

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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

Board Members Not Present: Bill Baron

II. GUESTS: Mary MacBride

Community Members Present: Willa Cahan, Ron Bushway, and Rachael Griggs

Adam said the Selectboard needs to be updated from the Town Attorney in accordance to this dog bite and will be going into executive session. After they will come out and answer questions. If there are any legal questions it is suggested to consult an attorney of your own.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION: John makes a motion at 6:02PM to go into executive session inviting Ron Bushway in his capacity as Town Health Officer to join them. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

John makes a motion at 7:00PM to come out of executive session with no action taken. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: Dog Bite (from emergency meeting on March 21, 2016):

Adam reopened the meeting asking for questions.

1. Mary MacBride asked about the (pit bull) dog's vaccination history.
2. Adam said had received a letter on March 21, 2016 from Ms. Boyer; the dog's owner stating the next rabies booster was due June 2016.
3. No rabies symptoms were reported while the (pit bull) dog was in possession of Ms. Boyer or the Julow's.
4. The Town Constable does not have jurisdiction outside Grand Isle and that if the dog is back in Grand Isle the dog can be euthanized.
5. The (pit bull) dog was euthanized Petit Brook Veterinary Clinic.
6. There was further discussions regarding:
 - ◆Quarantine.
 - ◆Previous attack by this dog.
 - ◆Letter from the Town Attorney on how to handle the order to be euthanize.
 - ◆If removal of the dog from Grand Isle was legal within the instructions of the Attorney's letter.
 - ◆A request for an autopsy on dog's brain is to be conducted to rule out rabies.

Mark Cobb Sr. said speaking for himself and not the Selectboard; he feels it is our (Selectboard) job to serve the Towns best interest, not one individual person. There were

two confirmed (pit bull dog) infractions. The safety of the people of the Town outweighs the safety of the dog.

Adam gave Mary MacBride his copy of the vaccination records she requested.

Mary MacBride said she is not satisfied and this might be pursued further. She asked of the brain autopsy to rule out rabies and was told she would be informed of the results.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mark made a motion to adjourn at 7:30. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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