

**GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MINUTES of  
Monday May 4, 2020  
via ZOOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** : Diane Cota, Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:06PM

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

**Community Members Present:** Melissa Boutin-Town Clerk and Treasurer  
Ron Bushway-Road Commissioner and Buildings Facilities Manager

**Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:**

- Road and Bridge Standards
- Update on School Playground Equipment
- Fish Hatchery MOU

II. **GUESTS:** None

III. **Highway Department Update:**

**Transfer Station Suggestion:** Diane reported she received some suggestions on how to run the Transfer Station. She had talked with Ron and Brad and right now they don't want to change things. Ron said he spoke with Joe Longo who has been keeping track for the last month and has had 717 people at his station. He said you could add about 30% to the people at the recycling center. He also said there are people who are not using face masks. Diane will email John LaBarge with the decision that it will stay as is for now.

**Cost of New Recycling Dumpster:** Ron reported the cost of the new dumpster is \$6,200 plus shipping of \$1,500 for a total of \$7,700.00. Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk said there is over \$100,000 in the Transfer Station Reserve Fund.

Jeff Parizo motions that we authorize Brad Sheridan, Road Foreman to purchase a shipping container from East Coast Containers for \$7,700.00 (seven thousand, seven hundred dollars) to come out of the Transfer Station Reserve Fund of \$100,000. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Ron will notify Brad to order the dumpster.

**Free Metal Day-Rachael:** Rachael asked Ron if they are going to hold a free metal day. Ron said not right now. If it's going to be held it will be later. He isn't saying we aren't going to have one. Right now, we are not taking metal because the Governor said it's a non-essential item to take in.

**Trash Around Town Discussion:** Ron Bushway, Health Officer said there is a small dumpster on Dodge Terrace off Lovers Lane that is full of trash and trash bags all around. He spoke with Gauthiers who said they will not pick it up because there is an unpaid bill of \$800. Adam said there is a same incidence on Adams School Road as well. After

discussing this and other problems it was agreed it isn't the responsibility of the Town or Health Officer to pick up the trash. Ron was asked as the Health Officer to write a letter to the land owners on Dodge Terrace and Adams School Road letting them know it's their responsibility and they have to remove the trash.

Ron also said there was an incident Saturday. Someone was dumping brush on Donaldson Road at the left of the entrance to the park. This person said he was told by David Graham he could put the brush there because they are filling up a low spot. Ron told the person that we don't do that. When we (Highway Dept.) cut trees they either haul it away or we chip it. This was someone's brush from personal property. Ron said it's been addressed and will see what David Graham is going to do about it.

**IV. Buildings Facilities Manager Update:** Ron Bushway, BFM reported the windows at the Annex have been installed and pointing of the chimney is left to be done. He received a call today that the handrail going into the building is missing some lag bolts and a rock in the playground is sticking up about 6 inches. It may be due to frost heaves and he will take care of it by probably adding some gravel.

**V. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: April 20 and April 27, 2020:**  
Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Road and Bridge Standards:** Ron asked if this was signed and sent in. Jeff said it was signed and has been sent in.

**Deer Crossing Signs:** Jeff said if we start putting up deer crossing signs, we would have to do it on all roads because we are overloaded with deer. We don't put up signs on private roads.

**Town Operations Manual Update:** Diane asked Ron if the manual is updated. He said he doesn't think there is a lot to add, most things are in there and updated. Rachael told Ron if he sends the up-dates to her she will type them up.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**School Playground Equipment:** Rachael said she had contacted Michael Inners regarding the playground equipment at the school. Michael said there are signs not to use the equipment and the equipment is taped off. No one is monitoring the playground.

**Fish Hatchery:** Diane asked if anyone had information on the Fish Hatchery MOU. Jeff said it's for five-years instead of three so we don't need to do anything right now.

**Old Fire Station Building RFP for Bids:** Jeff said he researched this and after talking with people about it feels we need to contact the Town Attorney about it first to protect the Town. He wanted to talk to the Board and get permission to pursue it.

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AnnaMarie DeMars motions to allow Jeff Parizo to talk with the Town Attorney about the old fire station removal. Adam White seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

**Speed Limit Changes:** AnnaMarie said she found out the speed-limits on the paper we have aren't correct. She said because of COVID-19 there isn't as much traffic. She asked if the Board wants to wait until traffic picks up. She said at least 4 roads especially need to be changed, Adams School Road, Pearl Street, Hyde Road and Reynolds Road. Rachael asked to add Lovers Lane to the study. Jeff said we should postpone this for at least a year.

**Message from Elaine Chasse re: Lease:** Rachael said she emailed Elaine Chasse Learning Adventure owner to let her know the Selectboard agreed and motioned to keep the Annex lease between the Town and Learning Adventure for FY 2020/2021 at the same amount as FY 2019/2020 which is \$1,047.38. Elaine said she appreciated this consideration. Rachael has typed up the new lease and will get Diane and Elaine's signatures. This will be completed in June and will start July 1, 2020.

**VIII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS:** Jeff Parizo motions to allow the Selectboard chairperson to review and sign the warrants via email. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Jeff Parizo motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:43PM. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs  
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Date: May 18, 2020

Diane Cota  
Diane Cota, Selectboard Chair

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