

**TOWN of GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD  
SPECIAL 5<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
MINUTES of THE MEETING  
April 30, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Parizo called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Parizo, Diane Cota, AnnaMarie DeMars, Eric Godin and Rachael Griggs

**Community Members Present:** Kristy Wheel-DRB; Ron Bushway, Shawn Mercy-PC, Sue Lawrence-Lister/Cemetery, Arthur Goodrich-Cemetery, Merritt Vantine-Cemetery, Lucille Campbell-Cemetery/Historical Society, Carolyn McCray-Library, Shevonne Travis-Recreation, David Graham-Recreation, Joe Longo-DRB/Lister, Lisa Cassidy-Recreation, Karen Allen-Library, Colleen Bushway-Library/Historical Society, Jean Prouty-Historical Society, Todd Boutin and Melissa Boutin

**Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:** AnnaMarie DeMars – We should invite the School Board Members and Sheriff's Department and invite them to these 5<sup>th</sup> Monday meetings. AnnaMarie will draft a letter.

Rachael Griggs read the protocol let all Boards, Commissions, Committees and Department members know the regulations for filing and posting agendas and minutes.

Karen Allen said she doesn't understand the logic for the request by the Islander because their paper comes out after their Monday meetings. Diane Cota said the Islander has a Facebook page they report on and Eric Godin thinks it's more to check to see if the Islander would want to send someone to report on the meetings.

**II. GUESTS: Grand Isle Board, Commission, Committee and Department Members:**

**Historical Society-Jean Prouty reported:**

- DC Energy will submit an estimate for more lighting in the Hyde Log Cabin and security for the Hyde Cabin and the Block School House
- Jean said she wanted to thank the men for getting the shutters off the School House
- Historical Maps that were repaired will be back by Mothers Day
- Planning programs for the summer
- Looking for band members and pictures of past 4-H band members before June 13
- Flag pole and flag are in as well as a solar light
- Same employees from last year are coming back
- Thanks Ron Bushway and the Selectboard for working with the Historical Society board members

**Listers-Sue Lawrence and Joe Longo reported:**

- Working on the Grand List, needs to be completed and filed by June 4, 2018
- 2020 Census is coming
- 911 Address numbers, suggested getting an RFP and it was strongly suggested to hire someone who has done reappraisals in the Islands
- This is 3-5 years out and should get the RFP on a schedule. The Town has a reserve fund for the census
- Joe Longo added the Town looks strong. A lot of places that are on contract and selling very close to where our assessed values are

- An abundance of new homes are being built which will help the grand list overall
- Joe said he has been tracking this information for three years and it looks good
- We have to look at what we will lose when the Sheriff takes over the Chocolate Factory. We won't lose anything for the municipality part. We will pay more for our school taxes.
- Joe said he has been tracking this for 3 years and it is very exciting to see
- Sue said there are 26 new houses that need to be inspected this year
- Sue reported there are quite a few roads that are numbered incorrectly
- Jeff said he and Sue have looked into this and should see what it would cost to correct this. It should be done correctly

**Cemetery-Sue Lawrence reported:**

- A few people are buying lots
- Discussed green burials
- Going to the VT Cemetery Association meeting in Montpelier. They have a good agenda, talking about where to invest your money and green burials.

**Planning Commission-Shawn Mercy reported:**

- Has submitted the capital Budget Plan to the Selectboard for their review and will be discussed at the May 7 SB meeting
- Selectboard has contracted East Engineering to check out three potential building sites for the new municipal garage and Tyler Billingsley will give us the results
- Spoke and met with structural engineer Jeff LaRoy from Jeffords Steel in Plattsburg to check out the old fire station building. He will take measurements and do testing to see if the structure is viable.
- Merritt Vantine mentioned the impact fees the fire station, school and other services will have on taxes.

**Recreation Committee-Lisa Cassidy, Shevonne Travis and David Graham reported:**

- Lisa Cassidy said they met with the State Park regional manager about acquiring more land and it is on hold right now.
- They were told a nonresident of G.I. who camped the G.I. State Park last year is looking into an inclusive playground for young people that might be on the special spectrum, might be autistic.
- They would have to go through the DRB
- Shevonne said they thought they could do another \$1.00 lease on the field next to the park to begin the process for tennis courts but State wants to make it part of the public
- Shawn Mercy, PC Chair said June 5<sup>th</sup> we are having another round table discussion again with our legislatures. Start at 6:00 with BBQ, start meeting at 7:00 until about 8:00. Will be discussed at tomorrow nights PC meeting
- State Park road may have to be plowed in winter but we don't plow state roads
- They would need to go through the State for a Condition of Use permit
- Jeff Parizo said they should keep trying for more land
- A bocce ball court is being put up near the pavilion and will start after Yogi ends
- Rec department will write an MOU for the bocce court and trying to get a grant for the equipment
- Yogi starts this week
- Girls softball scoreboard has been delivered and is stored in the old fire station
- Met with Gary Smith and a group who have concerts at Night Point on Tuesday nights

- Every Town he sends a an invoice to contributes to the Forth of July fireworks except Grand Isle

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to contribute \$500 to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fire works. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin makes a motion that the \$500 we allocated for the fire works comes out of the Town General fund. Diane Cota seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- Island Excavating donated and delivered clay for the field. Rec has to pay for the fuel
- David Graham said they have received permission from the State to move the cement barriers on the side Donaldson Road closer to the road as people are still dumping trash there and asked if the Town road crew could move them
- Shevonne asked who is responsible for the MOU between the Town and the Recreation park and who is responsible for what
- More wood chips need to be placed at the playground
- Green Up day is May 5, bags can be picked up at the Town Office
- Would like rules at the park be posted. Shevonne will find ordinances for the SB to review
- PTA 5K Fun Run was discussed. Rachael Griggs is concerned about the Town's liability if anyone is hurt. Amy Thompson from the PTA will be at the May 7 SB meeting to answer questions and ask permission to use Town roads.
- Arthur Goodrich said he believes the school's liability should cover it
- Jeff Parizo will contact VLCT for an answer on next Monday
- Clearing invasive species between the park and Donaldson Road
- Discussion of access to Marycrest Beach and what can be done to improve it
- The large rocks were there to prevent erosion
- Jeff said he will send another letter to VLCT about the beach and see what they say
- Ron Bushway said the Town wants to put another access ramp on the east side of the culvert.
- Joe Longo said he and Don Hughes will be presenting a check for hundreds of dollars from bottles collected at the Transfer Station to Yogi

**Library-Karen Allen and Colleen Bushway reported:**

- Karen Allen said it's pretty status quo and gearing up for summer reading program
- All five towns participated in a job fair (at the Grand Isle school)
- Colleen Bushway said they had 36 people attend and it went well
- Colleen and Carolyn are both on the Committee to investigate and research the different options for a new library, repurposing a building perhaps the old fire station, looking at a new building or merging with South Hero
- Waiting to hear what comes from the research
- Colleen thanks Ronnie Bushway for taking down the light covers so to be cleaned
- Hired a cleaner, plan to use up the remainder of this years budget to do a deep clean
- Will set up a schedule and get an idea of the time needed and will build it into next year's budget
- She will be in the same \$600 restriction for the coming year

**DRB-Kristy Wheel reported:**

- Kristy said the new DRB is working well together
- We were thrown into a major sub-division right off the bat

- She wants to thank Linda Effel and Donna LeClair for their help
- Everyone on the Board is doing their homework
- Joe Longo concurs

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Drawbridge Meeting - Brief Report: Rachael Griggs and Diane Cota attended the meeting:**

- Contract for the new bridge construction has been signed
- Start new temporary draw bridge June 18, 2018
- When temporary bridge build is complete the demolition of the old bridge will start
- Start new bridge construction in Oct. 2019
- Complete new draw bridge May of 2021
- Remove temporary bridge October 2021
- Clean up July 2021
- Right now the times to open the bridge (for boats) is ½ hour on the ½ hour. They did ask for hour on the hour but was told the Coast Guard doesn't like to change the time schedule.
- They are still waiting for the final decision but if hour on the hour will back up both road and boat traffic
- The depth of the channel will remain the same
- Loadbearing will remain the same
- Denise Abbott Douglass said the electrical and mechanicals on the old bridge has reached it's life span
- Will have a big building for the operator and is all inclusive
- Construction will be year round
- Speed limit will be 25mph

##### **Discuss Conflict of Interest Policy:**

- Jeff Parizo said the Conflict of Interest Policy is a template from VLCT
- It's mandated by the State of Vermont that by 2019 that we have Conflict of Interest Policy for the Town in place
- Jeff asked if everyone has read it.
- Merritt Vantine said we are all in violation
- Eric Godin said the VLCT addresses that in small towns there will be instances where something like this will crop up
- Jeff said if there is a conflict of interest, bring it to light, everybody knows it's there, it's aboveboard and move on
- Eric said the problem is if we don't handle conflict of interest correctly immediately it can become a big problem down the road
- Have full disclosure of anything that could be considered a conflict of interest
- The Board has to approve something by 2019. We are not going to police the other Boards. What ever we (Selectboard) adopt will be for the other Boards as well.

We will have another 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month meeting will be in October. Items that need to be addressed by the Selectboard should be brought up at a regular Selectboard and not at the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting.

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Diane Cota motions to adjourn at 8:30pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

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Jeff Parizo, Selectboard Chair

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