor. Motion Passes

(Mark) makes a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract at 10:00PM. (John) seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

(Mark) makes a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:37PM with the intent of continuing to review most recent bill and discuss issues with Dore and Whittier. (Bill) seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

**X. DJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie makes a motion to adjourn at 10:37PM. (John) seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

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Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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