

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES  
Monday August 20, 2018 - 6:30 PM  
Town Office Community Room  
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Parizo opened the meeting at 6:30PM

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Parizo-Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars and Rachael Griggs  
Diane Cota-Vice Chair and Eric Godin arrive a little later

**Community Members Present:** Sheriff Ray Allen, Denise Abbott Douglass, Colleen Bushway, Jean Prouty, Lucille Campbell, Brian Allen, Karen Allen, Glenda Leake, Ronnie Bushway, Michael Inners, Ben Ingalls, Kate O'Neill, Shevonne Travers, David Graham, Shawn Mercy and Melissa Boutin

**Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed:**

- AnnaMarie DeMars added Transfer Station to be discussed under New Business
- Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner said the application for the curb cut on Lovers Lane is on hold. It will be moved to September 20 meeting.

**II. GUESTS:**

**Sheriff Ray Allen – DRB fee for public facility:** Sheriff Ray Allen said it was suggested he come to a Selectboard meeting to ask for a waiver of the fee for the condition of use application for the current Nut Free Chocolate Factory building.

Rachael Griggs makes a motion to waive the fee request from Sheriff Ray Allen for the condition of use fee (\$210) for the Nut Free Chocolate Factory building from a manufacturing facility to a public facility. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion; Jeff Parizo, AnnaMarie and Rachael Griggs vote in favor and the motion passes.

Diane Cota and Eric Godin arrive at 6:40

**Ben Ingalls – EMD: Discussion on setting up cool places during hot weather:**

Ben Ingalls, EMD said he was asked to come to a meeting to discuss cooling shelters in Town in case of heat waves.

- Ben said he reached out to Shawn Colman, Franklyn County EMD
- Shawn Coleman suggestions were if there is a need for a shelter he recommended using a school or church as an emergency shelter. A fire station is not a suggested facility. He also suggested working with the Red Cross.
- CIDER is one source for transportation and getting information out as they have a list of people to contact
- The hours would be a case by case situation
- Sheriff Ray Allen said the lower part of the Sheriff's building in Grand Isle could be used
- Diane Cota said she is concerned that elderly people may not reach out for assistance
- Jeff Parizo said Vermont has a new system called Vermont Alert, which is a free service
- David Graham said CIDER has a wellness list with a task to publish contact information in the CIDER newsletter and put information in the Islander

Jeff Parizo asked Ben Ingalls to put something together, come up with a plan for next summer and bring this up to the Selectboard in the spring.

**Historical Society: Block School House Roof Discussion – Diane Cota:**

- Diane said she talked with a person who coats metal roofs and found that the paint on the Block School House Roof is still peeling.
- All the paint would have to be removed before he could apply a coat and suggested to wait another year. He said there is no obvious leak in the roof.
- Jean Prouty, Lucille Campbell and Colleen Bushway were at the meeting representing the Historical Society and AnnaMarie DeMars is a new member.
- Rachael Griggs asked if there are any leaks. Jean Prouty said they didn't know if there were any.
- Jeff Parizo said we have the bid if we want to replace the roof. The cost of metal is going up and it would be a good idea if the roof is going to be replaced to order the material now and store it until the contractor can put the new roof on.
- The Historical Society was previously asked if they would be willing to help with the cost and they agreed to give \$3000 toward the cost of a new roof.
- Rachael Griggs said she would rather have the roof checked first to see if it is leaking. If not she can't justify the cost of \$7,500 to \$9,000 to replace a roof that isn't leaking.
- Lucille Campbell said it looks awful. In the past the roof has been painted and after researching believes painted with the wrong kind of paint. They should have used aluminum paint and it would have been done with.
- Ron Bushway said the flashing around the chimney needs fixing. He recommends putting a new roof on and it would be done for many years.

AnnaMarie DeMars makes a motion that we buy and store the materials to replace the roof on the Historical Society School House building and hire Alan Landry Construction to do the whole thing. Eric Godin seconds the motion; four in favor, Rachael Griggs opposes. The motion passes.

**Library Board Members: Present names of nominees to fill two vacant positions:**

Karen Allen, Kate O'Neill and Colleen Bushway represent the Library Board. Karen Allen said they would like to recommend Howard DeMars and Glenda Leake for the two open positions. Karen also presented all the letters of interest to the Selectboard.

Michael Inners gave a brief version of what he has said at the last Selectboard meeting.

After discussions Jeff Parizo said the Selectboard would go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the applications and hopefully make their decisions.

**Recreation Committee: Present names of nominees for two additional members:**

Shevonne Travis and David Graham were present to present the nominees, Amy Thompson and Eoana Sterges and gave a brief report on the two people who applied to the Recreation Committee ad.

Jeff Parizo said we would meet in executive session to discuss this.

David and Shevonne brought the bid in from Island Excavating LLC for the mulch to go under the swings at the Rec Park. Jean Prouty and Shawn Mercy said they would check with a company for another bid. Jeff said we are going to move this to the next scheduled meeting as it is not on this agenda and we can't discuss it now.

Park maintenance, bulk mulch, ice skating rink and vandalism will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The Selectboard will contact the school to have a member attend the next meeting.

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:**

**July 24, 2018** - Rachael Griggs noted changes made to the July 24, 2018 draft minutes according to the attorney's instructions.

Diane Cota makes a motion to approve the July 24, 2018 minutes with corrections as stated by Rachael Griggs. Eric Godin seconds the motion; Diane Cota, AnnaMarie DeMars, Eric Godin are in favor, Jeff Parizo abstains as he did not attend the July 24 meeting. The motion passes.

AnnaMarie DeMars makes a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion; AnnaMarie DeMars, Jeff Parizo and Rachael Griggs are in favor; Diane Cota and Eric Godin abstains as they did not attend the August 6 meeting. The motion passes.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cancelling Labor Day Selectboard Meeting:** Diane Cota makes a motion to cancel the September 3, 2018 Selectboard meeting. Eric Godin asked if we have a large number leaving town. Three members were not going to be here. AnnaMarie seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

**Set Tax Rate:** Melissa Boutin, Town Treasurer reported:

- The residential education rate went up just shy of 4% and the non-residential education rate went up just shy of 3%.
- Melissa Boutin is proposing the municipal rate is going to be down .0186 cents. It would .2533 compared to last years at .2819.
- Combined residential and municipal is 1.7920
- Combined non-residential and municipal is 1.7511
- The education rate is 1.5837 and last year it was 1.4985. It went up 4cents from last year to this year.
- Jeff said we tried but education put that in there and we weren't expecting it. It is a lot especially since Montpelier said they didn't raise taxes or fees yet they went up.
- Shawn Mercy said he is glad to see the municipal rate went down. This means there is growth.
- Jeff said this years rate does include the (Fire Station) bond and in the permit book there are 16 new homes that were permitted this year with a couple more coming.

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to approve the residential rate at 1.7920 and the non-residential at 1.7511. Diane seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Michael Inners said we should consider asking the Sheriff's Department for a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program. This would include the whole County.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Transfer Station:** AnnaMarie DeMars said she has had people tell her it is very expensive to take trash to the Transfer Station. Eric Godin said he has heard that people are saving money. Jeff Parizo said the cost was set in line with other towns. Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner said it is priced so the Town would not be loosing money.

**Fire Station Paving Payment – Eric Godin:** Eric met with Fire Chief Todd Boutin to discuss the cost of the paving, which is about \$14,500. Chief Boutin said once the Fire Department gets things taken care of any money remaining in that fund will be given back to the Town to go into the general fund. Jeff Parizo said the Fire Department is going over and above. They are picking up the cost that is over and above the Bond, which is about \$9,000 to \$10,000.

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**Storm Water Permit – Roads – Eric Godin:** Eric said the Storm Water Permit is all set and ready to go. He gave it to Jeff Parizo for his signature.

**Update on Speed Limit Signs Postings on Lovers Lane – Jeff Parizo**

Jeff Parizo said in setting speed limit signs the limits are from 35 MPH to 50 MPH without conducting a study. AnnaMarie said the speed limit on Adams Landing is 25 but has only two signs. She has talk with Sheriff Allen who suggested putting a couple more signs on Adams Landing Road.

Diane Cota makes a motion to put 35 MPH speed signs on Lovers Lane. Eric Godin seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner was asked to put a couple more 25 MPH signs on Adams Landing Road and 35 MPH signs on Lovers Lane.

**Traffic Study on Pearl Street – Jeff Parizo:** Jeff read speed limits on all the town roads in Grand Isle. There would need to be a traffic study conducted in order to change a roads speed limit. Jeff thought there wasn't anyone in town who would be will to do a traffic study and since it would only be lowered by 5MPH it was decided to keep Pearl Street as is.

**Town Garage Layout – Jeff Parizo:**

Jeff Parizo gave a description of the two site locations for the new Town Highway Department building. After the Board members reviewed maps and discussed the two locations a motion was made. Jeff said Swanton donated the plans at a savings of around \$50,000. Shawn Mercy said Millbrook, who built the building in Swanton also donated their plans free of charge and would like a chance to bid on our building.

Diane Cota makes a motion to put the new Town Garage at the Annex location site, drawing number C001. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin said it's a bummer we are building over that ball field but at the same time it is the most feasible location. Jeff Parizo said hopefully the Rec Department would rectify that by getting more land there (at the Rec Park).

**Highway Department Update:**

**Application for curb cut and laying pipes and wires at 81 Adams School Road:**

Eric Godin makes a motion to approve the highway access permit at 81 Adams School Road, lot number 3 with conditions old and new. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Conditions include removal of a tree and grind stump down to below ground level. Ron Bushway said the Town will remove the tree and landowner will pay for stump grind.

Melissa Boutin asked Ron Bushway if the contractor pulled this from the agenda and does the contractor have the right to do that because the landowner was the one who filled out the paper work? Ron said it was the contractor who pulled the application and that it should be the landowner, not the contractor to postpone the permit application.

Diane Cota makes a motion to approve the application for laying pipes and wires at 81 Adams School Road with conditions. Eric Godin seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion passes.

**Application for a curb cut at 25 Lovers Lane:** Moved to September 17, 2018 meeting.

- Ron Bushway said the one-ton is at the dealership.
- Roadside mowing is done with the first pass.

**Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron Bushway, BFM reported:**

- All the lights at the Annex have been replaced
- Jeff Parizo said next year we will do a better job for lawn care
- Eric Godin said requests for bids should be sent out in February
- Jeff Parizo said we would need to look into a couple more security cameras for the Block School House and the Hyde Log Cabin.
- Jean Prouty said the South Hero museum donated a free display case and is now in the Block School House.
- At Annex building the to-do list still to be done is the emergency exit door, chinking chimney and lock on the basement door. Fire Chief Todd Boutin wants the crawl space inspected.

**VI. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS:** Eric Godin makes a motion to approve the warrants for this week. Diane seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Discuss Library:** Jeff Parizo makes a motion to go into executive session at 8:25pm to discuss the library applications. Eric Godin seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to come out of executive session discussing the library applications 8:37pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to appoint Glenda Leake as a Library Board member until the March 2019 elections. Eric Godin seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to appoint Howard DeMars as a Library Board member until the election of March 2019. Eric Godin seconds the motion; four members favor; AnnaMarie DeMars recuses herself and the motion passes.

**Recreation Applications:** Jeff Parizo makes a motion to go into executive session at to discuss the Recreation applications for their board at 8:38pm. Eric Godin seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Eric Godin makes a motion to come out of executive session at 8:39pm with the determination that the Recreation Committee is a committee, not a board and can appoint whomever they would like. Diane Cota seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

**Zoning Issue:** Jeff Parizo motions to go into executive session at 8:39pm for the zoning issue. Eric Godin seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to come out of executive session for the zoning issue at 9:00pm with no resolution. Diane Cota seconds the motion; all in favor and the motion passes.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie DeMars motions to adjourn at 9:00pm. Diane Cota 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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