

Grand Isle Select Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting for
Thursday, May 5th, 2022 at Grand Isle Town Office and via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present: Adam White – Chair; Josie Leavitt – Vice-Chair; Jeff Parizo; Couper Shaw; Eric Godin

Community Members Present: Melissa Boutin; Diane Cota; Rachael Griggs; Ellen Paradee; Sue Lawrence; Mike Donoghue, Mitchel Richardson

Board Members to Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:

II. GUEST OPEN COMMENT

III. OLD BUSINESS

Scribe Position: Adam White says that Jess Mesic is still interested in the scribe position, which pays \$5,000 per year to start at the May 16th Select Board Meeting. ***Adam White moves to appoint Jessica Mesic as the scribe for the Grand Isle Select Board with an annual salary of \$5,000 per year. Josie Leavitt seconds. No discussion. Adam calls the vote, which passes unanimously.***

May 17th, Letter: Adam White says that there was one edit from the town attorney on the letter to send to Grand Isle residents regarding the special vote and the errors in the original warning. Adam says that the question was whether there should be wording indicating what a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ vote mean. Adam says the attorney added the wording: “If the majority votes in favor of warned article at the May 17th meeting, that will confirm the results of the town meeting day vote and cure any errors. If the article is rejected, then the results would not be validated”. There is discussion about what ‘validated’ would mean and how this wording could cause confusion. Adam points out that there still is no definition as to what a ‘no’ vote would mean. ***Adam White moves to approve the letter to the Grand Isle residents presented tonight, with the intention that it will be sent out to each resident. Eric Godin seconds. No further discussion. Adam calls the vote, which passes unanimously.***

Audit RFP: Adam White says that Josie Leavitt has been working with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to draft an RFP for auditing services. Adam notes that the town has not put out an RFP for annual auditing services in about 5 years, and says that it is good practice to do an RFP every 3-5 years. Jeff Parizo asks how long the term of the auditing firm would be. There is discussion about length of term, with Adam pointing out that the current RFP as written is for 1 year with an option to extend out to 5 years. Adam says that the only change will be to change the listed email to Josie Leavitt’s. Josie says that no proposals would be accepted via email and must be mailed to the Town Office. Josie asks who the RFP should be sent out to. Adam says that Jeff

Parizo has a list of municipal auditors, and says that he will send a link to VLCT's list of auditors as well. ***Adam White moves to approve the RFP for auditing services, with the only change being to change the listed email from the town clerk's to Josie Leavitts. Jeff Parizo seconds. Adam calls the vote, which passes unanimously.***

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Josie Leavitt moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Couper Shaw seconds. No discussion. Adam calls the vote, which passes unanimously.

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