

**Town of Grand Isle  
Minutes of Planning Commission  
January 15, 2019**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Andy Paradee

**Guest(s):**

Scott Brown

- A. Meeting is called to order at 7:06 PM by Shawn Mercy, Chair.
- B. Amend: Executive session follow-up ZAO interview
- C. Guest(s): Scott Brown
- D. Executive Session: A motion is made by David Graham to go into executive session for the follow-up ZAO interview at 7:07M. The motion is seconded by Jeff Parizo. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Executive Session: A motion is made by David Graham to come out of executive session for the follow-up ZAO interview with a ZAO recommendation and offer for the Selectboard at 7:28PM. The motion is seconded by Dwight Bullis. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Shawn Mercy will attend the next Selectboard meeting on January 21, 2019 and recommend E. Scott Brown as the new Zoning Administrator at \$20 p/hr for up to 20 hours per week.
- F. New Business: Jeff Parizo informs the other members that he reached out by email to Taylor Newton of NRPC regarding the drawbridge project being done by the State of Vermont. The question was: is the State exempt from all town/local bylaws/regulations? Taylor was not aware of the state being exempt from municipal regulations. This question arises after the court dismissed Grand Isle's request for following the Bylaws/Regulations for the drawbridge project. Job trailers have been set up in the R-O-W and will not be there "temporarily" but more like five years. Set backs were disregarded not to mention the increase noise and traffic burdens. Jeff Parizo is now asking the remaining PC members if the Bylaws and Regulations should exempt the State and at the same time the Town or leave as is. No decision needed tonight but is something to think about.
- G. Old Business: Took care of during Executive Session for hiring of ZAO.

- H.** Update from Other Meeting Attendance: David Graham updates on the ice rink behind the municipal office. The natural water is forming nicely. One load of water may be needed from the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Dept. A sign has been put up on the east side of the building stating “skate at your own risk”. Two solar flood lights are going to be put in the trees as well as two park benches for changing skates.
- I.** Review & Approve Minutes: 12/04/18– A motion is made by Jeff Parizo to accept the minutes of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The motion is seconded by Dwight Bullis. Members vote. Shawn mercy abstained. Remaining members are in favor. Motion carried. 12/18/18 – No quorum- the minutes will remain in draft form until next meeting or there is a quorum. No meeting minutes from 01/01/19 due to New Year’s Day.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held 7PM on Tuesday, February 15, 2019 at the Town Municipal 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 is adjourned by Shawn Mercy at 8:00PM.

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