

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
May 19, 2015

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015 as written, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Letter to Grafton County*

Sara composed a letter to the Grafton County Sherriff's Department that outlined the concerns the Groton Police Department had with their dispatch services. The Sheriff's Department requested feedback on why the Town is switching dispatch services.

**Bob motioned to sign the letter to Grafton County, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Letter for property at 559 North Groton Rd*

Sara composed a letter to the owners of 559 North Groton Road requesting that the debris be cleaned up as soon as possible. There have been some concerns that have been raised and since the Select Board is the acting Health Officers, they are addressing the issue per RSA 147. The Select Board is willing to work with the property owners but the letter requests a plan.

**John motioned to sign the letter for the property at 559 North Groton Rd, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Dave Leone asked what happens to those that have been issues before. Christina explained that since the Select Board has just taken over as Health Officers, the Board is taking it one step at a time and addressing the newer violations first. Any of the pending issues, could lead to court but the Select Board does not want this to happen and prefers to work with property owners.

*Letter for property at 593 North Groton Rd*

Sara composed a letter to the owners of 593 North Groton Road requesting that the debris be cleaned up as soon as possible. There have been some concerns that have been raised and since the Select Board is the acting Health Officers, they are addressing the issue per RSA 147. The Select Board is willing to work with the property owners but the letter requests a plan.

**John motioned to sign the letter for the property at 593 North Groton Rd, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Letter for property at 47 Sculptured Rocks Rd*

Sara composed a letter to the owners of 47 Sculptured Rocks Road requesting that the debris be cleaned up as soon as possible. There have been some concerns that have been raised and since the Select Board is the acting Health Officers, they are addressing the issue per RSA 147. The

Select Board is willing to work with the property owners but the letter requests a plan. **Bob motioned to sign the letter for the property at 47 Sculptured Rocks Rd, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Letter for new owners of 15 Bailey Hill Rd*

Sara composed a letter to the new owners of 15 Bailey Hill Road requesting that they provide the Town with proof of septic for this property by June 12, 2015. There is no record of an approved septic for this property.

**Christina motioned to sign the letter to the new owners of 15 Bailey Hill Rd, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*2015 Class IV Road Improvements- Old Rumney Rd*

The Select Board received two letters back regarding the improvements to Class IV roads. Both letters were for Old Rumney Road. The first letter states that they sent a letter back in January but unfortunately we didn't get it for some reason. The board reviewed both letters.

Christina mentioned that we have not talked to Glen yet but the Board did talk about having the Road Agent look at the road and take pictures before the road work begins and then check it after. They are mentioning that they are only doing road maintenance, repairing culverts, etc. Bob stated that we need to make sure they know what they are doing when doing the repairs.

Pam mentioned that she lives on this road and both owners have been maintaining the road for 18 years and they do a great job keeping the road passable.

Dave Leone asked if Glen would be doing this on a volunteer basis since the RSA states that the Town is not allowed to expend money on a class VI road. Christina explained that if the Board is having him go out then we would need to pay him as the Road Agent. We cannot force him to volunteer. Christina believes that these roads fall under the Road Agent's purview therefore she believes that expending money to visit the roads is covered, but the Board will run it by New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) to verify Mr. Leone's concerns. If NHMA feels there are no concerns with this, then the Road Agent will review the road in question.

**Christina motioned to approve the two class VI responses for Old Rumney Road, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Current Use Application- Map 6 Lot 22-2*

Mark and Nancy Watson submitted an application for current use for their property at Map 6 Lot 22-2 which is 23 Stone Glad Lane. Sara and Avitar reviewed and all is in order.

**John motioned to sign the current use application for Map 6 Lot 22-2, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Town Hall Key request*

The Librarian, Cassandra Viger, requested a key to the Town House in order to access the building for Library business on nights and weekends. The Board is fine with issuing her a key and setting up an access code for the main partition. Sara will send the request to 123 to add this.

*Select Board office lock*

The Board is okay with moving forward and getting lock and keys for the upstairs. John will take care of this and will see Sara to get the locks and count for the number of keys required.

*Tax Warrant*

Sara ran the tax warrant for Spring 2015 billing. The Board reviewed.

**Christina motioned to sign the spring 2015 Tax Warrant, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted**

*Release of Funds- Groton Historical Society*

The Groton Historical society submitted a request for approval to have the \$850.00 that was voted on at Town Meeting released to them.

**John motioned to sign the Memo requesting the release of funds for the Groton Historical Society, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Building permit for Map 6 Lot 22-5*

Alan Barrett submitted a building permit for a single family 1 ½ story cape style home at his address on Rogers Road. The permit does have the septic approval, the energy code approval and the Private Road release.

**Christina motioned to sign the building permit and the liability release for Map 6 Lot 22-5, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Dave Leone asked when the private road release started. Pam Hamel stated that it was done before she started working here. He asked if it is registered with Grafton County. Pam thought it was and that the applicants paid the fees to register.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

*Transfer Station Attendant*

Reminder this position is open and applications are being accepted until May 22, 2015.

*Select Board office closed on Tuesdays*

Starting next week on Tuesdays the Select Board office will be closed. This will be a test period through July as an Administrative day. It was explained that Sara will be here but the office will not be open to the public.

*Memorial Day presentation*

The Groton Historical Society will be having a presentation at 11:00am on Memorial Day. There will be a tour of the cemetery as well and information on the Revolutionary War.

*Property on North Groton Road*

There is a property on North Groton Road that has removed some rocks and is building a driveway believed to be without a driveway permit. There was also road damage done by construction equipment. The Board will review and have Sara contact the property owner. The property in question is located at 1153 North Groton Road.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

### *Road Committee*

The Invitations to Bid have been sent out for the North Groton Road construction project. John mentioned that he did some research on the road and that the road should be closed entirely, not one lane at a time. If it is not done correctly it can cause problems later on.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

### *Road Damage*

Heath Bunnell worked on North Groton Rd and had subcontracted Jeff Charon with JE Transport. It was brought to his attention that the Town has been trying to contact Jeff due to the road damages that were caused. Heath explained to the Town that he has also been trying to get in touch with Jeff but he will not answer and will not return any calls.

Heath stated he was concerned that this would give the Town a bad taste towards him and he did not want that to be the case. The Board explained that their concerns are not with him. John Martin witnessed the damage occurring and Heath had talked to Jeff about it explaining it was a bad decision on his end to do. John asked if they would be willing to write a statement about what they saw and the conversation. They agreed to do so.

Sara will reach out to the attorney regarding the next steps.

Dave Leone asked if the Town got any correspondence regarding plowing the roads. Dave stated that he heard that the Town wouldn't be plowing for the State of NH because they didn't want us to. Christina stated that we hadn't heard anything and she would hope that if there was an issue that they would have contacted us. Sara will reach out to Brian Sousa to see about this.

### *Property Transfer/Purchase*

Kyle mentioned that he called Sara on Monday regarding the rumor that Green Acre woodlands would be listing the property across from the Transfer Station. Christina explained that we reached out to them and have been given until July with the submission of a letter of intent from the Town. Joe Koslow had a few people ask about it. Christina told him to refer people to call Sara if they have questions. If we cannot resolve the title issues then we will purchase it.

### *Asphalt pile*

Kyle mentioned that the pile of asphalt that is in the flood zone at the Highway Department is getting bigger and he wanted to know if anything is going to happen to it. Christina explained that we did not budget this year for the grinding machine. Dave mentioned that the other problem with piling stuff in the flood zone is it takes up room that the water would take.

**John motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant