

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday December 17, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

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

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

Community Members Present: Denise Abbott Douglass, Ron Bushway, William Baron and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: None

II. GUESTS: Bill Baron

Request for small amount of funding to replace (12 or so) N.W. Cedar trees on the west side of the Fire Station:

Bill Baron said because of the tough, dry summer about one dozen of the slightly more than one hundred Northern White Cedars planted at the new fire station have died. He said he is at the meeting to ask if the Board could build a few hundred dollars into the budget to replace the dead trees next spring.

Diane Cota motions to set aside up to \$300 to replace the dozen or so Northern White Cedars at the Fire Station. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Emerald Ash Borer Discussion-Formation of a Task Force, Countywide Approach:

A countywide meeting was held on December 4 in Grand Isle. Bill Baron said the Emerald Ash Borer was recently discovered at Apple Island in South Hero. He said if you have discovered it it's likely it's been here for four or five years. The affected trees become very brittle. The thought is to take a County approach by forming a Task Force. He brought a chart explaining how the Task Force might work and discussed issues including below items.

1. Businesses, tree services and excavation businesses involvement in the Islands
 2. Private Land Owners
 3. NWRPCC
 4. Grand Isle County Natural Resources
 5. Public Sector – State Parks, Fish and Wildlife access areas and AOT
 6. Municipal – Rec Park, Rights Of Way, Hyde Log Cabin, Cemeteries and Transfer Station
- Putting together a Task Force is a more effective approach
 - Apply for a grant through the State Forestry division. Each community can apply for up to \$2,000 for planning and getting resources to help with this.
 - After the holidays the plan is to have another meeting and work on grants.
 - Forestry department has tools available for the inventory sector
 - The best way to slow the spread is chipping. Within 7-10 years most of the ash trees are dead.

After discussing other aspects Bill suggested Ron Bushway and Brad Sheridan and a Selectboard member attend the meetings.

Eric Godin motions to appoint Bill Baron as Grand Isle representative for the EAB Task Force along with Ron Bushway and Eric Godin. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Letter regarding ditch behind new Fire Station: The seeding of the ditch was discussed and to possibly put down stone lining instead. It was determined that Bill Baron would talk with Nate Hayward, Hayward Design Build and get back to the Board.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: December 3, 2018

Diane Cota motions to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018. AnnaMarie seconds the motion, no further discussion. Four vote in favor, Eric Godin recuses himself and the motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Station Stickers for Out-of-Town Residents

Rachael Griggs said Grand Isle Transfer Station stickers could be purchased at the Town Clerks Office and at the Transfer Station. The cost for out-of-town residents is \$75 per year. There is an additional cost of 25 cents per pound for trash. When using the Transfer Station the stickers must be visible by placing it in the windshield of your vehicle.

Ron Bushway noted it's time to look at recycling with South Hero being another factor because it cost us money to recycle it. Ron, Brad Sheridan and Melissa Boutin will review the data. Melissa said after December we would have a better understanding. Ron said the Transfer Station should be self-sustaining and not be a burden to the taxpayers as not everybody uses the transfer station.

A&B Liquor License: Jeff Parizo read the request from A&B Beverage for a 2019 liquor license renewal application for a second-class license to sell malt and vinous beverages. Included were two checks, one for the Town of Grand Isle and one for the Department of Liquor for the State of Vermont.

Diane Cota motions to accept the renewal of the second-class liquor license for A&B Beverage to sell malt and vinous beverages. Eric Godin seconds the motion, no further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Goat Issue Update: AnnaMarie followed up on the goat issue from the previous meeting. She had contacted Sheriff Allen who said he would have a deputy talk with the owner to let her know she would be liable if the goats cause an accident or injury. Todd Boutin is the Animal Control Officer for Grand Isle and will also have a discussion with the owner but he has no control over farm animals. Trever Boutin is the back up Animal Control Officer.

CIDER-Senior Housing Meeting Discussion: Diane and AnnaMarie had attended the meeting held at Wally's in South Hero.

1. It was a really good meeting and well attended
2. Approximately 30-35 units will be built behind the new South Hero Fire Station
3. A time-line was given and construction is to begin in fall of 2020 with completion and occupancy in the fall of 2021
4. Rescue was concerned with increased calls

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Insurance Rider Copies from GIVFD and YOGI re: storage at the old fire station:

Rachael said when this happens the Town will receive copies of their insurance riders.

NWRP – Appointment Update: Eric said that this position has to be posted even though we have someone interested. He will draft an ad and work with Melissa to get it posted.

VI. Highway Department Update:

Winter Plowing Policy and Mailboxes Update: Jeff gave sample policies to Ron and Brad and hopefully by the next meeting will get this taken care of.

Code Analysis cost on a new Highway Building: Jeff said the plans for the new highway building are outdated and need to be updated.

Diane Cota motions to pay Weiman and Lamphere Architects \$2000 to update the codes for the new highway department building plans. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update:

- Ron Bushway reported the lights at the Town garage are fixed
- One ballast at the Library is out. DC Energy took care of it
- Sensitivity issue with security at the Hyde Log Cabin. DC Energy corrected it.
- All furnaces at the Town buildings have been serviced

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Eric Godin motioned to approve and have Jeff Parizo sign the warrants. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie DeMars motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Jeff Parizo, Selectboard Chair

Date: _____

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