

GRAND ISLE SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 31, 2020 - 6:00 PM Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER: Diane Cota-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02PM

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

Community Members Present: Melissa Boutin, Ron Bushway and Mike Donoghue

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: VLCT on Police Reform

II. GUESTS: Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk/Treasurer explained she is trying to obtain for two grants for the Town of Grand Isle.

1. Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization (DGZ) Grant: Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk reported she is trying to obtain a grant to digitize land records for the Town of Grand Isle. There are three systems to enable title searchers to see our land records on the world wide web. She has researched four companies and believes she is going to choose Nemerick, which we have already used. They are Vermont based where the other three are outside of Vermont. Nemerick is very stable and less expensive. The other companies are out of state and would have to take the records out of state to set up the system which would be very expensive. The grant is up to \$20,000 and we have until November 1 of this year to get five years of land records on the computer ready to go to flip the switch. She said she wanted to inform us they are going this avenue because there is grant funding out there to help us. In the future years we are going to have to budget more to help with online support in hosting this online service.

2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Local Government Reimbursement (LGER) Grant: This grant would be to possibly get items such as laptops, external microphones, scanners/printers and a projector. Chuck (Hollon, G.I. IT person) has been working on getting pricing with a company through the State of VT and another company. Melissa said she has reached out to the Library as well the Highway Dept. and for WY-FY for cameras at the Rec. Park. We have until December 30 to spend any funds that have been granted.

Both of these grants are tied into the VT CARES Act funding. FEMA would cover 75% and the other 25% would be covered by the State of Vermont.

Moved to approve warrants in case anyone had questions before Melissa signed off.

Jeff Parizo motions to allow the Selectboard Chair to sign the warrants via email. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

- **Recreation Dept. Regarding Fall Festival:** No one was present to represent the Rec. Department.

III. Highway Department Update:

- **Posting Explanation of Charges for Food Scraps at the Transfer Station by Health Officer Ron Bushway:** Rachael said she would like permission from Ron to post the response he sent to the person who thought the Town was illegally charging for food scraps at the Transfer Station. Rachael will send it to Chuck to post it on the Town website, FPF and FB.

- **Transfer Station Certificate:** Diane said she spoke to John at North West Solid Waste. He had asked for a copy of the current certification. Ron said we will have to work with Melissa on the amounts taken in. Also, something regarding the food scraps should be written in. Diane has a copy of the new application and will look it over. We will have until November 1 to start working on it.
- **Permit for Laying Pipes and Wires – Daniel Pontbriand, 19 Lovers Lane:** Diane read the permit requests for the application for laying pipes and wires at 19 Lovers Lane.

Jeff Parizo motions we approve the permit for laying pipes and wires at 19 Lovers Lane (for Daniel Pontbriand) with the conditions that the road foreman laid out. Adam White seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Ron said the only other Highway information is they will be changing the culvert on Route 314 near the new garage site tomorrow.

Jeff said he would like the Board to have everyone review the information received from VLCT via email regarding Perspectives on Police Reform and discuss it at the September 21 meeting. Jeff will email Sheriff Allen to see if he might be able to attend.

Buildings Facilities Manager Update: Ron said all is good, no update.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: August 17, 2020. Jeff Parizo motions to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020. Adam White seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule for Budget Meetings: The Board talked about how we are going to review budgets this year. The cost of living was briefly discussed and Diane will talk with Melissa to see if our September 21 meeting would be a good time to start. After we get the numbers from each department, we would like to have two departments per meeting. Jeff suggested starting with the Rec dept. and Cemetery first because they don't have Town employees.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Update - Foxes on East Shore South: Ron reported he had found a sick fox in a ditch and took care of it. He and Todd Boutin have been monitoring and haven't see anymore foxes.

Discuss Approving Application for Wrenegadesports 9-7-20 Bike Tour: Jeff said Sheriff Allen had asked for an ad in The Islander to be seen county wide. He thought it should be a quarter page ad and next time we should clarify it. Rachael said she had sent the Islander information to Wrenegade to contact the Islander. Mike Donoghue said there was an article in last weeks' Islander as well. Chuck has posted it on FB, FPF and the Town website and Rachael posted it beside the agenda at the three locations in Grand Isle.

Jeff Parizo motions to approve the application for Wrenegade Sports for their bike tour for September 7, 2020. AnnaMarie DeMars seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Diane will notify Wrenegade Sports of the application approval.

Final Draft for Personnel Policy and Alcohol and Drug Policy for CMV Operators: After reviewing the draft for the Personnel Policy and Drug Policy for CMV Operations changes were

noted. There are a few items to be checked out, Diane will insert the addendums and get some answers from VLCT. Ron will check with Brad for some clarifications and Diane will retype it for the Boards signature.

VII. REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS: Approved above at end of Guests.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Adam White motions to adjourn at 7:12PM. Rachael Griggs seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Griggs
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Clerk

Date: September 21, 2020

Diane Cota
Diane Cota, Selectboard Chair

Date: September 28, 2020

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