

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 4, 2016**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Adam White called the Selectboard meeting for January 4, 2016 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:

- II. **GUESTS:** Matt Reisdorff-G.I. Rescue Update/Appropriation Discussion; Kathy Tulissi-G.I. Library Budget and Shannon Bundy-Poratti Property Reconsider Vote

Community Members Present: Shannon Bundy, David Graham, Kathy Tulissi, Colleen Bushway, Sue Lawrence, Mary Bourassa, Carl W. Gleason, Brad Sheridan, Merritt Vantine, Ron Bushway, Matt Reisdorff, Todd Boutin, Melissa Boutin and Rachael Griggs

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

Mary Bourassa questions the publishing of the meetings for the changes to the Town Bylaws. Adam explained tonight is just for the Selectboard to review them then will hold a public meeting regarding the Bylaws and Town Plan on January 18 starting at 6:00PM.

Mary said when you want money for dog licenses there are signs all along the road but when there is a vote there are no signs. She was told the signs to vote were on Rt. 2 and on Hyde Road. The signs stating "Dog Registration and Taxes Due" are done independently by a G.I. resident.

Grand Isle Rescue: Matt Reisdorff reported that Grand Isle Rescue has level funded for the last 3 years and is asking again for \$15,000 in appropriations.

1. Around 300 calls made to G.I. Rescue not including No. or So. Hero.
2. Purchased a new ambulance paid for by billing alone.
3. 10 EMT members and 5 advanced EMT members with 3 current EMT's going through testing to become advanced.
4. Approximately 20-30 Calls are drug related.
5. G.I. Rescue stocks Naloxone kits.

John said we should all appreciate Grand Isle Rescue for what they do for us and thanks them.

Grand Isle Free Library: Kathy Tulissi explained the reason for a slight increase in the budget is mainly requests for the E-product called "Call One Click Digital" and E-Books. The prices of hard covers and children's books have increased.

Shannon Bundy: Shannon read a statement she wrote to tell the Board why she started the petition to have the Poratti land purchase vote reconsidered.

1. She feels this land is not the best place for municipal buildings.
2. That the voters were not adequately informed of the vote.
3. AnnaMarie explained the Selectboard has done a lot of work getting the correct information out to the people through the resources the Town has.
 - a) The Islander.
 - b) FPF
 - c) G.I. Town web site
 - d) Postings of the meetings and warnings on the three locations required by the Secretary of States Office, A&B, Town Office and Post Office.
 - e) A mailing is to be sent to G.I. voters with information on the reasons for purchasing the Poratti Property.
 - f) There will be another informational meeting on January 18, 2016 at 7:30PM at the G.I. School.

Bill asked her to email her concerns to him so the Selectboard can have the answers in time for the informational meeting.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:

Mark made a motion to accept the December 28, 2015 minutes. John seconds, Bill abstains, four in favor, motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Budget Discussion: Sue Lawrence said the Cemetery Budget will be level funded again. She reported the vault and road were repaired. Possible land acquisition to the south was discussed.

Planning Commission Budget Discussion: No one was present from the PC. The Board discussed the budget presented. Adam will be attending the PC meeting tomorrow night.

Recreation Budget Discussion: David Graham represented the Recreation Department.

1. Asking for an increase in next years budget of about \$5000.
2. \$4000 More in Town appropriations.
3. \$1000 for soccer program.
4. Also discussed adding \$5,000 a year to add a part-time employee to handle programming and advertising. This would help free up other volunteers' time who would do grant writing.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Budget Discussion: Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk/Town Treasurer was present to answer questions and explained:

1. Recording fees.
2. School district re-imburement.
3. Mileage cost reduction from \$3500 to \$2000.
4. Restoration of records.
5. Professional development cost is lower.

6. Increase projected at \$1843.

General Fund discussion of unrestricted funds and the unrestricted amount the Selectboard can designate for specific use, which then would become restricted. Voter approval is required to spend unrestricted money to purchase property.

Fire Department Budget Discussion: Todd Boutin, GIVFD Chief presented the GIVFD budget looking for an increase of 3%, \$61,500.

1. GIVFD has level funded for past two years.
2. They have 5 trucks, 1 boat with trailer and 1 utility trailer.
3. Increase is mainly because more maintenance was done on 5 trucks, which are 20 plus years old.
4. Everything is now in perfect running order.
5. \$4000 for SCBA work,
6. Purchased new set if hydraulic tools for extrication.
7. Looking at where to donate the old hydraulics, as they were purchased with grant fund money and they may not be able to be sold.
8. Discussed Cota Propane locating in Island Industrial Park.

John thanks the Fire Department as they give a lot of time and energy for the job they are doing.

Transfer Station Budget Discussion: Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman presented the budget.

1. Replace the name of Land Fill Attendant with Solid Waste Attendant.
2. Discussed changes in trash charges.
3. Brad will do research on weight charge and scales.

At another meeting the Board will also check to see how long it's been since the prices were changed. Adam will check past minutes to see where they stand with the \$10,000 per year that was not voted on but was put into the Transfer Station fund.

Poratti Property Mailing: Adam had sent a (draft of the) Poratti Property mailing to each Board member last week and asked for changes/suggestions.

1. Board discussed changes to be made in the letter.
2. Expense of a mailing to each household in G.I. was discussed.
3. Letter will be sent out to Grand Isle voters.
4. Will follow the format for postings by putting it in the regular places.,
 - a) The Islander
 - b) FPF
 - c) Town web site
 - d) Transfer Station
 - e) Warning for the vote that will be held on February 2, 2016.
 - f) The location, time and date for the informational meeting (G.I. School @ 7:30PM on January 18, 2016) will be in the letter.

Discuss proposed changes by PC to Town Bylaws:

Discuss proposed changes by PC to Town Plan:

Reviewing the Town Bylaws and Town Plan the Selectboard discussed their findings. Adam said if they have any changes email them to Melissa.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:** None held

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

Anna Marie makes a motion to review orders and pay bills. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mark makes a motion to go into executive session at 10:01PM on 1/4/16 to discuss a personal matter requested by Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner inviting Brad Sheridan and Merritt Vantine. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Mark makes a motion to come out of executive session at 10:13PM, with no action taken. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to go back into executive session concerning the position of Road Commissioner at 10:14PM inviting Brad Sheridan and Ron Bushway. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Bill makes a motion to come out of ex at 11:11. The Selectboard has agreed to convert the volunteer Road Commissioner position to that of an appointed part time paid position. The Selectboard also agreed to appoint an interim Road Commissioner and that person, if he is willing, will be Ron Bushway. We will follow an open recruitment policy in recruiting for the part time Road Commissioner position and do welcome Ron to apply for the position. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

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VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie makes a motion to adjourn at 11:11PM.

John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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