

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

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 and Bill Baron

Board Members Not Present:

II. GUESTS: Selectboard Letter of Interest Submitters

Community Members Present: Diane Cota, Sue Lawrence, Donna LeClair, Bill LeClair,
Colleen Bushway, Carolyn McCray, Linda Morgan, Ron Bushway, Brad Sheridan and
Rachael Griggs

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

Letters of Interest for Selectboard position: Adam said there are three letters of interest as Michael Inners withdrew his name because of a conflict. The three people left are Diane Cota, Linda Morgan and Ron Bushway. Adam asked each to give a quick opening about themselves and why they are interested in being on the Selectboard.

Diane Cota lives on Reynolds Road:

1. In last three years has attended most Selectboard meetings.
2. Is very interested in the Town.
3. Involved in different volunteer areas of the Islands.
4. Hears a lot from the community and feels like a liaison between the community and the Selectboard.
5. Doesn't see the Selectboard as a place for a personal agenda but sees it as a place to listen to the Town and talk about what is good for the town.
6. Would like to be a part of that process.
7. Worked for the State of VT.

Linda Morgan lived on East Shore South for 23 years and the past 6 years on West Shore.

1. Works full time at the hospital in the division of urology overseeing three areas.
2. Always wanted to be active in the community.
3. Sat on the Board of Directors for C.I.D.E.R. and a couple other boards.
4. Had interest for two years to be on the Selectboard.

Ron Bushway lived in Grand Isle all his life.

1. Served on the Selectboard from 2003-2014.
2. Has a lot of business knowledge.
3. Worked for H.P. Hood for 18 years in management and as plant manager.
4. Passionate about the Highway Department and will continue working in that direction.
5. Wants to work well with the Selectboard and help maintain our tax base.

The Board asked questions of the applicants.

AnnaMarie asked if any have a personal agenda, Linda Morgan said she does not and the reason she hasn't come to any meetings is because she was not welcome at a meeting for the Water Department. It was a bad experience.

AnnaMarie ask for their opinion on a Town Center. Diane is for one, Linda would like to have more information on it and Ron is open for it.

Bill asked for examples where they had to deal with contentious issues. Each gave an example.

Adam asked if they see the people in the Town office frequently, infrequently or coming in with a blank slate.

1. Diane answered saying she has a lot of interaction with the people here because of all the different functions she is involved in and works well with all of them.
2. Linda said she works full time and is not that involved. She is involved with C.I.D.E.R. because her son uses it for transportation.
3. Ron listed various positions he serves on the Town. He doesn't currently belong to any boards but use to belong to the Fire Department.

Adam said the position was opened up because of John Lawrence leaving due to health reasons. He listed many things required of a Board member and how they can come to the Town Office to get information. He thanks them and invites them to stay to see the rest of the meeting.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2016. AnnaMarie seconds, three in favor, Mark abstains, as he was absent for this meeting, motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Town Carpet Costs: Adam said Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk, and Linda Effel, Assistant Town Clerk agreed that option #3 from Lacey's (The CarpetMaster) bid is the one they will go with and includes the following:

1. Removal and disposing existing carpet.
2. Moving furniture as needed.
3. Tightening and screwing existing floorboards.
4. Lifetime warrantee on 2 x 2 foot carpet squares.
5. Vinyl flooring for the bathroom and walk-off matting for the entryways.
6. There is roughly \$24,000 in the maintenance budget.

AnnaMarie makes a motion to go with number 3 for \$7,291.91 with Lacey's (The CarpetMaster). Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

TAC – Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate Appointment: Adam said NWRPC is looking for an alternate member on the TAC where David Borthwick-Leslie is the Chair. Barclay Morris, who on the Board of Commissioners of Regional Planning (along with David Borthwick-Leslie), said he would like to fill the position as alternate on the TAC.

Adam said David Borthwick-Leslie reported issues regarding storm-water run-off. The Department of Environment Conservation said Grand Isle has 21 violations. Adam will check to see if the violations are in the Town of Grand Isle or in Grand Isle County.

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AnnaMarie makes a motion to appoint Barclay Morris to the position of TAC Alternate. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Station Update: Bill gives the Fire Station Update.

1. Fire Department members Bill Baron, Chief Todd Boutin, and Assistant Chief Matt Reisdorff met with David Roy (Wiemann and Lamphere Architects) and two engineers from Pierson Associates, who deal with mechanical and electric engineering, to fine-tune some of the aspects of the Fire Station in terms of what the Fire Department needs for mechanical and electric.
2. Bill received a letter stating the sprinkler system variance requested (for the new fire station) was denied. Bill had a conversation with Mike Durochers, Director of the Division of Fire Safety. If we want to appeal that denial this is the gentleman that needs to see the appeal.
3. Mike Durochers is going to meet with Bill, David Roy, and Todd Boutin on Friday to discuss the request of the variance and how the appeal should go forward.
4. AnnaMarie asked why it was denied. Bill said how he understands it, within the last year or so the Regional Managers for the Division of Fire Safety got together and were questioning the need for sprinkler systems in fire stations with less than 7500 square feet that do not have any residences, no overnight accommodations and do not house fire fighters 24/7. That proposed rule change was pulled and hasn't had a clear picture. Hopefully Friday we will have a better understanding of why.
5. The community letter has been revised but is being held off a little bit to get the Fire Department web site up to date.
6. Bill still needs to meet with Chief Boutin regarding the MOU for basically who's responsible for what during the construction.
7. Mark had a question on the MOU and several parts that should be the Towns responsibility. Bill said the list was developed in 2012 and there would be changes.
8. The BGS Grant can be used for the community space and it is a 50/50 matching grant.
9. The Town Attorney will review the MOU at the end.

Annex Update: Mark said the application has been dropped off with Jeff (Parizo, ZOA). Everything is in place and we are waiting for a date some time around the first of September.

Island Circle Discussion:

1. There was discussion as to whether the Town should take over Island Circle Road.
2. The road has been certified by Jay Buermann, Buermann Engineering and that it has been built to Town standards.
3. Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman said they should wait two or three years before taking over the road to be sure it stands up.
4. It should be noted that this road would be the last road to be plowed.
5. With the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication it's favorable of a three-year wait to take over Island Circle Road.
6. It is decided to wait until the next meeting to OK moving forward.
7. Brad Sheridan will check to see if guardrails are needed.

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Town Survey Update:

1. Shawn Mercy of the Planning Commission had brought forth the Town Survey he was asked to look into.
2. Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk, said it would be better to send it out to per household.
3. Goal is to get it done within two weeks, send out by September and with a two-week turn-around.
4. Drop boxes will be at the Town Office, Transfer Station and Library. Adam will talk with the Post Office and A&B to see if small boxes could be put there.
5. Still checking into putting it on the web site.
6. Have extra copies at the Town Office.

VI. REVIEW ORDERS and PAY BILLS: AnnaMarie makes a motion to review orders and pay bills.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: AnnaMarie makes a motion at 8:20PM to go into executive session to discuss the Library Trustee’s Property Discussion. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to come out of executive session at 8:53PM with no action taken. AnnaMarie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Mark makes a motion to go into executive session at 8:54PM to discuss the Selection Board appointment and candidates. Bill seconds, all in favor, motion passes

Bill makes a motion to come out of executive session at 9:17PM with regard to the candidates for the Selectboard. The Selectboard acknowledges they have three viable candidates but a consensus could not be reached as to a selection of the candidate and we are going to encourage all interested parties in the position to put their name on the November ballot for voter consideration. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie makes a motion to adjourn at 9:15PM. Adam seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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