

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 13, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 6:07PM.

Board Members Present: Adam White-Chair, Mark Cobb Sr.-Vice Chair, and AnnaMarie DeMars. Bill Baron was late in arriving.

II. COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Shevonne Travers, David Graham, Fay Chamberlin, Lucille Campbell, Howard DeMars, Melissa Boutin and Sue Lawrence. Jeff Martin was late in arriving.

III. TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES UPDATES:

1. Adam opened the meeting stating this is an opportunity for Boards and Committees to bring updates to the Selectboard.
2. On the Selectboard end Adam announced that John Lawrence has resigned from the Selectboard due to health concerns.
3. Selectboard will be looking for someone to fill that vacancy from August to March.
4. The position will be advertised around Town in various sources looking at July 11 to be the deadline for people to submit letters of interested.
5. The Town was successful in purchasing the Poratti property.
6. Moving ahead with the Fire Station project, proposed to be between Island Lane Apartments and the (Highway Dept.) sand pile.
7. Contracted with Wiemann and Lamphere Architect, Nate Hayward Building and Beurmann Engineering.
8. Working on building at just over 7,000 square foot building and is within the budget we have of the bond that was approved in November 2012.
9. Looking for a late September, early October (2016) ground breaking.
10. Right now we are going through the permitting process, have already met with Act 250 and the representatives there don't see any major issues.
11. Meeting with the DRB on July 6.
12. Adam thanks Joe Faulstich for the donation of 16 American flags that were put up along Rt. 2. The Town also put up one Canadian flag in honor of David Borthwick-Leslie's many years of service to Grand Isle.

Mark on Annex Update:

1. Subdividing the Annex property and selling the building plus 1-acre of land, including the playground and the driveway to the school for \$1.00.
2. The Town will keep the Yogi ball field (behind the playground) and continue to use the parking lot.
3. Doing a property swap with Bill Baron, we are getting enough property to bring our building into compliance
4. (The Annex is gaining the grass area east of the building and Bill Baron is gaining the grass area east of his existing driveway.)
5. (Also, included is the ROW for VEC.)
6. The school will be doing the maintenance (on the Annex), looking to do updates and to use the upstairs for more needed office space.

DRB Update:

1. Updates on the Town By-Laws were discussed.
2. Howard DeMars said he was disappointed that the Selectboard hasn't already approves the By-Laws.
3. Mark said this is a legal document and it has to be correct. There were a lot of items that didn't pertain to anything and need to be corrected.
4. The Selectboard will review the Town Plan on June 20.
5. Hope to wrap up the review of the Town Plan and By-Laws shortly.
6. There was a discussion of reviewing the By-Laws annually.

Recreation Department Update:

1. Shevonne Travers said the 4th of July is coming up and she asked for someone to notify the (Catholic) Church for permission to again put the sign on their lawn.
2. David Graham listed several issues of vandalism at the Rec Park that went on for several years and how to deal with them.
3. Cars doing donuts in the parking lot,
4. Throwing bottles and kicking the boards in at the old bathhouse.
5. Flags were stolen.
6. The Sheriff was notified and has patrolled the area.
7. Shevonne Travers said the brush along the road should be cleaned out to slow vandalism.
8. She asked if the Town could donate gravel for soggy areas on the trail.
9. They also plan to use mulch for the trails.
10. Adam will talk with Brad Sheridan, Road Forman, to deliver some stone to the Rec Park.
11. Shevonne Travers said she put out an ad looking for a part-time employee to work 10 hours. Three applied and only one person showed up for the interview. They are hoping to fill the position by Wednesday.

David Graham suggested mowing the area behind the Town Office in the fall, let the ground freeze, flood the area, put up lights and have an ice rink. Maybe the Library could get donated ice skates for people to use.

Marycrest Beach Issues:

1. Sheriff has increased patrols.
2. Reluctant to put up trash barrels or signs stating "No Bon-Fires".
3. Suggested painting over "No Bon-Fires" on the signs that were ordered for the beach then post them at Marycrest Beach.
4. David Graham suggested building up the waterside with rocks for more parking areas.
5. Mark said the Town should be banking funds each year for future property purchase.

Historical Society Update:

1. Fay Chamberlin said the Historical Society is looking for people to take over for those who have retired.
2. Three people alternate as DocuSate's at the Hyde Log Cabin and the Block School.

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3. Discussed about help putting up the signs.
4. The iron pipe that holds a sign was struck by the mower and damaged.
5. Lucille Campbell did inventory update and rearranged the cabin a little.
6. The Historical Society Committee is concentrating on increasing membership.
7. A Japanese Spirea Shrub will be planted at the Log Cabin, with a plaque in honor of Charlene Southwick and her many years of service as Dossier at the Hyde Log Cabin.
8. Needed are a new flagpole and gravel, windows need calking, repair board in ramp to cabin and remove day lilies.
9. Adam will contact the highway department for gravel and he and Mark will lower the pipe that holds the small sign.
10. The next Historical Society meeting will be July 19 at 6:30p.m.

Cemetery Update: Sue Lawrence said there are a few more cremation burials to be done and the cemetery is doing fine.

Listers Update: Sue Lawrence said the grievances start for the Listers on June 20. The State has changes notices for current use

There was discussion of the Transfer Station and cost for trash bags. Bill said we could ask someone from ANR to come to a Selectboard meeting to discuss (the upcoming) composting law and our obligations. Melissa Boutin said she would like to get needle disposal containers for three locations for responsible disposal of needles, Town Office, Transfer Station and Donaldson Park. She will contact VT CARES regarding the containers.

Adam closes by reminding everyone that the Selectboard plans to continue holding these Board/Committee members update meetings on each fifth Monday of the month. He said otherwise if any issues come up to contact the Selectboard.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie makes a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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