

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2015

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Bob motioned to approve the minutes of June 9, 2015 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

NORTH GROTON ROAD BID OPENING:

North Groton Road Project Bids

The Select Board received two bids for the North Groton Road Project.

- D.A White Excavating, LLC with a total bid proposal amount of \$174,000.00 for 1,800 linear feet and a proposal to meet the Town's budget of \$145,000 lowering the project to 1,400-1,500 linear feet. Other options/alternatives were listed which included: delete 1 1/2" top course and place 2 1/2" winter binder (deduct \$29,000), clean 1,000' of ditch line – no erosion stone (\$4/linear foot), hydraulic hammer and excavator rental (\$2,200/day), Place 6" SDR 35 underdrain (add \$19/linear foot)
- M.E. Latulippe Construction, INC with a total bid proposal amount of \$177,300.00 for 1,800 feet or \$98.50/linear foot. Other options listed were included: ledge removal using hydraulic hammer (\$275/hr), Erosion stone placed in ditches (\$4.00/linear foot).

D.A White Excavating, LLC provided a very detailed bid proposal, while it appeared to the Board that the M.E. Latulippe Construction, INC bid was still vague. The Board also liked how D.A. White provided the two different amounts so the Town knows right up front what the cost is either way. Due to these reasons and also because they had a lower bid, the Select Board agreed.

Christina motioned to award the bid for the North Groton Road project to from D.A. White Excavating, LLC, John 2nd, so voted.

Sara will contact Dana White to set up a meeting with him for June 23, 2015 at 6:00pm to discuss the job, answer any questions or concerns and prepare for the contract to be issued. Sara will also ask Glen to attend this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter from Attorney regarding road damage on North Groton Rd

The Town's Attorney mailed a letter to the logger that hasn't paid for the damage done to North Groton Road. The Select Board received a copy of this letter and the attorney did add "will not retain you to do work within the Town in the future." The Town cannot restrict the logger from

working privately in the Town, and cannot require a bond for future work due to the unpaid billing.

1st notices of violation letters/deadlines

- 47 Sculptured Rocks Road – the letter states that the Town understand the owners have a dumpster coming at the end of the month but clean up needs to be done now or cautionary measures be utilized to eliminate the debris from blowing away or potential run off from storms. This needs to be done by June 22, 2015. The letter will say second notice of violation.

Christina motioned to sign the letter to the owners of 47 Sculptured Rocks Rd regarding the debris, John 2nd, so voted.

- 559 North Groton Road – the letter states that the Town understand they were waiting for an adjustor to visit the property before they removed anything, but the Board needs to have follow up, if the adjustor came out and if it holds them back from further clean up, that the Board would need to see a copy of the paperwork that validates. This needs to be done by June 30, 2015. The letter will say second notice of violation.

Christina motioned to sign the letter to the owners of 559 North Groton Rd regarding the debris, John 2nd, so voted.

- 593 North Groton Road – there has been no response from this property and it still has a lot of debris, with the refrigerator the only item being removed so far. The Board needs to decide what the next step should be since they didn't contact us by the June 12, 2015 deadline. It was agreed that we will send another letter stating that the board is requesting the clean up or to meet with the Select Board by July 3, 2015. It will also state that failure to do so will include but is not limited to fines being issued and further actions to be taken. Sara will draft this letter and have it ready for the meeting next week.
- 15 Bailey Hill Road – Christina inquired if there has been a response from Blodgett Septic. A message was left on June 10, 2015 and no response yet. Sara will call again. The Board agreed that if we do not hear from Blodgett Septic, that Sara will draft a letter to the owners of the property requesting that an actual contract or proof that it is being pumped be supplied.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities

The Department of Revenue (DRA) sent the Town an application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities, which applies to Federal and State Forest Land within the Town of Groton. **Christina motioned to table the application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities until next week, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Rego Junkyard Renewal Application

Sara requested this be tabled since we have not received the background check yet and because the Junkyard inspections were scheduled for June 17, 2015.

Christina motioned to table the Rego Junkyard Renewal Application until the background check is received, John 2nd, so voted.

Hutchins Junkyard Renewal Application

Sara requested this be tabled since we have not received the background check yet and because the Junkyard inspections were scheduled for June 17, 2015.

Christina motioned to table the Hutchins Junkyard Renewal Application until the background check is received, John 2nd, so voted.

2014 Abatement Recommendation- Map 7 Lot 22

Avitar submitted an abatement recommendation for the property located at Map 7 Lot 22. The Board reviewed the recommendation and agreed. Sara will draft a letter and do the calculations for the abatement refund for next week's meeting.

Request to use Town House for Yoga on Wednesday Nights

Beth Musto is a certified Yoga instructor. She inquired about using the Town House on Wednesday nights for Yoga.

Christina's concern is that one of us needs to be here or a key would need to be issued. Also, she is required to have a certificate of insurance and liability. John agrees that we should look into our liability. Sara will check with the Town's liability carrier, Primex.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

MS-535

The Board reviewed the financial report of the MS-535. This is late but not on the Town's end. The report is complete and no recommendations for any corrections from the auditor. Sara will forward a copy to the DRA and also post online as the Town report indicates to look for it there.

Bob motioned to sign the MS-535, John 2nd, so voted.

Thank you

Christina thanked the Board for allowing her to use the tables and chairs. All have been returned as of Sunday.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Old Home Day (OHD) Committee

Christina explained that John and Gina Rescigno are now on the OHD committee and that we are trying to recruit Roger Thompson too. The Committee is working on a band, posters and signs will be put up within the next few weeks.

Jo O'Connor suggested for the Committee to look into having the Cooperative Extension Program at PSU set up a booth to explain their extension program and hand out flyers, etc. Christina mentioned they are sending out letters to businesses and crafters and she will contact PSU as well.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Illegal Fire

Kyle asked if we ever received payment for the illegal fire on Brock Lane. Christina explained that we did.

Garage Door at Highway Department

Kyle also mentioned that the garage door needs to be fixed at the Highway Department so the trucks are not left outside. Christina explained that the Board did tell Glen this needed to be fixed but didn't prioritize it on his list of tasks. It was suggested to quote out the repair, so the Board asked Sara to call Matt Fysh for a quote. Ron would be able to let Matt into the building if needed.

Driveway Permit issue

Ann asked about the illegal driveway and wanted to know where this stands. Christina explained that it wasn't an illegal driveway and that the owners did have a permit according to the Road Agent, that cannot be located. A new one is being issued.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 8:01pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant