

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
September 12, 2016**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Adam White called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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

**Community Members Present:** Ron Bushway, Timothy Parizo, Brad Sheridan, Jay Beurmann, David Borthwick-Leslie, Brent Whitney, Diane Cota, Caleb Tourville, Sandra Shappy, Ron Shappy Jr., John LaBarge, David Roy, Panos Lekkas.

- II. **GUESTS: John LaBarge – Yacht Road ROW:** John LaBarge and neighbors Ron and Sandra Shappy were present to provide more information regarding this matter. Brent Whitney, owner of three lots on Yacht Road and one lot on Slope Rd. was present to provide his side and supporting documents on this matter. The Selectboard will talk with the Town attorney regarding this matter with the intention to discuss at the October 3rd meeting.

**Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:**

- III. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for September 1, 2016 have been tabled. Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Right-of-Way:** Jeff Luce of 124 West Shore Road submitted a curb cut request. Currently Mr. Luce has a driveway exiting onto Allen Road Extension, wishes to move driveway to exit onto West Shore Road and terminate previous exit. Mark makes a motion to approve application. Bill seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**Municipal Planning Grant:** Bill mentions that the MPG that the Town was going to apply for last year for looking into shared services is going to be open again. Bill mentioned the Town should apply for the grant looking at how best to utilize the “Poratti Property.” Feedback was positive from board members to pursue this route. Adam mentioned the grant deadline is October 31st. The Town plans to approve the Town Plan and Bylaws on Oct 3rd and both documents can go for regional approval at the NPRC meeting on October 26th.

**Eurasian Milfoil:** Adam reached out to the Lake Champlain Basin Program regarding reports that milfoil is appearing at Marycrest Beach and how to handle it. LCBP offers grants that will be open to apply for soon and the federal government has grants as well. Adam will continue to work with LCBP to get a grant to handle this problem.

**Road Grant:** Town Foreman Brad Sheridan applied for a \$175,000 paving grant to help cover costs with paving a section of road. There was some discussion that Brad was going to determine if in-kind services could be counted toward the municipal part of the grant match. Brad asked for the Selectboard to sign off on the grant application to accept the grant. Adam signed the document.

**Transfer Station Scales:** Anna mentions that the Selectboard was looking into having trash at the Transfer Station having a price per pound rather than per bag and was looking for an update. Ron Bushway and Brad Sheridan reported that they have been dealing with road matters. Brad has priced out scales. Anna mentioned she would like the Selectboard to discuss this matter before budgets are reviewed in December.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Island Circle:** Jay Buermann of Buermann Engineering discussed the topic of guardrails on the road. Referring to the Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads, published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, he noted that guardrails are not cost efficient and can be a hazard. Jay mentions there are other steeper embankments off town roads compared to Island Circle.

Brad and Ron are okay with a two-year waiting period to take the road over to give the Town time to ensure there are no issues with frost and thaw periods.

Mark makes a motion to accept Island Circle as a public road after a two year period (September 12, 2016 to September 12, 2018) and that the Town Attorney will work with Carl Lisman (Island Industrial Corps attorney) to make an amendment to the 2006 agreement. Bill seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**Fire Station Update:** Bill updates the board that the project will need to get an engineers stamp for the plans and will use Pearson Engineering.

Jay Buermann of Buermann Engineering is working with Chief Boutin regarding a washer and will rework gallons per day usage but does not foresee any issues with daily totals.

**Annex Update:** Mark met with the DRB on September 7th to give a presentation regarding the project for their review. Pending approval the project is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

**VI. REVIEW ORDERS and PAY BILLS:** Anna makes a motion to review orders and pay bills. Bill seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Bill made a motion to go into executive session at 8:40pm to discuss a personnel matter. Mark seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Bill makes a motion to come out of executive session at 8:55pm with the board acknowledging Frank Boyle (Town Laborer) has submitted his letter of resignation with two weeks notice. The Selectboard will begin posting a job advertisement. Mark seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 8:56pm, Ann seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam White – Selectboard Chair

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