

**Town of Grand Isle
Minutes of Planning Commission
September 5, 2017**

Board Members Present:

Shawn Mercy
David Graham
Dwight Bullis
Jeff Parizo
Melissa Boutin

Absent:

Andy Paradee

Guests:

None

- A. Meeting is called to order at 7:12PM by Shawn Mercy, Chair.
- B. Amend Agenda for Matters not listed (New):
- C. Guest(s):
- D. Review & Approve Minutes: 06/06/17 – n/a, 08/15/17 – A motion is made by Jeff Parizo to accept the minutes with the noted typos corrected. The motion is seconded by Dwight Bullis. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Capital Budget Worksheet: Linda Effel will charge any work hours performed towards the Planning Commission budget. It was originally produced by NRPC – Grand Isle will update in-house with current information and continue updating as needed. There has been no contact from NRPC as to whether or not any programs or grants are available for the Town of Grand Isle regardless of department or board.
- F. Public Hearing: The Selectboard will be holding a public hearing on October 16th at 6:45PM for the proposed changes to the bylaws. Melissa Boutin will warn as a PC meeting also. Attendance by three (3) or more members does constitute as a meeting and must be warned.
- G. Other Meeting Attendance: 1) David Graham attended a meeting in St. Albans on housing. There is program assistance for anyone that goes thru the door...handicap, first time home buyers and assisted housing needs are examples. 2) Jeff Parizo informs the board that thru Act 64 the State of Vermont will be going back to properties of three or more acres to pay them significant fees. He suggested watching Vermont Digger, a P.B.S. show that aired this week. 3) Shawn Mercy mentions Act 9L which is being added to Act 250. Essentially what the state wants is development in the town center...state rules 1st, town 2nd.

Towns are being forced not to do what fits best the community but instead what the state mandates. Decision is made to invite Ben Joseph, Dick Mazza and Mitzi Johnson to a future planning meeting. If agreeable, Jeff Parizo will contact North Hero and South Hero to attend as well. Shawn Mercy made a motion to invite Legislators to the October 3rd, 2017 meeting. The motion is seconded by Jeff Parizo. All are in favor. Motion carried. Next PC meeting will discuss what questions to ask – everyone should think about. 4) Discussion on expanding the Village District – who/what determines each district – need to re-visit as well as how to go about changing if necessary.

H. Matters not on the Posted Agenda: N/A

I. Agenda for next meeting on September 19, 2017:

Amend agenda for matters not listed

Guest(s):

Review and approve minutes 06/06/17 and 09/05/17

Capital Budget Worksheet

Update from any other meeting attendance

Other Items

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held 7PM on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Town Office.

A motion is made by Jeff Parizo to adjourn. The motion is seconded by David Graham. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Shawn Mercy at 7:54 PM.

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