

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday December 3, 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-Co-Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars and Rachael Griggs

Board Members Not Present: Eric Godin

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Carolyn McCray and Karen McCloud

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed: Cider - Diane, Health Issue-Goats – AnnaMarie, Grand Isle Lakeshore Restoration Association – Jeff

II. GUESTS: Karen McCloud and Nate Hayward– Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development: Nate was unable to attend. Karen passed a copy of their annual report to the Board members. She explained how they have helped the Island businesses and any business that needs help to contact them. They are located at 3501 US Route 2, North Hero VT 05474, (802) 372-8400 (800) 262-5226. Their website is www.champlainislands.com

- Their Mission: Promoting economic opportunity and improving the quality of life in Grand Isle County
- Their Vision: A Grand Isle County that is a healthy safe, and prosperous place to live and work
- Partnerships:
 1. Maintains a close working relationship with Lake Champlain Islands Regional Chamber of Commerce
 2. Continues to partner with Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District
 3. LCIEDC is an executive member of Northern Vermont Economic Development District
 4. Grand Isle County Municipalities. LCIEDC provides town and business specific support to each municipality and its businesses, information and education assistance on federal and state mandates regarding business and economic development interest and other town-based concerns.
- LCIEDC Mini Grant Program: LCIEDC is pleased to have reestablished the Mini-Grant Program that was initially funded in 2014. The purpose of the grants is to provide timely financial assistance to those business owners seeking to improve, expand, or increase productivity or employment, as well as those that are almost at the finish line, but may need a pivotal financial boost. To date have awarded more than \$5,000.00 to local business owners, including agricultural initiatives.

The Board thanked Karen for her work and for coming to the meeting.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: November 19, 2018: Diane Cota motions to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Budgeting-discuss adding a cell phone – Ron Bushway:** Ron asked permission to add a new phone for himself. The reason being he uses his phone a lot for the Highway Department taking pictures. He also gets texts from people asking for a burn permit and would like to be able to text the numbers back. He said he spoke with Melissa Boutin; Town Clerk/Treasurer who suggested canceling the old phone at the Transfer Station that is no longer used and adding a new phone through AT&T.

Rachael Griggs motions to cancel the old phone at the Transfer Station and add a new phone for Ron Bushway as Highway Department Road Commissioner, Fire Warden and Town Health Officer so he will be able to better do his job. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- 2. Cider – Diane:** Diane Cota said she has received an email from CIDER to attend a meeting on December 10 at Wally's regarding moving forward on Senior Housing in the Islands. Jeff said we don't need permission to go but would like to have the following question asked. Could it ever down the road become low income? If it is senior housing it should stay senior housing. We have had senior housing that later became low income. AnnaMarie said whenever the Federal government gets involved it automatically becomes senior housing and housing for people with disabilities. Diane said this project is through Cathedral Square.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- 3. NWRP – Appointment Update – Eric (moved to Dec. 17 meeting)**
- 4. MOU for Storage Requests at Town Buildings:** Rachael Griggs reported that she had contacted VLCT regarding liability for the Town for storing Yogi equipment and the Fire Department's 1973 pumper truck at the old fire station as well as the Library's request to store old books at the Annex. VLCT said we should be sure that Yogi and the Fire Department have their own insurance covering the equipment and the fire truck. The library books are covered under the Town's insurance so there are no liability issues there. However it should be reflected on the property schedule. AnnaMarie will work with the library to get the value of the books and give it to Rachael to send to Vicky Abare at VLCT to update the property schedule.

Jeff Parizo motions to request a copy of insurance riders from Yogi and the Fire Department to have on file so we know they are covered. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- 5. Fred Rues Property –** Rachael asked AnnaMarie if it she had spoken to Linda Effel and said Linda had told her Mr. Rues has a year to clean it up. Rachael said there are concerns about hazardous materials washing into the ditch, which drains into the lake at Marycrest Beach. After discussion it was decided to wait until January to bring it up again.

6. **Town Health Insurance** – Diane said she had spoken to someone in South Hero and found they were not happy with the high deductibles, which was very complicated. Grand Isle’s health insurance is to stay the way it is.
7. **Health Issue-Goat’s** – AnnaMarie said she was told there were goats on the main road. They have been out before and aren’t friendly. They belong to Jen and Chris Richardson who live on East Shore Road South. Ron Bushway said the Sheriff responded and that Todd Boutin, Animal Control Officer had given them a warning in the summer. Diane said Jim Benson is the Animal Control Officer in South Hero and may be Grand Isles backup. AnnaMarie will follow up, get the phone number of the back-up animal control officer as well as check with the Sheriff to see if he can give a citation. It will be brought up at the December 17th Selectboard meeting.
8. **Grand Isle Lakeshore Restoration Association:** Jeff said after our meeting on November 19 with GILRA he sent the bullet points and questions to VLCT who suggested we contact the Town Attorney. If anyone in the public would like a copy of the email from VLCT about this project he is willing to give it out. He asked the Board if we want to go with VLCT’s recommendation to go with the attorney. The Board members agreed that Jeff would send the email from VLCT, get the attorney’s opinion on what the VLCT answers and what the GILRA is looking for.

Diane makes a motion for Jeff Parizo to contact the Town Attorney about the Grand Isle Lakeshore Restoration Associations request and the response of VLCT. AnnaMarie seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Highway Department Update:

- **Updated Contractor List:** Ron Bushway said he has talked with Howard DeMars and Howard is able to work on our furnaces. Jeff motions to accept the contract list presented by Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner and Building Facilities manager. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, AnnaMarie DeMars recuses herself, Jeff Parizo, Diane Cota and Rachael Griggs in favor and the motion passes.
- **Open Bids for One Ton Truck:** Selectboard members opened and read the bidders names and the amounts submitted. Darrell Desrauleay won the bid with \$8,510.

Rachael Griggs motions to accept the bid from Darrell Desrauleay to purchase the old one-ton truck from the Highway Department in the amount of \$8,510 (eight thousand five hundred and ten dollars), which will be as is. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

- **Policy for Winter Plowing and Mailboxes:** Ron Bushway said he has received several complaints from people that their mailboxes were knocked down. Ron asked if the Selectboard could have a policy as the boxes are on the Towns right of way. He said the plow didn’t hit the boxes. Wet, heavy snow from the plow hit the boxes and that is what knocked them down. Jeff said he would check into other town’s policies and report back. He suggested putting the new policy in the envelopes with the next tax bill.

VI. Buildings Facilities Manager Update:

9. Letter regarding ditch behind new Fire Station – Eric (moved to Dec. 17 meeting)

10. Cleaning lights at Town Garage – Ron Bushway: D.C. Energy is coming December 4 to take down all the lights in the Town Garage, clean them and replace some bulbs and ballasts.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Diane Cota motions to approve and sign warrants. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: AnnaMarie DeMars motions to adjourn at 7:55pm. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Jeff Parizo, Selectboard Chair

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