

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
September 23, 2014

**In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, Robert Ferriere, Sara Moores  
(Administrative Assistant)**

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Select Board Work Sessions at the Town House

- Tuesday September 30, 2014 at 5:30pm
- Tuesday October 7, 2014 at 6:00pm
- Tuesday October 14, 2014 at 6:00pm
- Tuesday October 21, 2014 at 6:00pm

Planning Board meeting at the Town House

- Wednesday September 24, 2014 at 7:00pm

Conservation Commission meeting at the Town House

- Thursday October 9, 2014 at 7:00pm

North Country Council Open House

- Rumney Town Office Tuesday September 30, 2014 5:30pm-7:00pm

Reminders:

- Drug take back day sponsored by CADY will be September 27, 2014 from 10am-2pm at the Transfer Station. The Police Department will be there to collect the drugs.
- Public Library Meeting on October 20, 2014 held by the Library Trustees to discuss the future of the library.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of September 16, 2014 as written, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES:**

*School Board Meeting Update*

Last night the School Board held the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting to consider closing the middle school and moving all of the Elementary Schools to K-6 and adding the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the High School. They decided not to consider closing the Middle School but have voted to have a plan put in place to do K-6. However, the plan is due in April 2015.

Christina feels that the School Board needs to do more education to the towns as to what is going on. We haven't seen the Groton rep in here for a while. Bob asked if we should invite him

to attend. The School Board was advised that Groton may be following in the withdrawal study for 2015. Christina said she will let us know when the RSA 195 committee is meeting again. Sara will contact Jeff Levesque to see if he wants to attend a meeting here to share his opinions and update the Town of Groton.

*Highway Truck*

Christina mentioned that we picked up the new truck and it will be getting lettered on Wednesday.

*Rumney/Groton Perambulation*

Christina answered a call from Ann Dow of the Rumney Select Board's Office. They are discussing the next steps at their October 6, 2014. The Board agreed to table their decisions until after that meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Dead River Contract*

Christina presented the Dead River Fuel Contract, for the 2014/2015 season. It is locked in at 2500 gallons, which is concerning as the weather conditions could change drastically. There are a number of things that need to be clarified including: the price is not a set price as any excess fuel over the set 2500 gallons would be paid at a higher rate and not the contacted rate, the downside fee protection doesn't indicate its cost, and the contract indicates that even if we do not purchase the full 2500 gallons, then we would be obligated to 90% of the costs. Sara will contact Dead River to discuss the concerns and to make sure the price is still good by next week.

**Christina motioned to table the Dead River contract until further clarification is received, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Permission for Snowmobile Access*

The request for snowmobile access was submitted at last week's meeting, but tabled for further clarification. Sara explained that the last time it was signed was in 2009 and it was approved for five years. With the previous approval, a letter was submitted, that clarified the locations and the types of roads. The Board agreed to use the same letter and agree to the term of five years. **Kyle motioned to sign the request for permission to use certain Town roads for snowmobile access, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) terms and conditions and application for incentive*

The Board was presented with the terms and conditions and application for the incentive to replace the outdoor lighting. The Board agreed with the conditions and requested that Sara make sure that when we move forward with Easson, that he needs to do the work according to the agreement. Sara will also fix the contractor name and then email the forms back to NHEC. **Bob motioned to sign the NHEC terms and conditions and application, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Report of Cut- Morrison*

**Christina motioned to table the report of cut until next week, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Peter Smith building permit*

The permit is for 138 Bailey Hill Rd, Map 1 Lot 48-2. This will be a 8x16 shed with a 4x16 porch, no heat but has septic approval. **Christina motioned to sign the Peter Smith building permit, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Patti Bailey building permit*

The permit is for 176 River Rd, Map 2 Lot 109-1. This will be a 48x8 horse shelter with no heat or septic. **Bob motioned to sign the Patti Bailey building permit, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted**

*Patti Bailey water issue*

Patti explained that the water line runs under River Road and it appears there is an issue. She apologized to have to bring the issue to the Select Board, but she currently has very little water. The well is on the other side of the road and there is a broken pipe under the road, which means that River road would need to be dug up to get to it. Patti said she needs to do something fast. Kyle explained we are going to look into if the Town has to do anything. He said he doesn't think we can do anything it would be the responsibility of the home owner. Kyle said if we are not able to do anything she could put a new well on her side of the property. She explained that the well would have to be 75ft from a septic and she doesn't know if this is possible on her property. Christina stated that the Board does not approve wells.

Christina explained that she will talk to New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) to confirm what we can do or if there are any obligations of the Town. Patti said she can dig up the road but doesn't want a problem with the Town. Kyle explained it will probably be cheaper to put a well on her side of the road. Bob said she should get costs of both to see what would be best and cheapest. Christina explained that we may not know until next Tuesday but we will gather as much information on this by next week.

*Septic Plan approval- 386 Halls Brook Rd*

The Board didn't have any concerns regarding this septic approval for Map 7 Lot 1. It was confirmed that the Map and Lot number and address are correct. **Christina motioned to sign the Septic Plan approval, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Warrant Article Request*

Christina explained that we received an email from a Webster Select Person for a warrant article request. Christina thought we got this request before and didn't proceed with it. The warrant is that the Town would vote to send a message that the state needs to correct the school funding formula. **Kyle motioned to hold this warrant article request until warrant time, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*ME Latulippe- change order #3 and North Groton Road project completion/payment*

Christina presented change order #3 for crushed stone underdrain; no issues with change order. **Christina motioned to sign change order #3 for ME Latulippe, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Joe Koslow asked if next year we will continue the project. Christina explained that the Road Committee's intent is to keep going to finish one direction first, but will certainly review all locations moving forward and make a recommendation to the Board.

This year's project is complete and Glen has approved finalizing payment. The final balance with change order is \$129,300.00 and then the shouldering was added with an additional \$3,060 as the bid specifications required. The project is still under the warrant article budget amount. The final number is \$132,360. The final payment will be sent out.

Christina explained that upon final review with Glen, it was determined that this area should be seeded and hayed. This was not requested in the bid specifications but Christina asked how the Board feels about having the Highway Department complete and pay for from the warrant article. Kyle and Bob were okay with this. The Board agreed that the work must be done by the end of next week.

*Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSBS) change form*

The change form is new signature cards and an application for the new debit card. The debit card had Pamela Hamel's name on it and it is being updated to Sara Moores. In reviewing the documents, the Board questioned why Kyle was the only person listed to sign off. Sara will contact MVSBS to get the form updated. Sara will also look at other signature cards to see what contact information is referenced as there is a question about the email listed. Kyle mentioned that the Treasurer would like the Board to consider other bank options in the future. **Christina motioned to table signing this MVSBS change form until the form is corrected, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Groton Historical Society (GHS) request to use Town Hall*

Christina received a request from the Groton Historical Society to have two meetings at the Town House. The first meeting is for September 28, 2014 utilizing the space from approximately 1:00pm-4:00pm for the annual meeting and the other is for October 5, 2014 from 1:30pm-4:30pm for a program on the Chinook NH state dog. Sara confirmed that no one else is using the Town House these days. The Board is okay with this. Jo O'Connor mentioned that both dates are open to public. **Kyle motioned to approve GHS to use the town house for both meetings, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Cemetery Trustees Proposed Budget Extension Request*

One of the Cemetery Trustees, Sherry Nelson, has been out of Town and she isn't due to come back until sometime in October. The Trustees prefer to have all members agree on the budget so they cannot make the September 26, 2014 deadline. The Trustees have requested an extension through October 15. **Bob motioned to approve the budget extension request, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Conservation Commission*

Bob would like Jo to add something in her column asking people to join the Conservation Commission. They are down to three members. Nancy, Lou and Bob are on the commission right now. They have to be appointed by the Board so any interested parties should contact the Town Office to submit their name. Sara will also post it on the website.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

*Scrap Metal*

Joe Koslow asked if Board has an issue with Highway Department helping with the scrap metal going forward. Christina said it worked well last time and if it is still cost effective it should continue this way. Kyle mentioned this made a little money and wasn't in the negative this time so he is also fine with this. Joe asked about which truck should be used and Kyle mentioned they should use the 6 wheeler.

*Closure signs for Transfer Station*

Christina mentioned to Joe that she did call about the closure signs to see where the quote is. They were supposed to send it previously and didn't so she called again today. Christina explained this sign will say when the station is closed and scheduled to open again.

*Matt Fysh update*

Kyle mentioned he talked to Matt Fysh about the deadline. He wasn't here last week or this week until today because he was sick. He said he will be done by deadline but the only thing that will not be done is the grates because he cannot order these until the rest of the construction is completed. He will block it off so nobody can access this area.

Kyle will talk to him about deck. Bob stated that he did come up and screwed down the loose boards on the deck for the time being.

Joe Koslow mentioned the window at the Transfer Station and asked if he needs to contact Granite State Glass. Kyle advised that we have one in the basement at the Town House that he thinks will work so he will talk to Matt Fysh to determine if it works.

Joe also mentioned that Matt Fysh is supposed to measure the fence at Transfer Station that he received two quotes on. Kyle mentioned he will talk to him about this as well.

Christina mentioned now that stuff has been moved that the door at the Transfer Station should also be looked at. Kyle will talk to Matt and have him look at this too to see what needs to be done.

*North Groton Rd*

The Chief asked if they are painting lines on the road now that the paving is done. Christina said she will email the Chief the Memo but she believes that it cannot be lined until the project is complete. The Chief said when the morning fog comes in it is hard to see. Christina will look into this.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:24 pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Moores  
Administrative Assistant