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Selectboard:
Jan Gaudio
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Selectboard Minutes
Island Rd Project Discussion
Date: November 30, 2020, 6:00PM
Place: Zoom and YouTube Channel

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Chair Walter Reitz. Members present were Walter Reitz, John Spear, Jan Gaudio. Also present were Town Administrator Owen Casas, Jim McDonald, Andrew Hedrich, Kevin Gordon, Sarah (no last name given), Julia (no last name given), Chad Harris, Lynne Canavan, Russell (no last name given), Gene Goodman.
- II. Adjustments to Agenda – No Adjustments to Agenda.
- III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda – No comments for items not on the Agenda.
- IV. Opening Statements from the Board – Board thanks Andrew Hedrich for patience while working on this project.
- V. Engineers review of revisions to the draft plans – Hedrich, civil engineer for Gartley & Dorsky begins presentation by briefly explaining road width and radius for large trucks to turn at the intersection of Village Rd and Island Rd. Hedrich further explained research methods and data regarding future chance of erosion due to sea level rising and elevation levels along the water. Hedrich continued to describe the construction plans and proposals for the intersection.
- VI. Remarks, comments, and suggestions from citizens – Jim McDonald had some clarifying measurement questions regarding the proposed gravel drive. Chad Harris raised concerns about the project’s original goal to alleviate risk of erosion/washout, but the plans show only a slight increase in elevation and seems to shift closer to the water. Hedrich explained that the road moving slightly towards the lobster pound stems from the other side of the road being ledge. Ledge can be dangerous for cars going 35+ miles per hour and it was important to keep some space for cars from the ledge. Julia, who did not give her last name, inquired about permits and the timeline for obtaining those. Hedrich said there are currently no permit applications but they

will be working on that as the project plan continues to progress to around 75% completion.

- VII. Discussion on revised plans and future steps – Jan makes a motion to move forward with the project design to 75% completion and to authorize Andrew Hedrich to move forward with the project plan. Spear seconds that motion, but hopes to have further discussion with legal consultation. Jan further reiterates that its important to specify in the agreement that there would be no blasting or hammering. After some board discussion, motion was amended to move ahead with reviewed plans dated November 11th, 2020 to further bring them to roughly 75% completion as long as all designs will include prohibition on blasting and mechanical hammering. John seconds this amended motion. Approved by a vote of 3-0. The board would like to meet with their lawyer, Kristin Collins, and Chair Reitz will be in contact with her.
- VIII. Adjourn – Gaudio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Spear seconded motion. Approved by a vote of 3-0, meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

Selectboard Approved
5/25/2021