

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
Monday December 2, 2019
Town Office Community Room
9 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** AnnaMarie DeMars, calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Board Members Present: AnnaMarie DeMars - Chair, Jeff Parizo, Diane Cota and Rachael Griggs

Board Members Not Present: Eric Godin - Vice Chair

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Emily Clark, Hadley Clark, Denise Abbott Douglass, Jerry Hebda and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda For Matters Not Listed:

Guests – Talk about Nov. 19 truck mishap:

New Business – NRPC Municipal Funding Request:

NEMRC Computer Security System Price Increase:

II. **GUESTS:** Denise Abbott Douglass: Denise talked about what she witnessed on November 19 on her street. The Town plow truck that went off the road in front of her home and told how well South Hero, North Hero and Grand Isle highway members worked together and did a wonderful job to get the truck back on the road. AnnaMarie thanked South Hero and North Hero Highway Department members for their help.

III. **Highway Department Update: Ron Bushway, Road Commissioner reported:** Ron said with the nuisance storms last week he called Brad Sheridan and Pete Rousseau in on Thanksgiving Day and Sunday. We now have Pete Rousseau to help plow. Not much else going on.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron Bushway, BFM reported.

Ron said he was waiting to hear from Howard DeMars about cleaning the furnaces. AnnaMarie said Howard is waiting until it's been a year since it was cleaned last.

IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: November 18, 2019** – Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No further discussion. Jeff Parizo, Rachael Griggs and AnnaMarie DeMars approve, Diane Cota abstains and the motion passes.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Budgets:

- **NRPC Municipal Funding Request:** The budget increased \$31.00 and the Selectboard agreed to accept it.

- **Planning Commission FY '21:** Jeff is a Planning Commission member and reported on their budget that NW Regional Planning dues have gone up \$31 plus \$2 from last year so it's a total of \$7869, an increase of \$33.00

Planning Commission Renewed Members: Melissa Boutin said those whose term expires, Jeff Parizo, Dwight Bullis and Andy Paradee, agreed to stay on. David Graham will let them know his decision tomorrow night.

NEMRC Computer Systems Increase: A letter was received from NEMRC with an increase from \$1,460.81 to \$5,000. Melissa will contact them for more information. This will be moved and discussed at the December 16th meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower is Progressing. Sheriff Allen will report at Dec. 16 meeting:

AnnaMarie said Sheriff Allen will be attending the December 16th meeting and will report on how the cell tower on the Sheriff's property is progressing.

Jeff Parizo said at the last Development Review Board meeting Roy Maynard withdrew his application for a cell tower and the DRB closed the meeting.

Website Update: AnnaMarie said Eric is not here but it appears nobody could figure out what the problem with the website is.

Jeff said right now we need to get a new website done and have someone outside this Board to manage it. We need to get an independent contractor to build a new website and get it going. After discussion it was decided Diane would ask the new Lister, Charles Hollon, if he will spearhead this. We can't wait any longer.

Diane Cota motions she will talk Charles Hollon to take the lead on this (new website). If he says no she will contact Alpine Media or another Net Source. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. Discussion: Emily Clark said she has mentioned before to be sure it's an off the shelf template. It should be templates anyone can use. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Solar Agreement: Jeff Parizo motions to allow AnnaMarie DeMars sign the solar contract. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes. Melissa Boutin will also sign it.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Diane Cota motions to allow AnnaMarie DeMars sign the warrants of November 20, 2019. Jeff Parizo seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matter Inviting Ron Bushway:

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personal matter citing 1 V.S.A. state statute 313(a)(2) that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage inviting Ron Bushway into the meeting. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to come out 7:49PM. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions that we give Brad Sheridan, our road foreman a raise to \$27.50 per hour starting immediately. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions for the road department we pay \$17.00 per hour for no experience and \$19.00 per hour for experience for any new road crew that comes in. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Personnel Matter Inviting Melissa Boutin:

Jeff Parizo makes a motion at 7:55 to go into executive session to discuss a personal matter citing 1 V.S.A. state statute 313(a)(2) that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage and inviting Melissa Boutin into the meeting. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions that we come out of executive session at 8:11PM. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions we authorize the Town Clerk, Melissa Boutin to move forward with a personnel matter. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Jeff Parizo motions to adjourn at 8:12PM. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

AnnaMarie DeMars, Selectboard Chair

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