

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 5<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY MEETING  
January 29, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Adam White called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**Board Members Present:** Adam White-Chair, Bill Baron-Vice Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars, and Jeff Parizo

**Board Members Not Present:** Diane Cota

**Community Members Present:** Sue Lawrence-Cemetery and Listers Office, Donna LeClair-DRB, Shevonne Travers-Recreation. Shawn Mercy-Planning Commission, Ron Bushway-Highway and Building Facilities Manager, Melissa Boutin-Town Clerk, Rachael Griggs-Selectboard Secretary, Lucille Campbell-Cemetery and Historical Society, Colleen Bushway- Historical Society and Library, Jean Prouty-Historical Society, Patrick Travers and Eric Godin

Adam White announced the Fire Department has moved from the current station to the new one and will occupy both buildings for about another month or so.

**II. GUESTS:**

**Shevonne Travers-Recreation Department:**

1. Youth basketball program is going on now.
2. A parent has asked if the Rec. Dept. along with the town would sponsor a youth ski program at Smugglers Notch. Discussion involved the following:
  - Rec Dept. voted yes with a lot of stipulations around auto coverage and background checks.
  - Suppose to happen two times in February and two times in March and the Superintendent approved it.
  - Parents will transport the students.
  - This will happen during school, kids will be leaving classes around 10:00am to go ski.
  - This would be for the ones who can afford it.
  - Adam White wondered why approval from the Rec Committee is needed. Shevonne Travers said this is the only way the deal gets cut.
  - AnnaMarie DeMars said she isn't happy about being liable for a ski program.
  - Rec Dept. is a little concerned too.
  - School can't afford a bus.
3. Rec. Dept. is looking at the additional piece of State land on Donaldson Road. David Graham and Jeff Martin will present a plan to the State District Stewardship Team on February 20.
4. Shevonne listed some of the ideas for use of this land.
5. AnnaMarie DeMars asked to have the posted signs in place before the next hunting season.

**Shawn Mercy-Planning Commission:**

1. Shawn Mercy has received an email from David Roy stating the Structural Engineer quote for the old fire station building is \$2800. Plan is to check the building some time in February. Still looking for the specifications of the old plans.
2. David Pratt dropped off the building plans from Swanton's Highway Department building allowing the Grand Isle use at no charge for our new Highway Department building. Shawn presented the plans to the Selectboard saying this will save the Town upwards of \$50,000. The plans will be at the Town Office for the public to view.
3. As of now the best location for the new building is behind the Annex building.
4. PC has discussed this with Learning Adventure owner Elaine Chasse who is ok with it.
5. PC will have a few public meetings, which will be posted, to see what people think.
6. It will have to go before the DRB and notifications will go to all adjoining property owners.
7. PC is getting close on Capital Budget.
8. Have received nominations for the ZAO position and will meet tomorrow to determine whom to interview. Will get in touch with them and do the interviews during the meeting on Tuesday Feb. 6.

Adam announced that on Monday March 5 would be Town Info night at the school starting with the School Board at 6:00pm and the Selectboard will follow at approximately 7:00pm.

**Jean Prouty-Historical Society:**

1. Thanked the Highway Dept. for the gravel on the driveway and path.
2. Ron Bushway, Building Facilities Manager will put out an RFP for the roof, looking at two options, new roof or painting the existing roof.
3. Historical Society gave Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk a check for half of the income for the year.

Adam White made a motion to return to the Grand Isle Historical Society the check for \$759.00 and thanked them for their service to the Town of Grand Isle. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

4. Looking for a security system for the Hyde Log Cabin and the old School House.
5. Jeff Parizo suggested they contact DC Electric for estimates.
6. A lady who was remodeling her camp in Burlington found the Hyde Log Cabin bronze sign, which was stolen in 1976 in the ground under the camp. She returned it to the Historical Society who would like it put back up and use longer bolts this time.
7. Electrical concerns, we need more outlets in both buildings. DC Electric should be contacted for this as well.
8. New shutters are needed for the School House. Ron Bushway will look into getting some made and for the Log Cabin as well.
9. A leather bound ledger written by Jeddah Hyde, valued at about \$500 has been donated as well as a picture of Gordon's Landing before the Ferry. Also, we are having two wall maps restored, one-dated 1854 and the other dated 1857 and would like them to hang in the School House.
10. In the future we hope to have round-table discussions with some of the older residents and have them recorded.
11. Looking for a display case that locks. Eric Godin may be able to get one.

12. AnnaMarie asked if there was someone who would know the style of a bench for a period of the School House.

**Ron Bushway-Highway and Buildings Facilities Manager:**

**Buildings:**

1. Ron said they are still looking for a handyman to do small jobs like the shutters.
2. Adam White said the Sheriff's Department returned the Knox-Boxes, as they don't have time to put them up.
3. Ron is to make a list of the things that need to be done.
4. Town Office work is almost complete.

**Highway:**

1. Mowing tractor and one-ton truck both need to be replaced. Shawn Mercy suggested having a bucket on the tractor.
2. Summer person would be hired around May to September to help with roadside mowing.
3. Discussed ways to pay for tractor and one-ton truck. Suggested using capital fund to purchase the one-ton because this fund will continue to replenish and finance the tractor, which would be owned in 4-5 years.
4. Basically it wouldn't cost the taxpayers any more and we would continue to maintain the equipment.
5. The next piece of equipment needing to be replaced soon is the auto-car and that is through the Transfer Station.
6. Bill Baron suggested going through the State for the purchase of the one-ton.
7. Ron said it makes sense to keep the old tractor to use at the Transfer Station. Will discuss what to do with the one-ton.
8. Ron is to get three quotes if we aren't tying into the State.

**Sue Lawrence-Listers Office:**

1. Tyler Hemanson – State E911 will be a guest at the February 5 Selectboard meeting to explain the new E911 system.
2. The Listers have filed the grand list. The overall grand list has increased substantially and will continue to go up.
3. Discussed the Solar Field owned by Dream Walker Farm LLC. Whoever owns that land pays the property taxes.
4. Fifteen new permits have been made. Thirteen for new housing and two or three for replacements.
5. April first the Listers will go out to inspect them.
6. Common level of appraisal is going up.
7. The Sheriff's Department purchase of the Nut Free Chocolate building was discussed.
8. The thought is with the Sheriff's Department moving to Grand Isle it will attract more people to move here.
9. Shawn Mercy said his new business is scheduled for August.

**Sue Lawrence-Cemetery:**

1. Sign at Quaker Cemetery is in place and looks nice. It may be too close to the road for the plow.
2. Ron Bushway and Brad Sheridan, Road Forman will measure it. If it's only a few inches it will stay. Ron will report back at the February 5 Selectboard meeting.
3. More fencing is needed on the west side (of the main cemetery on Rt. 2).

4. Stones need to be righted and straightened up so they aren't sinking to allow easier mowing.
5. Adam asked if Grand Isle allows green burial. Sue said that is something that may be brought up to the Cemetery Commission in the future.

**Donna LeClair-Development Review Board:**

1. The DRB is up and going.
2. Had their first organizational meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. Linda Effel, acting ZAO went over the rules of procedure and everyone signed.
3. Going to have another administration meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February and a hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February.
4. Donna said after hearing Fran LaFromboise didn't get the memo of the January 17 meeting she will call from now on.
5. Still looking for one more alternate.

**Colleen Bushway-Library:**

1. Brainstorming Session was held Monday, January 22.
2. Committee was formed for the new Library consisting of 6 people.
  - Library Trustees Carolyn McCray and Colleen Bushway.
  - Friends of the Library Deb Bedron and Leslie Desrosiers.
  - Community members Howard DeMars and Glenda Lekee.
3. This committee will be looking at everything from joining with the South Hero library to building a new library in Grand Isle.
4. South Hero's projected (FY 2019) operating expense is \$128,000 and Grand Isle's current operating budget is \$48,000 plus Grand Isle would have to pay for a satellite building. South Hero isn't providing any information.
5. Colleen said she is hoping to raise a large chunk of money to put into the items in the building and to put the rest toward building the building so that we don't have to get the money from the taxpayers.
6. Colleen said State law says that this \$202,000 received in 2002 has to be voted on by the voters.
7. Adam said this is a process that needs to be heavily coordinated with the PC.
8. Ron Bushway suggested the Friends of the Library step back and let the PC do their job and that the library step back and let them do it.
9. Colleen Bushway said the (majority of) Library Board is trying to do everything to keep the library in our town and are committed to getting the facts from PC and South Hero.
10. What ever the committee comes up with will first have to go before the Selectboard and then to the Townspeople for a vote. State law says that \$340,000 that we are sitting on right now has to be voted on the expenditure of that money; the taxpayers have the say, yes or no.
11. The plan is to have a questionnaire at Town Meeting and on voting day at the voting exit station.
12. Shawn Mercy said he spoke at this meeting and that the Highway building must be the next building to be built and the Library meeting saying they haven't forgotten about the Library.
13. Library members plan to attend a March PC meeting.

Melissa Boutin is working on the Town Report. Anyone who wants to have a report printed in it needs to have it submitted to Melissa by February 5.  
Bill also mention if anyone has pictures or items for the power point presentation to give them to him as well.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie motions to adjourn at 8:03pm. Bill Baron seconds, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

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Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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