

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 30, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Board Members Present: Adam White-Chair, Bill Baron, AnnaMarie DeMars and Diane Cota

Board Members Not Present: Mark Cobb Sr.-Vice Chair

Community Members Present: David Graham, Rabbi Stuart J. Robinson, Esq, Colleen Bushway, Donna LeClair, Lucille Campbell, Ray Mitchell, Sue Lawrence, Merritt Vantine, Dwight Bullis, Kate C. O'Neill, Carolyn McCray, Becca McCray, Jeff Parizo, Shawn Mercy, Melissa Boutin, Howard DeMars and Rachael Griggs

II. Fifth Monday of the Month Meeting With All Department Boards and Committees:

Adam opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1. Introduced Melissa Boutin, Town Treasurer.
2. He let everyone know they can reach out to Melissa to get financial information.
3. Ask for budget updates and try to keep track of their budget.
4. Adam asked for each department to have one contact person to reach out to Melissa
5. Give her time in advance for her to get the information together.
6. He thanked Melissa for meeting with the departments and committees to explain where the unused funds go.
7. Adam said two Selectboard members attended a Planning Commission meeting. They discussed the use for the Poratti property. The members of the PC plan to inspect each of the Town buildings.
8. Adam talked about Open Meeting Laws applying to postings of agendas and meetings.

Each department member attending gave a brief update.

Historical Society: Lucille Campbell Reported:

1. Lucille Campbell said the Stratton South Hero/Grand Isle books have arrived.
2. They ordered 50 sets and have sold 44 so far.
3. The Historical Society will consider ordering more.
4. Anyone interested in the few books they have left should contact Fay Chamberlin.
5. They are available for \$50 each, \$100 per set.

DRB:

1. Donna LeClair, DRB Scribe said three people went to the North West Regional Planning training in South Hero.
2. She came away feeling very good about the process and procedures they use for their hearings and so forth.
3. Ray Mitchell, DRB Co-Chair said more permits are coming up and will have two hearings coming up the first of February.

4. Ray had some questions on the By-laws and Town plan.
5. Adam said the Selectboard would be holding their public hearing on the Town Plan and By-laws on February 6 and that would be a good time to bring up the questions.
6. Rabbi Stuart Robinson said Melissa Boutin did an awesome job explaining the balance funds and discussed how to adjust their budget and legal fees.
7. He said Jeff (Parizo) and Linda (Effel) were a huge help and answered their many legal questions.
8. He said Donna (LeClair) is the one who puts everything in final form and they are very lucky to have her.

Cemetery: Sue Lawrence and Lucille Campbell reported:

1. Plans to finish the road and they need more fencing where land was added.
2. More restorations and filling holes.
3. Planning a sign for the Quaker cemetery and adding 12-15 names that are on the bolder located in the cemetery.
4. There is a lot of restoration work needed at the Quaker cemetery.

Recreation: David Graham reported:

1. Received the trail work grant re-imbusement check for almost \$6000.
2. Basketball court and small trail are being used this winter.
3. Looking for someone as a summer coordinator and may have three or four interested.
4. Expanding the parking lot.
5. Bill said there is information for parks and will reach out to the (State) Park and Recreation department.
6. Discussed plans for the town center area and an ice skating rink behind the Town Offices.

Library: Colleen Bushway and Kate O'Neill reported:

1. Discussed the fireplace.
2. Electronic books.
3. Movie each month.

Planning Commission: Shawn Mercy and Jeff Parizo reported:

1. Visited the Transfer Station last Saturday and found this is not a viable site to build on.
2. Will be looking at all town buildings.
3. Plan to ask the community for input.
4. Adam said there are a lot of options to be looked into. We are at step one of long list of steps to do this year.

Listers: Sue Lawrence reported:

1. Sue said she is asked if they are doing an assessment of wetlands.
2. Jeff said not at this time.
3. There was a discussion on wetlands.

Adam thanks everyone for coming, for all they do and thanks Melissa Boutin for all she does in the Town Office each day.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Adam makes a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm. Diane seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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