

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 16, 2016 7:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

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

Community Members Present: Diane Cota, Gordan Bell, Brad Sheridan, Ron Bushway, Carol Cobb, Melissa Boutin and Rachael Griggs

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

- II. GUESTS: Brad Sheridan - Town Highway Department Update:** Ron Bushway said he wanted the Board to know he did pick up wood along Faywood Road but he had permission from Carl Cobb Jr. to do so. Bill said this happens in all communities. It is the law that the wood belongs to the landowner and one has to get permission from the landowner to take it.
- Adam asked Brad Sheridan, Road Forman if we are getting a lot of big pieces of trash alongside of the roads. Brad said it happens sporadically.
- Adam asked Brad how he puts out RFP's. Brad said he calls vendors who work in this area. Bill said the State maintains an electronic site (with names of businesses).
- Mark questions the cost of the cleanup bucket that needed to be repaired at a cost of nearly \$2,000.

Transfer Station: John gave the Board copies of the research he did on Grand Isle solid waste disposal.

1. John talked about bringing the residents of South Hero into our process at a higher rate for the transfer station sticker. The current rate for our out of Town residents is \$25 annually.
2. After a lengthy discussion on ways to charge for solid waste disposal at the Grand Isle Transfer Station the board decided to increase the cost per bag beginning July 1, 2016 and to revisit the use of cost per weight with scales in November.
3. The Board discussed whether to raise the cost of stickers to out of town residents.
4. AnnaMarie said she feels it isn't fair for Grand Isle residents to raise the price of the trash bags but not raise the sticker prices for out of town residents.
5. Diane Cota said she agrees with AnnaMarie, that taxpayers should get some kind of break vs out of town residents. By raising bag prices or going to weight system there is no break for Grand Isle residents.
6. AnnaMarie said she is not having an issue with raising the bag prices she has a problem with not charging out of town residents money to use it.
7. Mark said rates on other items should be raised as well.
8. Mark asked Brad Sheridan to keep track of the weights in a ledger throughout the summer and report back to the Selectboard.
9. John will be the liaison to work with Brad Sheridan, Road Forman and Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner and report back to the Selectboard on June 20th meeting with better prices on the weight and cost of weight scales.
10. Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk, said people were there utilizing the hazardous waste collection, brought other items and didn't have a clue how to use the transfer station and recycling center. Those people were obvious. There were those who paid the \$25 and you have those who leave abuse and leave their trash outside the gates.

Mark makes a motion to raise the 13-gallon, 30 gallon and 45 gallon trash bag disposal fee to \$1.00 effective July 1, 2016. Bill seconds. Adam asked for discussion. Melissa Boutin said the ratio isn't right. People will be stuffing more into a 45 gallon bag if the price is raised only one dollar.

Mark makes a motion to rescind the previous motion of raising the rates on 13, 30 and 45-gallon bags to \$1.00. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to raise the rates on 13-gallon trash bags to \$3.00/bag, 30-gallon trash bag disposal fee to \$5.00/bag and 45-gallon trash bags to \$7.00/bag. Effective July 1, 2016 with the understanding we will be revisiting with a different format in November. John seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Shared Services: Bill said the focus of our meeting on May 10th was suppose to be hearing a little more information from Brad and Ron and the South Hero Road Commissioner/Road Forman about where we had some cost savings in both communities. Also looking at a draft memorandum of understanding. There was a small turnout, just George Rice and the three of us, myself, Brad and Ron and not much of the showing from the other members from South Hero. Brad and Ron have been trying to look at this in a positive lite. At this time the ball in is in South Hero Selectboard member George Rice's court to talk to their Selectboard, their Road Commissioner and Road Forman to try and understand their concerns then he will get back to Bill with those concerns.

Adam asked about insurance companies, shared services and working together (with South Hero). Bill explained that by putting in place a MOU both Town's municipal employees have the same coverage through VLTC and municipal employees in each community are covered under workers compensation. By a MOU it's understood that at the discretion of the Road Commissioner and Road Forman the highway department employees in each communities are covered to use each other's equipment, tools and trucks as long as they have permission. If there is an accident it is the insurance that is being carried by the vehicle that stands for coverage as long as they have permission. As far as workers comp it's whatever community is employing that particular employee.

Bill said he emailed George Rice and will wait to hear from South Hero.

Adam thanks all of them for their work on this.

Flag Poles: Adam has received permission from FairPoint (Communications) to put flagpoles on U.S. Route 2. The Goal is to put up 15 U.S. flags and 1 Canadian flag (which will be in honor of David Borthwick Leslie and the decades of service he has given the Town).

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: Mark makes a motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2016. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2016 with correction.

John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Paving Bids: The Selectboard reviewed the paving bids submitted by Brad Sheridan. Bill makes a motion to award the paving contract to S.T. Paving at an estimate of 1,694 tons at \$62 per ton with the condition that Brad (Sheridan) as he always does, monitors the actual tonnage to the roads. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Poratti Property Update: Bill makes a motion to approve the tax abatement for the Poratti Property (purchase) in the amount of \$1,13075. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes

Roof RFP and Carpet RFP: Adam put out an RFP for the (Town Office) roof and there were no responses. Adam will advertise for another roof RFP and a RFP for the carpet in the Town Office.

Bill will work with Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk writing a RFP.

Fay Chamberlain - Historical Society Update: Fay Chamberlain wasn't able to attend. The Selectboard discussed painting and venting the Block School House roof. The roof is starting to peel and she was hoping to get it repainted. Mark and Adam will check it out after the Block School House opens for the season.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Fire Station Update: Bill gave an update on the Fire Station building meeting he had last Friday with Jay Beurmann-Beurmann Engineering, Nate Hayward-Hayward Design Build Contractor, David Roy-Wiemann and Lamphere Architects, Jeff Green-Act 250 District Coordinator for District Six and Jess Ann Wyman-DC Potable Water and Waste Water Engineer.

1. Discussed Act 250 and want to be sure all local issues are taken care of.
2. Beyond that Jeff Green feels because it is a municipal facility it will just be a minor Act 250 application with probably a 20-30 days process for them to turn it around.
3. David Roy, Nate Hayward and Jay Beurmann are quite familiar with working with act 250.
4. There did not seem to be red flags that went up for Jeff Green.
5. Discussed dissolving internal lot lines and what that might mean.
6. Jeff Green was comfortable if we needed to dissolve or modify internal lot lines within the Poratti property we could do so and not trip up any Act 250.
7. If we wanted to dissolve the lot lines between the existing Town buildings and the Poratti property that might cause some concern.
8. If we want to do anything in the future we are going to have to go through Act 250 anyway.
9. On the wastewater side fortunately Jay Beurmann has all the engineering specifications for the Poratti parcel and also has been working with Nate Hayward on the site in South Hero and the proposed Fire Station.
10. Jay Beurmann is quite familiar with the flows and the capacity of the Poratti site.
11. It appears the permitted flow for the system we can plug into with the existing mound will satisfy what we need for the Fire Station.
12. We have 135 gallons per day allocation and the design for the Fire Station is expected to be 96 gallons per day.
13. There is a need to split the distribution of that wastewater between two mound systems but it is a pretty simply thing to do.
14. Jay Beurmann will be sending the Selectboard a contract that will need to sign for his services as will David Roy.
15. Once David Roy and Jay Beurmann have done their work and Nat Hayward receives a firm set of plans then he will send us his contract for his services.
16. Jay Beurmann has already started the DRB process.
17. He has spoken with Jeff Parizo and hopes to have the DRB application ready by May 26 if not sooner with plans to go before the DRB on their June 15th meeting.
18. Jay Beurmann needs to work on the storm water permit.

- 19. There is a certain design for storm water on that commercial lot but the building we are putting on is larger than the building proposed for that site. Jay is working on those calculations.
- 20. Optimistically we are looking at a late September, early October ground breaking.

Bill said the permits are the next hurdles and he went on to explained the chart he brought. Listing the different elements, permitting, finances including fund raising, construction, various contracts, Fire Department up-fits and a public information officer. Collectively the Fire Department and the Selectboard can reach out to the community with one voice. Bill put together a draft of the Fire Station update letter that could be signed by both the Selectboard and the Fire Department Chief and Assistant Chief. He gave the Board copies as asked that they review it and get it back to him in the next week or two. It might be nice to get the letter out before the DRB meeting mid June.
Adam thanks Bill.

Annex Update: Mark is still waiting for the wastewater permit. He will check on it.

Town Bylaws: Each Selectboard member was giving a section of the Town Bylaws to review and make correction and/or changes. Each Board member went through their sections and stated what changes they felt are necessary to change. Adam will email Jeff Parizo, Zoning Administrator and Shawn Mercy, Planning Commission asking them to join him and Mark to finalize the Bylaws.

- VI. REVIEW ORDERS and PAY BILLS:** AnnaMarie makes a motion at 9:20pm to review orders and pay bills. Mark seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Bill makes a motion to go into executive session at 9:25pm to discuss a personnel matter. John seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
Bill makes a motion to come out of executive session at 9:52pm. There will be further discussion about the topic at our June 6, 2016 Selectboard meeting. John seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie makes a motion to adjourn at 9:53pm. John seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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