

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday November 19, 2018 - 7:00 PM**  
**Town Office Community Room**  
**9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Parizo opened the meeting at 7:00PM

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

**Community Members Present:** Ron Bushway, Todd Boutin, Brad Sheridan, Joe Arnold, David Houston, Donna LeClair, Melissa Boutin, Keith Bennett, Denise Abbott-Douglass, Janice Arnold, Sue Lawrence and Karen Allen

**Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: None**

**II. GUESTS: Keith Bennett – Grand Isle Lakeshore Restoration Association:**

Keith Bennett said he is here to introduce their newly formed association. He passed out information sheets. Following is some of the information discussed.

1. GILRA is already a Vermont registered association and are currently applying for a nonprofit 501(c)(3) federal status and following that will be state nonprofit status
2. Purpose is to promote and maintain environmental economic and recreational protection of Lake Champlain in the vicinity within and surrounding the Town of Grand Isle
3. Pursue a comprehensive management plan to support removal of aquatic invasive species and nuisance aquatic plants
4. At present we have three members, Keith Bennett, Susan Bonfigli and Bob West
5. Importance of weed control
6. Identify and mitigate conditions, provide educational materials and work in conjunction with federal, state and local agencies
7. Modeled after PBRA to successfully remove weeds
8. Mission is to apply for grants, seek donations, seeking permits, working with Army Corps of Engineers, looking for volunteers, members and employees
9. Weed harvesting equipment, weed removal services and using benthic barriers
10. Town support:
  - Would like the Town to become the face of our organization for permitting and grants. We would do all the work to fill out forms and manage grant activities with the Town being the one requesting the grants and permits
  - Would like to be included on the insurance rider for the Town which would come to play if we eventually do own any equipment
  - Payroll services for any expenditures related to grants received
  - Help reduce cost by providing equipment and fuel at discounted prices
  - Financial assistance in the form of a Town referendum or line item in the budget to help support our mission
  - Potential access to Town equipment for transporting equipment and/or harvest weeds
  - Landing page on Town's website to communicate mission and activities

Jeff said GILRA would have to go through the process of getting a petition with the required 5% of registered voter signatures first. Then we can set a meeting later in the spring. AnnaMarie suggested members attend the March Town Meeting and explain this to the Town. Diane said they should have a map showing the locations they plan to work in.

**Todd Boutin, GIVFD Chief:**

**1. Request for fuel tank and storage:**

Chief Boutin explained that the fuel tank for the fire trucks is located behind the old fire station. He would like to have it shut down and install a new tank at the new station. All regulations would be followed. He would like permission to move forward and get the cost and all that is involved.

**2. Issues with new station lighting:**

Chief Boutin said there aren't any lights at the back row of parking spaces and when it's dark you can't see when backing up. This is very dangerous especially when it's raining. He would like to move forward and look into the cost of having two light poles installed there.

Eric Godin motions to let the Fire Department move forward and get quotes on both the lighting and a new fuel tank. Diane Cota seconds the motion, no discussion, four in favor, Rachael Griggs recuses and the motion passes.

**3. Permission to store 1973 Ford pumper truck in the old fire station:**

Chief Boutin said with the FEMA grant and the money the Town has set aside annually they are getting a new engine December 1<sup>st</sup>. He is asking permission from the Selectboard and the Highway Department to store the old pumper truck in the old fire station for the winter. The Board and the Highway Department are in agreement to grant this request.

**Listers - To approve an error and omissions on a property:**

Sue Lawrence, Lister said in August the Listers made a mistake. At the time the mistake was made the property was under Alva Williams LC 2006 Trust Agreement. The mistake made before August was we had changed the land grade, which is the value of the land up and down, from a point 70 to a point 75. It was suppose to have been the point 70. The total assessment was supposed to be \$287,000 but with the change of point 5 on the land grade it made the assessment \$210,800. If the Selectboard approves this Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk/Treasurer will make a new tax bill for the FY 19.

AnnaMarie DeMars makes a motion that we allow the Listers to correct the error and Melissa Boutin will send out the new tax bill to the new owners. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: November 12, 2018:** Diane Cota motions to approve the minutes of last Monday's meeting November 2018. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS: MOU for Departments/Committees requesting use of Town Buildings:**

Rachael Griggs questioned if a MOU should be drafted and signed when Town Departments/Committees request to store items in Town buildings. Jeff suggested Rachael contact Info @ VLCT with this question. This is tabled until the next meeting.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS: Janice Arnold – Driveway Curb Cut Update:**

Janice Arnold's son Joe Arnold asked what they would need to do to get a variance (for a curb cut) because they aren't meeting the setbacks. Jeff read the inspection results of the site visit by Jeff Parizo, Diane Cota, Ron Bushway and Brad Sheridan. Jeff Parizo said because of the request for a variance the next step is to go before the Development Review Board, then bring the results back to the Selectboard.

**Town Health Insurance Update:**

Karen Allen, Library Chair explained the type of insurance the company she works for uses. Diane Cota had checked into insurance companies and the different plans were discussed. Diane will come back with more information.

**NWRP – Appointment Update:**

Eric Godin said he reached out to Barclay Morris who is willing to continue to be on NWRP. Eric said he was unable to reach David Leslie-Borthwick to see if he is going to continue. Jeff said if not we need to appoint one more person. Eric will write the ad and check with Melissa to put it in The Islander and on FPF.

**Emerald Ash Borer Discussion – Diane:**

Diane Cota reported that Bill Baron informed her there is going to be a countywide task force. He requested someone from the Selectboard be on the task force, Eric Godin volunteered. There is going to be another meeting at the new fire station community room on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm.

**V. Highway Department Update:**

Ron Bushway, Highway Commissioner said there wasn't much to report. He said the road crew did a good job with plowing the roads during this first snowstorm.

**VI. Buildings Facilities Manager Update:**

- Letter regarding ditch behind new Fire Station: Moved to December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Ron said all the furnaces and the monitor heater in Town buildings are due to be cleaned on December 10<sup>th</sup> by O.C. McCuin & Sons

**VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS:** Diane Cota makes a motion to approve the warrants to be signed. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- **Library Personnel requested by Karen Allen**  
Eric Godin motioned to go into executive session at 7:55pm to discuss Library Personnel inviting Karen Allen to join them. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo ended executive session at 8:45pm with no decision.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie motions to adjourn at 8:46pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No discussion, 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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