

GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD

SPECIAL MEETING Minutes

Saturday February 3, 2018 - 9:00 AM

TOWN OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Adam White called the special Selectboard meeting to order at 9:00AM

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

Community Members Present: Melissa Boutin-Town Clerk and Rachael Griggs-Selectboard Clerk

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: Town Clerk Eligibility:

- II. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sign Warning for 2018 Town Meeting: Adding and Approving item #4.

Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk explained the reason for adding question number 4 to the ballot for March 5 which reads “Will the legal voters of the Town vote to utilize unassigned fund balance in the sum of \$56,750 as proposed by the Selectboard to defray the expenses of the Town General budget?”

Melissa said the reason it is being added is that with the addition in revenues and expenses the increase in the general fund un-assigned fund balance money would, based on the grand list, keep the municipal tax rate at a net change of zero going forward in the FY19.

As of the last meeting the unrestricted fund balance stands at about \$280,000.

Adam said utilizing the unrestricted general fund for the use of a zero increase in the tax rate will not hurt the overall amount in the fund balance. When the grand list goes up the municipal tax rate will decrease (the education rate will go up heavily this year). Melissa said the grand list more than likely is going to go up.

AnnaMarie DeMars asked if we have the school budget yet. Melissa Boutin said she has the warning but based on what we know as far as the School Board the education rate is going to go up. Jeff Parizo said he heard it’s going up 6-8%.

Adam White makes a motion to put number 4 on the ballot. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Bill Baron explained the reason the fire department remains level funded is because the Town is now picking up the expenses for the utilities and the fire department is using that additional \$5,000 toward replacing the pumper.

Jeff Parizo said we need to hold onto the general unrestricted fund balance until we figure what the infrastructure will be for the Town garage and Library. Adam agreed we need to set a dollar amount aside for a rainy day fund. Also we need funds for a structural engineer that can be pulled from the general fund rather than asking for an increase that would affect taxes.

Adam White motions to approve the official annual warning for the 2018 Town Meeting. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Town Clerk Eligibility: Discussed putting this matter on the Selectboard agenda for February 5, 2018.

1. Question that has been brought to multiple Selectboard members relates to whether a candidate for Town Clerk and Treasurer needs to be a registered voter of the Town.
2. Whether or not the voter registration is ok - can someone apply for and have a petition signed for them if they are not already living here?
3. A question that has been posed is whether or not a person needs to be a resident of Grand Isle when a petition is handed in.

Adam White will call the Secretary of State Office for clarification. He will also reach out to the Town Attorney.

III. ADJOURNMENT: Adam White motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:12AM. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Adam White, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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