

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
June 2, 2015

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

**Audience Members Present**

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

**Bob motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015 as written, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*G Kids Family Trust Abatement*

Sara presented the Board with the letter sent to G Kids Family Trust regarding the approved abatement, in the amount of \$65.94. The Board previously signed the application and check.

*Class VI Road Follow Up*

Sara contacted NHMA to inquire if the Road Agent could be directed to inspect Class VI roads and review the progress of any individual landowner making repairs. NHMA stated, that under RSA 231:21-a, the municipality doesn't have a duty to maintain a Class VI road and should therefore not spend money performing maintenance, but the Road Agent does need to review the status of all Town roads. Therefore, , we can pay the Road Agent to complete this task.

*Updated building permit*

Sara added a note section to the issued building permit. The notes remind residents that they are responsible for entering the changes on their yearly inventory form and that the Town's assessing firm, will visit the property to assess the changes for the new value. The Board made minor wording changes and approved the changes to the building permit.

Sara will update the new form at the Town Office and online.

*Letter of Intent to Purchase*

Green Acre Woodlands had agreed to give the Town until the end of July to determine if they are going to be able to swap properties or buy the land across from the Transfer Station. They requested a letter of intent signed by the Board to show that the Town of Groton's intent. **John motioned to sign the Letter of Intent to Purchase/Swap the land across from the Transfer Station, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### *Memo- Charitable Exemptions*

Sara presented a Memo to the Board which listed the properties that are charitable exemptions and recommended the Board approve their charitable status. **Christina motioned to approve and sign the Memo regarding Charitable Exemptions, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Class VI Road Maintenance Letter- Nadeau Lane*

The Town received a letter requesting approval to do regular maintenance work on Nadeau Lane. Sara will have Glen check the road.

**John motioned to approve the Class VI road maintenance request for Nadeau Lane, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Junkyard Agreement*

Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) provided the Town with the agreement for 2015. There were concerns with regard to the prices increasing from last year. Sara had reached out to MRI for clarification. MRI stated that the prices hadn't changed since 2008 and they needed to make fee adjustments this year to maintain a viable business operation. **John motioned to sign the Junkyard Agreement with MRI, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

## **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

### *Junkyard Spreadsheet/Visits*

Now that the agreement has been signed, the Board needs to begin this year's property inspections. MRI had provided a spreadsheet of past inspections which referenced who was in compliance and who wasn't. The Board agreed: Any property that had a previous violation will receive a visit and all of the junkyards. The Board also added a few other properties for MRI to check.

Sara will contact Ken Knowlton with the property list and send introductory letters out to the property owners.

### *Health Letters/Concerns*

Sara explained that she has heard back from two out of the three places that were sent letters regarding concerns on their property. The residence that had a fire called and explained that they had an adjuster coming out so they couldn't do anything until then, but would keep the Town posted. The address on Sculptured Rocks Road said they had a dumpster coming at the end of the month. Sara will contact the owner and explain that some needs to be cleaned now.

The third property that we haven't heard back from has until June 12th to contact us with their plan. If we do not hear from them by the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will need to be prepared to discuss the next step.

Dave Leone showed the Board two pictures for a property on Brock Lane. The Health Officer was dealing with this so Sara will pull the file and create a letter to be sent for next week's meeting.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

### *Work Session*

Joe Koslow requested a work session with the Select Board to discuss electronics and other items at the Transfer Station. The Board scheduled it for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

### *Estimates for Transfer Station*

Joe Koslow also asked if Glen has submitted the estimate for the work for the Transfer Station. There should be two separate estimates. The Board will request that Glen have these completed by the 30<sup>th</sup>. The two estimates are for the new safety barrier and protecting the gas/propane tanks.

### *Boom Mower complaint*

Sandra and Doug Hutchins wanted to let the Board know that the cutting that was done with the brush mower left a mess. There were trees that were left split and not only looks like an eye sore but also could be dangerous. The Board explained that he used the boom mower and that is what happens when that is used. The Board also offered to go take a look at the location in question.

### *Plowing from the State*

Dave Leone asked if the Board found anything out about plowing the road. We haven't but Sara will reach out to Bryan Sousa at the Rumney State shed.

### *Electronics pick up*

Joe Koslow called Bonnie from the NRRRA and determined that the Town is not able to have an electronics pick up day this year, but we will be flagged for February of next year to set something up. Joe also mentioned that Best Buy does take electronics back at no charge. Christina explained that we do need to look at a better option but we can put on the website that Best Buy does take electronics at no charge.

### *Road Damage motion*

Christina mentioned that the Board made a motion, that effective today and going forward that any damage done to the roads based on construction, logging, etc. will be the responsibility of the contractor and/or subcontractor to pay for all the repair costs. John explained that we are taking pictures before and after and if there is any damage we will go after the contractor and the subcontractor. This will be signed by the Board and posted in the Town Offices and online.

**Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:53pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant