

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES of
Monday January 6, 2020**

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

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

Community Members Present: Ron Bushway, Jerry Hebda, Glenda Leake, David Leake, John LaBarge, Jenn Wood, John Burk, Emily Clark and Melissa Boutin

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: Guest, Executive Session and FPF

I. **GUESTS: Historical Society – John LaBarge, letter of support for grant:**

John LaBarge requested a letter of support for the Grand Isle Historical Society regarding their request for interpretive panels through the Lake Champlain Basin Program for a Small Education and Outreach Grant. This is a full grant. The interpretive panels are for the site of the Hyde Log Cabin and Block School House. The Historical Society feels the panel will enhance the visitor experience and knowledge of the history of our community and the Lake Champlain Islands.

Diane Cota motions to sign the letter for the grant for interpretive panels for the Hyde Log Cabin and the Block School House. Eric Godin seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

John also if the Board would be willing to look at paying half for the new sign to be installed outside. Eric said we would need the amount and would be willing to look at it.

II. **Highway Department Update:**

- Ron Bushway reported there isn't much happening except a lot of snow and the sand pile is getting low
- Put cutting edges on truck number 2 with John Bullocks help
- Tyler Billingsley said guardrails are needed at Adams Landing Road by the lake
- Working on getting an estimate on building the road by Pomykalas

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron Bushway said there isn't a lot to report.

- He has put the shutters on the Hyde Log Cabin
- Lead paint inspection is to be done at the Annex tomorrow

III. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: December 16, 2019:** Jeff Parizo motions to approve the December 16, 2019 minutes. Eric Godin seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Approve Additional Notice of Correction by Amendment of Prior Action at 12-16-19 Meeting: Diane Cota made the following motion.:

NOTICE OF CORRECTION BY AMENDMENT OF PRIOR ACTION:

By motion on December 16, 2019, the Selectboard voted to amend the action of the Selectboard taken on October 3, 2016 to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of September 12, 2016. The amendment is for the purpose of noting a correction to the description of a motion listed under item V of the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes, which motion had been made by Mark Cobb in reference to Island Circle Road. The December 16, 2019 motion to amend was based on the Selectboard having learned via review of an audio/video recording of the September 12, 2016 meeting that the description in the approved September 12, 2016 meeting minutes is inaccurate as to the substance of the motion Mr. Cobb made. The December 16, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes include a description of the amendment motion (i.e., the correction to the September 12, 2016 minutes) as follows:

Diane Cota moves to amend the October 3, 2016 approval of the September 12, 2016 Selectboard meeting minutes to correct Item V of the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes to accurately state the actual text of a motion by Mark Cobb, that was seconded, as follows: "That we do the irrevocable offer of dedication, let the Town attorney work it out with Carl Lisman, Island Circle's attorney; We have a two-year waiting period before Town acceptance, that gets us through two freeze/thaw cycles from September 12, 2016 to September 12, 2018." Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. A brief discussion followed. After no further discussion, four votes in favor, Jeff Parizo recused himself, and the motion passes.

Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, 4 votes in favor, Jeff Parizo recuses himself, and the motion passes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Review Requests for Liquor Licenses:

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the 2020 liquor license renewal application for Ladd's Landing Marina to sell malt beverage and vinous beverages, second class license. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the 2020 liquor license renewal application for outside consumption permit for Creative Catering doing business as Grand Isle Lake House. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the 2020 liquor license renewal application for first class restaurant bar license to sell malt and vinous beverages for Creative Catering doing business at Grand Isle Lake House. Diane seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the 2020 liquor license renewal application third class license to sell spiritus liquors for Creative Catering at the Grand Isle Lake house. Eric seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

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Jeff Parizo motions to approve the 2020 renewal application first class restaurant and bar to sell malt and vinous beverages for Grand Isle Island Art Works. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passes.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Approve Appointments for PC and DRB Positions:

Jeff Parizo makes a motion to approve Joseph Steffen, David Capen, Francis LaFromboise and Pan Lekkas as DRB Board members. Eric Godin seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

Diane Cota motions to appoint Dwight Bullis for a two-year term to expire in 2021, Jeff Parizo for a three-year term to expire in 2022 and Andrew Parade for a three-year term to expire in 2022. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. It was noted in discussion there is still one vacancy. Four votes in favor, Jeff Parizo recuses himself and the motion passes.

Template from VLCT used by No. Hero for Policies and Procedures: After a brief discussion it was decided to set a special meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2020 to discuss policies and procedures and health insurance.

Land Behind Sheriff's Building: Jeff said he still does not have any new information. We were going to do a MOU temporarily and are waiting until we hear from the Town attorney.

Cell Tower and Balloon Test Update: The balloon test is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM weather permitting. Jeff said everything else is done except the Towns recommendation letter which the Town attorney is drafting. Jeff will also check if it will be a public meeting or hearing on Monday, January 20. There was further discussion.

New Town Garage Update: Jeff said he sent an email out, one came in too late to get it printed. It will be discussed at our special meeting this Thursday, January 9th.

Budgets for Departments and Commissions: After a brief discussion it was decided to move this discussion to the special meeting to be held this Thursday, January 9th.

Sheriff's Budget: Jeff Parizo makes a motion to approve the Grand Isle Sheriff's Department budget requesting \$138,450.00 based on 50 hours per week for law enforcement services. Eric Godin seconds the motion. After discussion all in favor and the motion passes

Town Insurance Update: AnnaMarie said she, Jeff and Sue Lawrence will meet to discuss the insurance on Town property.

Ron Bushway said the Highway Department may hire two more employees so the highway budget is increased to include insurance.

Town insurance will also be discussed Thursday, January 9.

Front Porch Forum: Jerry Hebda asked the Selectboard to reconsider donating to Front Porch Forum. A discussion followed with pros and cons. It was noted that in order to have any amount of money requested must be presented as a petition of 5% of the registered voters and appear on a ballot at March elections.

Jerry Hebda said he would give \$100 on behalf of the Town if it would go on the ballot. Jeff will talk to Charles Hollon, the Town's IT person to see what it would take to do and have an update at the January 20th meeting.

VI. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Jeff Parizo motions to allow AnnaMarie, Chair to review and sign warrants. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor and the motion passes.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matter: Jeff Parizo motions to go into executive session at 8:24PM. Eric Godin seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Jeff Parizo motions to come out of executive session at 9:14PM with no decision.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Eric Godin motions to adjourn at 9:15PM. Eric Godin seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

AnnaMarie DeMars
AnnaMarie DeMars, Selectboard Chair

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