

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2015

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere, John Rescigno

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Bob motioned to approve the minutes for March 31 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Trustee

In a prior meeting, the Board had discussed posting for the Library position, as it was believed that all of the write-in candidates were contacted about whether or not they wanted the position. Unfortunately, this did not happen and one of the write-in candidates has expressed interest, Elizabeth Jesperson. **Christina motioned to appoint Elizabeth Jesperson as Library Trustee until the next election, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

NNETO/Faripoint 2014 Abatement Application

The Board reviewed the recommendation from the Assessing firm, Avitar, in the past meeting, which stated that there isn't enough information received and this application should be denied. **Bob motioned to deny the 2014 Abatement application for Fairpoint as recommended by Avitar, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Road Damage – North Groton Road

The deadline for the payment for the road damage was April 2, 2015. Sara has made attempts to contact the logger to no avail and the forester has been emailed. Christina recommends that we send all of the information to the Town's attorney to review and provide feedback on the next steps. The bill, in the amount of \$2,100 was for damage to North Groton Road when a logging truck drove up the road with tire chains on while fully loaded. **Bob motioned to table the road damage billing until the Town's attorney has reviewed, John 2nd, so voted.**

Bid Items

There was a delay in the posting for the bid items from the past meeting. Originally the bids were going to be due May 4, but Christina had asked Glen to get all the items moved to the Highway Department first before we post. Once this is confirmed then the Board can review new deadlines. The Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – RSA 74:10

RSA 74:10 requires that Town's using the inventory blank to gather information in place of an extensive building permit process hold a public hearing on one's ability to be taxed. The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on May 5, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Hebron Select Board

The Hebron Select Board has requested that the Groton Select Board attend a meeting to discuss the 2016 Fire and EMS contract. This meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Hebron Town Offices. The Board agreed to attend.

Request to use Town Property

Bonnie Lane asked the Board for permission to use 60 chairs and 4 tables for an upcoming wedding. The Board approved this contingent upon them being returned in the same condition as they were picked up. It is indicated that the items would be picked up on May 1, and returned on May 4.

2015 Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Town is part of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, which is holding a yearly Household Hazardous Waste Day that allows all the participating Towns to drop off waste that cannot be accepted at the Groton Transfer Station. Groton residents are able to attend either - Sunday, August 23, from 9 to noon at the Littleton Transfer Station or Saturday, September 26, from 9 to noon at the Plymouth Recycling Center. The Board agreed to post the posters at the Town Offices, online and the Transfer Station and the flyers will be distributed at the Transfer Station and Town Offices.

Joe Koslow will also check into the possibility of having another Electronic Waste Day.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Park Clean-up

Christina explained that the Board has to schedule a Park clean-up and inspection of the Park in May. Volunteers are welcome to help clean and the Highway Department is also requested to be there. The Board agreed to schedule for May 19, 2015 at 4:00pm. This is held rain or shine.

An inquiry was made about two older dumping areas on the outskirts of the Park. The Town needs to determine if those spots are within the Town borders or not and then move forward with the clean-up.

Flags Half Staff

Christina stated that there is an order to lower flags to half-staff at all public buildings on April 15th in remembrance of President Lincoln. EJ Thompson was asked to make sure the flags were lowered for the day and John Rescigno will raise the flag back up on Thursday morning.

Work Sessions

Christina reminded the public that all work sessions are open to the public with the exception of any non-public items. The Board will post a sign on the door of the office if there is a non-public item being discussed, but the doors will be open to the public otherwise.

The Board agreed to schedule Work Sessions for the rest of May at 6:00pm.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Video taping of the meeting

Mark Watson inquired about being able to video tape the meetings for posting on Facebook. It is believed that Facebook won't allow for the whole meeting to be posted, but the Board recommended that the meeting be posted on the Town's website if it has the ability and space. Then a link could be added to the Facebook page, which is currently maintained by Christina for

Groton Events and meetings. This process will be fine-tuned and further looked into. Mark will probably start taping at next week's meeting. The Board will also determine if the a warning for the video taping needs to be posted.

NNETO

Jo O'Connor inquired on what the acronym NNETO stands for – Northern New England Telephone Operations.

Bid Items

Jo O'Connor inquired on where the bid items will be available for review. Once Glen confirms all items are moved, then it will be posted and items can be viewed at the Highway Department. Items include toilets, urinal, doors, and a transfer switch for a generator.

Portable toilet at Transfer Station

The portable toilet at the Transfer Station will be changed from a Standard unit to a handicap unit and the employees are requesting to move the portable bathroom over to the front by the compactor. Concerns were discussed about the location, such as, the wind tipping the unit, it could be backed into easily by a vehicle, its right in front when you drive in, and the snow is pushed back into this location. The Board will review the suggestions and other locations for moving the unit before making a final decision.

Conservation Commission minutes

Elizabeth Jespersion advised that the links to the Conservation Commission minutes are broken and the minutes need to be updated. The Board will ask Sara to look into upon her return.

The Board also asked the Conservation Commission to email Sara with an updated list of members and to also check to make sure that all current members have been appointment by the Select Board.

Agenda

Agendas will be posted online by the end of day on Monday and any items must be submitted to the Sara by noon on Friday.

Groton Historical Society

The Town Meeting presentation is scheduled for April 25th at 2:00pm.

Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:53 pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Goodwin
Groton Select Board