

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
February 1, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.**

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

**Board Members Not Present:**

**II. GUESTS:**

**Community Members Present:** Donna LeClair, Howard DeMars, Ron Bushway, Panagiotis Lekkass and Diane Cota

**Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:**

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Mark makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016 with corrections. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016. Mark seconds, AnnaMarie was absent on the 11<sup>th</sup> and abstains, four in favor, motion passes.

Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2016. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS: Recreation Committee Appointments:** Mark makes a motion to appoint Shevonne Travers to a two-year term on the Recreation Committee effective immediately and ending December 31, 2017. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to appoint Julie Dickie to a two-year term on the Recreation Committee effective immediately and ending December 31, 2017. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

**Town Electrician and Plumber Use:** Tracy Juairé, the Town electrician added two new lights in the fire station and will come back on Thursday to do more work.

Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman was called to the Learning Adventure regarding frozen pipes and no hot water. He was unable to locate the Town's plumber Pete Murray so Brad called Howard DeMars. When Howard arrived the frozen pipes were fixed and he was able to fix the hot water issue. The Board will look into adding a couple of phone numbers for other electricians and plumbers to have on hand if one is not reachable.

**Town Meeting Information Meeting Session:**

- 1) Town Meeting day is Tuesday March 1, 2016.
- 2) This year's Information Meeting will be switched up and the School Board will be going first at the (Grand Isle School) cafeteria from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.
- 3) At 7:00PM the Town will take over.
- 4) The projector will be there and the Recreation Department will do a presentation.
- 5) Bill said he is going to meet with Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk/Treasurer to put together a brief power point presentation on the budgets over the past couple years and the reserve fund on the Transfer Station. They will present it to the Selectboard in advance of Town Meeting for their review.
- 6) Melissa mentioned to Adam that Rick Surprenant is not willing to be Town moderator this year. Melissa had reached out to Alan Arthur who stated he would be willing to be the moderator this year (at Town Meeting).

**Planning Commission Selectboard Meeting:** The Selectboard has asked the PC to have a joint meeting. The PC asked if the Selectboard could go to their February 16 meeting at 7:00. They will discuss the concerns of the Town Plan and Town Bylaws.

V. **OLD BUSINESS: Bessette Bay Update:**

1. Brad and Jeff Parizo, Zoning Administrator did a permit for work to be done on East Shore North because of water erosion under the road.
2. The Selectboard approved the permit and waived the fee.
3. Ron Bushway, interim Road Commissioner submitted two estimates. One from ECI Engineers Construction Inc. for \$39,000 and one from Island Excavating LLC for \$7,500.
4. There was discussion explaining the building of a retaining wall with riprap stone used for the fill.
5. The work is to begin as soon as possible.

Mark makes a motion to contract Island Excavating to do the work (at Bessette Bay, East Shore North) for \$7,500. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

**Letter of Interest from the DRB:** Howard DeMars, DRB Chair explained the need for an alternate and that the DRB has nominated Lawrence Caron for appointment.

Mark makes a motion to appoint Lawrence Caron, effective immediately, as a DRB alternate serving until December 31, 2016. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

**Poratti Property Vote:**

1. Adam reminds everyone of the Poratti property vote tomorrow (Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Town Office from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.
2. The results will be posted on the Town web site, at A&B, the Post Office and the bulletin board outside the Town Office.
3. The Board discussed getting extra vote today signs.
4. Adam will ask Melissa to order two more signs.

**Fish Hatchery Solar Update:** Adam said there really isn't an update as he has been trying to reach Adam Miller, Fish and Wildlife Fish Culture Manager who came to see about putting up solar panels on 5 acres at the Fish Hatchery.

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1. In 1988 the 40-acre site was surveyed.
2. It was approved as the site of a school.
3. The Town has the first right to build a school on that site until 2038 when it expires.
4. The proposed school septic is at the site where the solar panels would go.
5. Test pits were dug on the 5-acre piece.
6. Once the site work is done for solar panels the site is ruined for future septic.
7. It's really key not to dig so as to keeping the integrity of the site.

There is a public meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM at the school regarding the proposed 28-acre solar array with 23,000 solar panels located at Route 314 Allen Road.

**US Route 2 Flags:** Woodman Life Insurance Group has donated 4x5 foot flags and mechanisms to keep them up. They will hopefully be put up by Memorial Day and taken down after Labor Day. Evan Cobb started this project and will have help from Brad and Frank from the Highway Department as well as Adam and Mark to install them. There will be 18 flags from East Shore South Road to Hyde Road intersection.

**VI. REVIEW ORDERS and PAY BILLS:** AnnaMarie makes a motion to review orders and pay bills. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mark makes a motion to go into executive session at 8:03PM to discuss the Highway Commissioner appointment inviting interim commissioner Ron Bushway into the meeting. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Coming out of executive session at 9:15PM Mark makes a motion to appoint Ron Bushway Road Commissioner and Municipalities Facilities Manager from this day until March 31, 2017. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Adam will have Ron sign the contract and job description form. He will meet with Ron and Brad regarding a 50-50 matching PACIF grant from the insurance company about safety equipment grant. Adam will talk with Brad about working to get a new computer for the highway department.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 9:18PM. AnnaMarie 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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