

Great Island Advisory Committee (GIAC) Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2023 / Room 206

Attendance: Mark Adiletta, RTM member; Lori Bora, Parks & Recreation Chairman; Mike Burke, Selectman; Bruce Ferguson, Daniel Kolakowski; Jim Palen, Board of Finance, Chairman; Jeffrey Taebel; Kipp Visi; and Jon Zagrodzky, Selectman. Also in Attendance: First Selectman, Monica McNally.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNally called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Ms. McNally made brief introductory remarks before calling for a nomination for a Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Mike Burke nominated Jon Zagrodzky as Chairman
- Nomination seconded by Bruce Ferguson
- All voted in favor

Ms. McNally turned the meeting over to Chairman Zagrodzky.

Mr. Zagrodzky called for a nomination for Vice-Chairman.

- Mike Burke nominated Mark Adiletta
- Nomination seconded by Jim Palen
- All voted in favor

Mr. Zagrodzky called for a nomination for Secretary.

- Mike Burke nominated Jeffrey Taebel
- Nomination seconded by Bruce Ferguson
- All voted in favor

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Zagrodzky welcomed the members and asked them to introduce themselves. Each member provided a brief background of experiences and skills that may be utilized in service to this Committee.

REVIEW OF GIAC CHARGE

Mr. Zagrodzky read parts of the Committee's charge. He explained that this Committee will operate much like a building committee. Members will be tasked with keeping projects on track, seeking Board of Selectmen approvals, hiring professionals, and monitoring budgets.

Sub-committees will be formed to create efficiencies in the division of labor. Possible sub-committees mentioned: Infrastructure and Access; Environmental Remediation; Community Planning; Landscaping; Coastal Considerations; Regulatory; Finance; and Historical Preservation. Mr. Zagrodzky asked members to consider what sub-committees they think may be needed. He will prepare a list of possible sub-committees for consideration at the next meeting.

GIAC MEETING SCHEDULE

A discussion of in-person vs. hybrid meetings ensued.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the week of August 21st and then meetings will be monthly through the remainder of this year.

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THIS COMMITTEE

Public Hearings will be held as needed to share information.

An explanation of FOIA regulations regarding emails and quorums was provided.

Members shared that residents are asking about access. Mr. Zagrodzky explained that the Town is working to provide access. Ms. McNally and the Director of Public Works, Ed Gentile, will be asked to attend the next meeting and they will go into more detail about what the Town is doing to prepare for safe access.

Members of the Committee, like the public, are not permitted on Great Island yet, but tours will be arranged for members before the next meeting.

Town staff will be available to support the work of the GIAC.

Members were encouraged to talk about Great Island within the community and gather ideas for what people would like to see on the island.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zagrodzky called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Adiletta moved. Mr. Burke seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Zagrodzky adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda O'Leary