

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2015

**In Attendance: John Rescigno, Robert Ferriere, Christina Goodwin and Sara Smith
(Administrative Assistant)**

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Bob motioned to approve the minutes of May 5, 2015 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter to Avitar

The Select Board has had some concerns with Avitar coming out to do inspections without providing notice to the Town. Sara composed a letter for the Board to send to Avitar requesting a two week notice on all visits going forward.

John motioned to sign the letter to Avitar, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Transfer Station Attendant

There is a temporary part time position mainly for Saturday duties open at the Transfer Station. Interested candidates should submit a resume by May 22.

In order to verify possible coverage solutions, Sara checked with Department of Environmental Services (DES) to verify if a Select Board member could cover shifts at the Transfer Station. DES reported that a Select Board member could cover if they had applied to take a training class for certification. None of the Board members are able to do this at this time. Christina also talked to Jimmy Smolinsky about covering and he would be willing to cover shifts if needed. Joe Koslow will call Jimmy to see if he is available for the days in question.

Police Chief

The Town of Groton is seeking a full time Police Chief. Interested candidates should submit a resume by September 25, 2015.

Kyle asked if the Chief is full time then what would happen with the Full time officer. Christina explained that is to be determined.

Private Road Issue

The Board received a private road concern in a previous meeting that pertained to Brock Lane. A response drafted by the Town's attorney, which denied the emergency relief requested.

Dave Leone asked if he could get copies of the emails regarding this. Christina explained that we cannot disclose the emails with the attorney but we can the two emails from the resident and the Board's response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intent to cut- Map 2 Lot 110

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 2 Lot 110 off of River Road. **Bob motioned to sign the Intent to cut for Map 2 Lot 110, John 2nd, so voted.**

2015 North Groton Road Project

The Road Committee presented a packet to the Select Board regarding the 2015 North Groton Road Project, which included a memorandum of revisions to the bid specifications and recommendations for the process, the revised specifications, the invitation to bid, a site visit log (sign in sheet for potential bidders) and a site visit checklist to be addressed. The Board approved all of the changes to the Specifications and dates for the process.

A required site visit is scheduled for June 5, 2015 at 9:00am. Bids will be due by June 12 at noon. Bids will be opened at the Select Board meeting on June 16. The Road Committee has also requested that the Board consider a July 1 start date for the project.

The Invitation to Bid will be posted at the following places no later than the beginning of next week: Town website, Record Enterprise, Penny Saver, Town Office building, Transfer Station, and the NHMA website. The Board also agreed to have Sara mail the invitation to bid to the past bidders and site visit attendees.

Town Property Inspections

There was a concern raised about inspections of Town properties for damage or other issues. The only land/building property is located at 856 and 858 North Groton Road. The Board agreed to review this property first and determine other land only properties that would need to be inspected at a later date. The first inspection is scheduled at 5:00pm on May 26.

Class VI Road Letters

Sara drafted letters to those that have previously maintained Class VI Roads to remind them to submit their changes to the Board for approval.

Christina motioned to sign the Class VI Road improvements letter, John 2nd, so voted.

Dave Leone asked if anyone inspects these roads for the maintenance that they are indicating. Christina explained that the Board has not done this in the past but it is a good point to do it in the future.

Report of Cut- Map 2 Lot 45

John Faucher submitted a report of cut for the property at 13 Campbell Lane. **John motioned to sign the report of cut for Map 2 Lot 45, Bob 2nd, so voted.** The timber tax amount is \$320.10.

Report of Cut- Map 9 Lots 2, 8, and 10

Robert Berti submitted a report of cut for the properties on Old Coach Road and Groton Hollow Road. **Bob motioned to sign the report of cut for Map 9 Lots 2, 8, and 10, Christina 2nd, so voted.** The timber tax amount is \$3,118.10.

Groton Wind Site Visit

Christina reached out to Ryan Haley to set up a tour for the Groton Select Board and the Administrative Assistant. He agreed and can do any day of the week of May 25th or later in the summer. The Board picked two potential dates.

G-Kids 2014 Abatement Recommendation

Avitar reviewed the G-Kids Trust's application for abatement and recommended that the Town grant abatements for both properties.

The Board agrees with the recommendation from Avitar. Sara will calculate the refund and create something for the Board to approve at the next meeting.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Tax Warrant – Spring billing

Sara will have the Tax Warrant for the spring billing ready for approval at the next Select Board meeting.

Memorial Day Service

Groton Historical Society (GHS) contacted the Board to let them know that they are in charge of Memorial Day Services on Monday May 25. They will need access to the kitchen and the building. There is supposed to be a presentation and a tour of the cemetery. Christina thinks we should reach out to them to see if a Board member speech is needed.

Christina motioned to approve the GHS to use the kitchen and building, John 2nd, so voted.

Sara will reach out to see if the Select Board will have to speak.

Flag Status

Governor Hassan has requested the flags to be at half-mast on the following days:

May 15 (National Peace Officers Memorial Day)

May 22 (NH Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony)

Sara will lower the flag and John will raise them back up on the 16th and the 23rd.

Tapply-Thompson Community Center (TTCC)- Use of Park

The TTCC requested to use the ball park on May 20 from 5-7. Glen will make sure the park is ready for use.

Wind Turbine request

The Town received a request from a member of the Fire Service in Coventry, RI to speak to someone familiar with the Groton Wind process as they are getting 10 turbines. Christina has offered to contact him.

July and August Meetings

Christina mentioned that usually we meet every other week during the months of July and August. The Board agreed that we have a lot to do so there will be no summer scheduled this year.

Video-taping of the meetings

Christina explained that the Board has been, along with the assistance of Sara, researching options related to the recent video-taping request. First, anyone is allowed to video tape the meeting if they want. In instances where the meeting will be taped, the Board will post the front door to make sure that all attendees are aware. In addition, Sara checked with NHMA regarding the request to look into a YouTube channel and the possibility of the Board adding these videos to the website. NHMA advises against both the YouTube channel and to add videos to the Town's website that are not recorded by the Town. Anyone who records the videos, though, is free to post them wherever they see fit.

Agendas

We have started posting the agendas on the website this week. The current one will stay on until the next week is added and then it will be removed. The Board has agreed that there is no necessity to archive agendas as the minutes of the meeting are posted.

Facebook

Christina explained that there is a Facebook page for Groton events called Groton NH Events. It is had been linked to the Town's Community Events page.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Groton Wind Site Visit

Dave Leone inquired on what was the intent of the site visit. Christina explained, just to get the newer Board and Admin a chance to see what the project looks like. The Board will also inquire with Groton Wind if they are still considering some type of open house or community day for the site.

Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant