

**Town of Grand Isle
Minutes of Planning Commission
April 17, 2018**

Board Members Present:

Shawn Mercy, Chair
Dwight Bullis
Jeff Parizo
Melissa Boutin, Scribe

Absent:

David Graham, Vice-Chair
Andy Paradee

Guests:

None present

- A. Meeting is called to order at 7:04 PM by Shawn Mercy, Chair.
- B. Amendments: No guests this evening. Move Capital Improvement Plan to Update from Other Meeting Attendance.
- C. Review & Approve Minutes: A motion is made by Dwight Bullis to approve the 04/03/18 minutes. Jeff Parizo seconds. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Vote 3-0.
- D. Update from Other Meeting Attendance: **1)** Transfer Station Auto Car – Upgrade from “N = necessary” to “U = urgent” on Capital Improvement Plan. Both frame and gas tank need attention. There is concern it may be beyond repair for inspection. Transfer currently has a reserve of \$60K to utilize towards a replacement. Brad Sheridan has three bids/quotes. One includes a Western Star for about \$145K. **2)** PC presented a letter of opinion to the SB on the appointed position policy. **3)** Capital Budget/Improvement Plan has been handed over to the SB for their review. They will need time to absorb and revisit on May 7th. **4)** Hanson Lane land – up for sale again and is being offered to the Town first. Some questions that came up – has there been any engineering studies done? Over ten acres – anything with Act 250? Deemed any class of wetlands? Engineering is not cheap but the property may benefit the Transfer Station. Currently, there is no water or septic on-site. Shawn Mercy mentions holding tanks are allowed by municipalities’. Water hook-on/installation over \$5K and should be an item for the Capital Budget. **5)** AEDs’ ideally should be in all public facilities. Melissa Boutin will search for any state grants and reach out through Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Associate for additional resources. **6)** Hazard Mitigation Plan – FEMA approved – has taken three years in the works – Jeff Parizo started on in 2015. Shawn Coleman commented that the plan is not “one and done” but needs review every five years. The Town of Grand Isle is covered should an event (hurricane, tornado, flooding, and earthquake) occur even though the Selectboard

has not officially adopted. FEMA pays 75%, the State of Vermont 17.5% and the most Grand Isle should ever have to pay is the remaining 7.5%. 7) Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering was approved by the Selectboard last evening to review three potential sites for a new highway garage and salt shed. Jeff Parizo reads aloud a text he received at 10 a.m. this morning from Mark Cobb, Sr. Basically it stated that Mr. Cobb was willing to meet and share the information he retained copies of while he was a SB member on the “over flow lot” a/k/a “stump dump lot”. Mr. Cobb felt he could save the Town some money. The Planning Commission feels the Town has hired Mr. Billingsley and he will give a fresh perspective on each piece of property. No further discussion is necessary. 8) A copy of the Energy Audit report for the Annex Building conducted by Ashton Thermal in 2010 is distributed for review. Ron Bushway, Building Facility Manager, some SB members, and Todd Boutin, GIVFD Chief are coordinating a time to tour the building in the very near future should anyone from PC wish to join them.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held 7PM on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Town Office.

A motion is made by Dwight Bullis to adjourn. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Shawn Mercy at 7:44PM.

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