

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 18, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

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

II. GUESTS: None.

Community Members Present: David B. Leslie, David Graham, Marilyn Post, Panagiotis Lekkas, Howard DeMars, Rachael Griggs, Raymond Mitchell, Susan Mitchell, Shannon Bundy, Brian Elebrader and Pat Gonyo.

Adam listed the three separate meetings being held tonight.

1. 6:00PM to hear any comments from the public regarding our Town Plan.
2. 6:30PM to hear comments regarding our Town Bylaws.
3. 7:30PM in the Grand Isle school cafeteria there will be a presentation regarding the Poratti property as well as an information opportunity then a quick Selectboard meeting.

6:00PM – Town Plan:

Adam opened the meeting to discuss concerns of the Town Plan.

Discussions included:

1. Concerns with the wordings for the final plan.
2. How to bring jobs to Grand Isle.
3. Solar panels or wind generators going onto farm buildings.

The Selectboard plans to hold a joint meeting with the PC soon.

6:30PM – Town Bylaws:

Adam opened the meeting to discuss concerns of the Bylaws.

1. Input about the cost of high-school students.
2. Bulk storage of flammable liquids, the use of the term capacity and State and Federal regulations for this storage. Terms need to be clarified.
3. Discussion as to what salvage yards, junkyards and automobile graveyards are.
4. Possibly adding a flood rate insurance map in with the rest of the maps pertaining to Grand Isle.

Adam closed by stating if anyone has questions on the Town Plan or Bylaws the formation is on the Town web site at grandislevt.org.

Adam reminded attendees of the next meeting at the Grand Isle school and the upcoming vote on February 2, 2016, at the Town Office from 7:00AM-7:00PM.

Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 6:58PM. John seconds. Voice vote – all in favor, motion passes.

7:30PM – Poratti Property Presentation:

This meeting was held at the Grand Isle School cafeteria with approximately 35 residents present. Bill Baron gave a presentation explaining the Selectboards reasons for wanting the November 17, 2015 vote to approve the purchase of the Poratti property located on Hyde Road. After completion of the presentation there was open discussion. At the end of the meeting Bill explained that because of a petition requesting a reconsider vote for the Poratti property there will be a revote held on February 2, 2016 at the Town Office from 7:00AM-7:00PM. The ballot will be worded exactly the same as the one on November 17, 2015.

If you want the Town to purchase the property, vote yes. If you don't want the Town to purchase the property, vote no.

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: None held.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Bessette Bay Permit:

Brad Sheridan, road foreman had requested to put up a barrier at Bessette Bay Road in order to perform road maintenance. A permit is required.

Mark made a motion to wave the permit fee. John seconds. Voice vote – all in favor, motion passes.

DRB Letter of interest: AnnaMarie presented a letter of interest from Lawrence Caron to be an alternate for the DRB. Adam will give the letter to the DRB for their consideration.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Road Commissioner: The Selectboard discussed whether the position of Road Commissioner is an appointed or elected position.

Rutland Solar Resolution:

Adam mentioned receiving a petition from the Town of Rutland that is being sent to towns across Vermont. The petition is to show support to the State of Vermont and the Public Service Board (PSB) that local municipalities need to have a greater role in solar and wind projects occurring in their towns.

John makes a motion for the Town of Grand Isle to be added to Rutland Solar Resolution. Mark seconds. Voice vote – all in favor, motion passes.

VI. REVIEW ORDERS and PAY BILLS: AnnaMarie makes a motion to review orders and pay bills. John seconds. Voice vote – all in favor, motion passes.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 9:02PM. AnnaMarie seconds. Voice vote – all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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