

**Town of Grand Isle  
Minutes of Planning Commission  
April 3, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**

Shawn Mercy, Chair  
David Graham, Vice-Chair  
Dwight Bullis  
Andy Paradee  
Jeff Parizo  
Melissa Boutin

**Absent:**

N/A

**Guests:**

Library Group

- A. Meeting is called to order at 7:01 PM by Shawn Mercy, Chair.
- B. Amendments: Guests and recommendation to SB for next meeting.
- C. Guests: Library group is present to ask about any new development/progress with the old fire station building. Shawn Mercy explains David Roy of Wiemann Lamphere has reached out to schedule a structural engineer to evaluate the building. This would be the first step and then looking at the septic design would be second. If both items check out okay then an elevation concept would be worked up for a visual tool for the potential use of a library. Other questions were asked about connecting the municipal building with the old fire station and length of time for any results. Again, Shawn explains that everything takes time and the Planning Commission has to do its due diligence and then move on to the Selectboard. PC has no authority to spend money unless approved by the Selectboard. Planning would like to have information available by the November'18 Election. The Planning Commission is thanked by the Library group for their time.
- D. Capital Improvement Plan: PC will present to the Selectboard at the next meeting on 04/16/18. They will need time to review the working document. It will be up to the SB to move forward with a future public hearing. The Capital Improvement Budget and Plan is documented as being approved by the Planning Commission on 04/03/18.
- E. Review & Approve Minutes: A motion is made by Dwight Bullis to approve the 03/20/18 minutes with the correction to the prior minutes vote. Jeff abstained. Vote result 4-0. Correction noted. Andy Paradee seconds. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
- F. Proposal: East Engineering has submitted a proposal to review three sites for a new highway garage. The sites to be evaluated is the over flow lot on Route 2 also known

as the stump dump, the lot next to the Annex building and the final location is the property surrounding the new fire station and municipal building also known as the Poratti property. The total for evaluating all three locations should not exceed \$3000 which the Selectboard will need to approve. A motion is made by David Graham to forward the East Engineering proposal to the Selectboard. Dwight Bullis seconds. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

- G.** Update from Other Meeting Attendance: 1) On April 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 6PM at the North Hero School the State of Vermont will hold a public meeting on the four year drawbridge project. 2) That the same evening starting at 7PM will be the fifth Monday meeting of all boards, commissions and departments at the Grand Isle municipal office. 3) There was no recreation meeting last month. It is being scheduled now. A concern to be discussed with the Selectboard is replacement of the ramp access at Marycrest beach that was removed when the culvert was replaced. Discussed inviting Legislators to the first meeting in June (06/05/18). Shawn will contact Dick Mazza by phone and email Ben Joseph and Mitzi Johnson to request their attendance.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held 7PM on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Town Office.

A motion is made by Dwight Bullis to adjourn. David Graham seconds the motion. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Shawn Mercy at 7:42PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Melissa A. Boutin, Planning Commission, Scribe