

**July 28, 2010**

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting at Dodge Hall, Grindstone Island, with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Donald Turcotte (Absent)
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Peter Marks	Aminta Marks	Sue Smith
Chester Taylor	Dan Churchill	Peter Rossmassler
Frances Rossmassler	Tom Tinney	Julie Tinney
Bill Sherman	Jae Lee, WDT	Pam McDowell, T I Sun
Henry Custis	Carl S. Larson	Ken D. Larson
Caroline Holt Larson	Phil Marra	Yuvon Marra
Doreen Meeks	Erma Slate	Brenda Slate
Ralph Downey	Michael Matthews	George Matthews
Skip Matthews	Debby Smith	Terry Davenport
Bonnie Davenport	Ken Walker	Sally Walker
Carol Faust	Candie Pecor	Alicia Dewey

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 5:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests:**

Sue Smith of the board of the Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center at the Schoolhouse addressed the Town Board with the following: A thank you to the Town of Clayton for their support with the Schoolhouse and grounds upkeep. A thank you the Thousand Islands Young Leaders Organization for helping to paint the interior of the Schoolhouse. Thank you to Brenda Patch, Linda Brown, Doreen Meeks and Urch Slate for finishing the interior painting and doing the interior cleaning at the Schoolhouse. Ms. Smith discussed four (4) program areas that have been very successful for this year, the Scholarship program, which is awarded each year for a post high school, college or vocational programs. The GIRHC will be honoring two (2) students at the upcoming annual picnic, with each student receiving \$1,500 to help meet the ever increasing cost of college and or vocational training. They have expanded the scholarship to include the Mary Lou Nunn Rusho Memorial Scholarship. The School's criteria are slightly different from the original scholarship. The candidate may be a descendant of a year around or long standing summer island resident and the student may attend high school outside the Thousand Islands area. The Historical/Cultural Research and Preservation program has added accomplishments including a collection of notebooks containing Grindstone family history, a genealogy web site, oral history videos that preserve the stories, and memories of people with a long history on the island, and a photography collection containing documented vintage and current photos. The Educational Programs include a variety of activities with the purpose of providing young people opportunities to learn about the island's culture and past way of life. They also offer Adult educational programs focus on boating safety, first aid/CPR, and other programs of interest. As a Community Service, each year the Schoolhouse holds an alumni and member picnic to maintain the historical and social connections among island families. Ms Smith on behalf of the Schoolhouse board invited all to join on Sunday, August 8, 2010, @12 noon, at the Schoolhouse for the annual picnic and silent auction. Attendees should bring a dish to pass and lots of money for the silent auction. This year there will

be a book sale and signing by the authors including: Donna Englehart, "Grindstone"; Rex Ennis, "Forever Young-which is the story of Charles Emery"; Audrey Lashomb, "Going Home"; Aminta Marks, "So It Is".

Mike Callahan of 911ai spoke with the Town Board and Island residents concerning 911ai.com. A map of the 183 docks of Grindstone and the GPS coordinates has been completed, this will aid in readily locating someone in distress of the island. All Jefferson County residents need to sign up for this service, which Mr. Callahan indicated was free. They need to plug in up to five (5) lines of information i.e.: addresses and phone numbers. Mr. Callahan told attendees that they can sign up for this service at 911.com and distributed brochures concerning this service.

Supervisor Taylor introduced all Town employees in attendance.

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- Notice of a Public Hearing-Nathan Phinney. **(See attachment file.)**
- NYS DEC notice of routine inspection was performed at the T/C Transfer Site on March 26 and there were no violations noted during the inspection of the facility. **(See attachment file.)**
- NYS DEC notice of routine inspection was performed at the T/C Land Clearing Debris Landfill on March 26 and there were no violations noted during the inspection of the facility. **(See attachment file.)**
- Thank you note from Janet Gregware and the Bd. of the GIR and HC for the Town purchasing the paint used to on the interior of the Schoolhouse and to TIYLO for painting.

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2010 as amended to include part of Councilman Peterson's committee report. Turcotte – absent. Motion carried.

**Supervisor:**

**LWRP Lead Agency Status:**

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to establish the Town Board as Lead Agency for the LWRP. Turcotte-absent. Motion carried.

**Grindstone Island Schoolhouse:**

A recent Town audit has resulted in the Auditors recommending a contract between the Town of Clayton and any organization that regularly use Town Buildings. Supervisor Taylor presented a draft for the Historical/Cultural Research Center for the "Center's" use of the Schoolhouse to review.

**Grindstone Island Cemeteries:**

The Town is looking for the legal boundaries of the Thurso/Slate Cemetery. State Law dictates that a municipality needs to own a Cemetery in order to maintain it. The cemeteries are in great condition with all the maintenance that has been completed.

**NYS Fireman's Parade & Drill Competition:**

The NYS Fireman's Parade & Drill Competition will be held in Clayton this year on August 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, located on Graves Street. The Town Board has been invited to view the parade on the reviewing

stand on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Will be attending Mobile Mapping Seminar on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a good tool for Highway Superintendents.
- Depauville Sewer has now had GPS/GIS completed by DANC. Results will be back soon for our records.
- Grindstone Island gravel pit is now owned by Mark Purcell. There will be no changes in the use and we thank Mark for helping us with that.
- By the end of the week, the crew will have the Grindstone Island roads caught up with. Unfortunately we were in the way of the Island Quilt Show this year and we will try to coordinate a better scheduling for next year.
- Grindstone Island Storm debris will be worked on soon and the Island Residents were told to help themselves to the wood.

**Committee Report:**

**George Kittle:** Cemeteries: Both Grindstone Island and the Mainland Cemetery Maintenance went out for competitive bid(s) this year. Grindstone Island Cemeteries bid went to Jeff Marra & Son. A fabulous job is being done.  
Storm debris/brush: Brush and slightly larger pieces of wood are being taken at the Transfer Site. The Transfer Site will accommodate until further notice with this.

**Donald Turcotte:** Supervisor Taylor indicated he had spoken with Councilman Turcotte within the last couple of days. Councilman Turcotte was sorry he was going to miss the trip to Grindstone this year.

**Lance Peterson:** Spoke with Keith Wood at Cerow Park and everything is going great.  
Chamber of Commerce upcoming events: August 6,7&8 is the Wrestling Tournament; August 13-15 is the Antique Show; August 21/22 is the Rotary Gun & Sportsman Show; August 28/29 Annual Juried Craft Show & Sale; coming in September is the Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet.  
Pool: We have applied for three (3) solar grants-one each for Rec. Park, Highway Garage, & one additional 20K for Rec. Park.

**Bob Cantwell III:** TIYLO will hold a Triathlon on August 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Some has asked if the Hwy. Dept. will be picking up "white goods" before going back to the Mainland. (Put it out by the road.)  
Thank you for hosting our Town Board meeting again this year. It is always a pleasure to see you all.

**Public: Submitted Requests to Address the Board:**

Charles Matthews spoke about the parking being out of hand again at the landing dock. There are seven or eight abandoned cars at the top of the hill. He recommended that people should be charged \$100 or so when they bring these cars over and if they bring them over should get rid of them when they're done with them.

Hwy. Supt. Bob Boulton stated there would be a change coming at the landing dock with the installation of barriers across the last couple of spots as people are parking there and you can't get

large machinery off the barge.

George Matthews indicated that the local people on the island need to get more involved with the landing area.

Mike Matthews stated with the Town allowing "Cottage Colonies" on the island, this will only make the landing area that much more congested with docking. The island needs more docking space.

Supervisor Taylor indicated that "Cottage Colonies" were stricken from that portion of the Zoning Amendment and "Cottage Colonies" are not allowed on the island.

Peter Marks addressed the Town Board concerning the reopening of the northern most end of the Cross Island Road. He is challenging this reopening with a petition that he will bring to the Town Offices the middle of next week, after everyone affected has sign the petition. It is Mr. Marks contention that Weezie Ford has been barred by Court Order for the past year from bothering anyone about this area. The Marks & Leana Families object to any resurfacing/widening/brush cutting of this area. They're requesting that the discussion not be closed.

In response to Mr. Marks word, both the Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent indicated, that the Town Attorney has stated that there is no question that from Bubby Bazinet's to the gate is part of the Town Highway and as such recommended the section to be cleared.

Being no further discussion or comments, a **MOTION** was made by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to close this regular meeting at 6:00 PM. Turcotte-absent. Motion carried.

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**Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk**