

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 7, 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

Community Members Present: Diane Cota, Lucille Campbell, Ron Bushway and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

II. OATHS FOR NEWLY ELECTED SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Adam White and AnnaMarie DeMars had taken the oath to the Selectboard before the meeting opened.

III. NOMINATE / ELECT CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR: Bill makes a motion to nominate Adam White as Selectboard Chair. AnnaMarie seconds, Adam abstains, 4 in favor, motion passes.
Bill makes a motion to nominate Mark Cobb Sr. as Selectboard Vice-Chair. AnnaMarie seconds, Mark abstains, 4 in favor, motion passes.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: Bill makes a motion to approve minutes of February 15, 2016, with corrections. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
Bill makes a motion to approve minutes of February 16, 2016 with corrections. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
Bill makes a motion to approve minutes of February 28, 2016 with corrections. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
Bill makes a motion to approve minutes of February 29, 2016 with corrections. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

V. APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Fence Viewers: Adam makes a motion to nominate Ron Bushway, Merritt Vantine and Evan Cobb to the positions of Fence Viewer. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Pound Keeper: Bill makes a motion to nominate Todd Boutin, Constable as Pound Keeper. Adam seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood: AnnaMarie makes a motion to nominate Bill Baron as Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood. Adam seconds, four in favor, Bill abstains from voting, motion passes.

Tree Warden: AnnaMarie makes a motion to nominate Bill Baron as Tree Warden. Adam seconds, four in favor, Bill abstains from voting, motion passes.

Weigher of Coal: Mark makes a motion to nominate AnnaMarie DeMars as Weigher of Coal. Bill seconds, four in favor, AnnaMarie abstains from voting, motion passes.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Bill makes a motion to nominate Alan Arthur as Emergency Management Coordinator. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator: Tabled until next meeting.

Town Service Officer: Mark makes a motion to nominate Diane Cota as Town Service Officer. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

These appointed positions will be listed on the Towns website with a description of the position and who holds the position.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: Northern Border Regional Planning Information: Bill received word from Jan Marinelli from Lake Champlain Economic Development She wrote to discuss the Northern Border Regional Planning stating there only three towns in Grand Isle County who qualify to apply for a grant and receive a portion of the \$1.75 million grant. The three towns that do qualify are Alburgh, Isle LaMotte and South Hero. Grand Isle and North Hero do not qualify. It has a lot to do with the percentage of unemployment and in-migration vs out-migration. She is working on some grant coordination as it relates to water quality initiatives in the County reaching out to assist farmers in that capacity. She is also working diligently to try and find an occupant for the Nut Free Chocolate building.

Bond Anticipation Note: The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the Bond Anticipation note received from Peoples United. The surrender is due March 20, 2017. Bill made a motion to approve with corrections and sign the Bond Anticipation Note for the Poratti Property in the amount of \$84,900 with footnote, subject to review and correction by Town Clerk, Melissa Boutin. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Melissa clarified the correct amount for the Bond Anticipation Note with Peoples United is \$88,000. She said this is not like a traditional loan. With an anticipation note the only amount due one year from now is an interest note. If the Town wants to make a principal payment at the end of a year they can do that. Or if they wish to pay the entire note they are free to do that.

Highway Department Update: Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner updated the Selectboard.

1. Town roads have been posted.
2. Build up Hanson Lane by adding road fabric and add 450 yards of 3/4 stone.
3. Pave Faywood Road and replace culverts if needed.

Bill suggested a Game of Logging course for the Highway Department employees and perhaps to include other Towns in the training. Adam will research the safety grant to determine if the Game of Logging course can be covered by the grant.

Adam added they are looking into security systems for the Highway Department Building.

All injuries and incidents should be reported to the Selectboard.

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Transfer Station Update: Ron reported that he and Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman went to Alburgh to see how the new scales for weighing trash are working. They were impressed with how the system worked. Ron thinks the Transfer Station could generate a little more income from this system. He said Alburgh charges 15¢ per pound of trash. The Grand Isle Transfer Station plans to hold a Free Metal Day in May.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: Island Circle Road: Ron said Tim Parizo asked him if the Board had made a decision on taking over the road at Island Circle. The Board reported that in the conditions of the original permit from the Development Review Board is that the Town doesn't take over the road. Ron will relay that information to Tim.

List of Approved Contractors: Mark has a list of plumbing and electrical contractors. All contractors are required to provide proof of insurance to the Town.

Reynolds Road Culvert Update: Mark met with Rick Ryder to discuss the problem with the culvert. Brad and Ron will study the options this summer and report to the Board.

Rt. 314 BDE Grand Isle Solar Project: The Selectboard will have a Motion of Appearance filed with the Vermont Public Service Board. This is a solar project on private property. The Town will be watching the progress of this project but not be actively involved.

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: Real Estate Contract Discussion: Mark makes a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate contract. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to come out of executive session at 9:32PM with no action taken. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie makes a motion to adjourn at 9:37PM. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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