

July 26, 2006

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton met at the Grindstone Island Schoolhouse with the following present:

Robert W. Cantwell Jr.
Donald Turcotte
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Bonnie Rose

Justin Taylor
Bob Boulton

Denise Trudell (Assessor)
Sharie Derrickson, (TI Sun)
Sylvia Anderson-Shoultes
Sue Smith
John Pecor
Mary Turcotte
Michael Docteur (Co. Leg.)
Yuvon Marra
Mary Prichert
Bruce Faust

Norman Wagner (Historian)
Kelly Vadney (WDT)
Peter Rossmassler
Frances Rossmassler
Tom Tinney
Chester Taylor
Philip Marra
Skip Tolette
Debbie Taylor
Carol Faust

Nicole Cornaire
Vivian F. Black
Janice McPhail
Candie Pecor
Bill Sherman
Henry Custis
Ada Bazinet
Doreen Meeks
Bob Baum
Debbie Donaldson

The meeting was opened at 5:00 PM by Supervisor Cantwell.

Introductions:

Supervisor Cantwell introduced the Town Board and other Town Officials along with Co. Leg. Mike Docteur and the press.

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to approve the minutes of July 12, 2006 as written. Motion carried.

T.I.E.R.S. Report:

Distribution and discussion of Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service Inc. quarterly report for the first quarter of 2006, January – March. **(See attached.)**

Temporary Office Space Status:

- 1) Still looking for permanent space for the three (3) Justices.
- 2) Other offices tentatively scheduled to move on or about October 1st until on or about June 1st, 2007. There have been 2 or 3 meetings concerning space availability at the Village Municipal Building.

Joint Zoning Status:

Councilman Kittle reported that the committee had their second meeting last Thursday at which time they composed a Planning, ZBA, and ZEO IMA changes. Discussion followed about moving the Zoning Board of Appeals to a five (5) member board and keeping the Planning Board with seven (7) members. Some discussion was done concerning a ZEO Assistant.

Supervisor Cantwell indicated that both the Village & Town Boards need to have copies of the proposed changes so they can see what's being removed, added and or changed.

Workshop: Grindstone Island:

- 1) Upper Town Landing** – New dock is completed; steel pipe piling, fixed with concrete top. Pat Patch International completed the dock. Conduit was run down to the end before putting the top on and will be used for future lighting. A bolster was added to obstruct any cars or trucks from running out on the dock. Highway Superintendent Boulton started discussion concerning the placement of signage for keeping the end of the dock open for emergency vehicles only. Ada Bazinet inquired if it would be alright to use it for unloading purposes. Supervisor Cantwell indicated that the Town would need to keep the end open. Also Supervisor Cantwell indicated that now may be a good time to form a dock district whereas, say .01 might be added per thousand to the island residents. Discussion on a Dock District Board that would be advisory only and would report to the Town Board on other things needing to be completed on Grindstone Island.

A resident inquired as to how many properties were on Grindstone. Approx. 182 parcels. What is the total assessment for the island? Grindstone comprises about 9% of the total town. Equalization is currently at 64%, previously was at 77%. In 2008 the entire township will be at 100% by way of a reval starting in 2006.

Councilman Taylor indicated that taxpayers in the township of Clayton pay \$2.00 per \$1000 of assessed value for taxes. Whereas the County line is approximately \$11.96 per \$1,000 and the School is at \$18.00 per \$1,000.

Roads:

Hwy. Supt. Boulton indicated he had put down two (2) loads of Calcium Chloride and had covered a good share of the roads. Also he put down a cool mix on a hill and that appears to be holding up. Next year we will add on to the cool mix section, this is especially helpful in the runoff areas.

A resident inquired as to why all the roads were not done with the calcium chloride. Hwy. Supt. Boulton explained that the costs would be too high.

Mary Prichard inquired if a culvert could be considered between the Old Garnsey & New Garnsey dwellings, as it washes out very frequently.

Supt. Boulton indicated he hopes to bring the Brush hog over this fall. It was scheduled to come over before that, however the transmission went out.

Abandoned Floating Cottage:

Several residents complained about an abandoned floating cottage in Flynn Bay. It is built on two (2) tanks and it is not known what is in the tanks.

Cemeteries:

Several residents expressed that the cemeteries look better than ever this year. Councilman Turcotte stated he had been contacted about possibly restoring the monuments however there are not enough funds available. Councilman Turcotte expressed his gratitude to the Islanders for helping his grandson work toward the rank off Eagle Scout with his project at the cemeteries.

Grindstone Island Schoolhouse Research & Heritage Center:

Janice McPhail stated they had four (4) areas of programming:

- 1) Scholarship thru TI Foundation
- 2) Summer Youth program – Working on Skills & Produce Garden
- 3) Adult Program – Slide Show on climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro
 - Cheese making
 - In August - CPR Classes, 1st Aid Classes & Boater Safety.
- 4) Heritage & Research – an oral history with Rex Ennis & PBS

Mrs. McPhail stated upcoming events:

Sunday, 8/13 – Annual Picnic

Tonight – hoped everyone would stay for refreshments after the Town Board meeting.

Selling Grindstone Island Calendars – they're community themed 19-month calendars.

Fundraiser – painting of the Church; has been displayed at KeyBank & Chamber of Commerce. Drawing will be on Labor Day.

Other:

Mary Prichard stated there should be better communication between Grindstone & the Town Board. Also looking for a bathroom at the new dock and a better recycling program for the island residents.

Tom Tinney complimented that the roads were the best that they had ever been.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to adjourn this workshop meeting at 6:20.
Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk