

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 23, 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:

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Botellio Abatement

Sara did the calculations, created a refund check and a notification letter for the Botellio Abatement. It was approved to reduce the assessment from \$82,100 to \$60,600. **Bob motioned to sign the Botellio Abatement, John 2nd, so voted.**

Green Acre Woodlands Abatement

Sara did the calculations, created a refund check and a notification letter for the Green Acre Woodlands Abatement. It was approved to reduce the assessment from \$232,044 to \$204,644. **John motioned to sign the Green Acre Woodlands Abatement, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Follow up on request to use Town House for yoga on Wednesday nights

Primex and New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) responded to the Town regarding the liabilities involved with having yoga at the Town House. The Board reviewed the emails from Primex and NHMA. The Town's policy requires insurance and a rental fee. The instructor would have to have the certificate of insurance and we would have to be added to the insurance. The Board discussed the option for fees, but would like to know if the instructor is planning to charge people for the yoga.

Sara will pull the policy and get the updated information for the Board to make a final determination at next week's meeting.

Revised 2014 Sales Assessment

The Board had asked Sara to update the Equalization Bureau with the correct PILOT payment amount. The Department of Revenue (DRA) recalculated the assessment for the Town based upon the updated information. The Town's value did decrease from 2014 to 2015.

Hutchins- Junkyard Renewal

The Town received the background check back for Doug Hutchins and a report from the "Junkyard Dog" that indicated that the Hutchins Junkyard was in compliance. The Board agreed that they can move forward with the junkyard renewal.

Bob motioned to sign the Hutchins junkyard renewal application, John 2nd, so voted.

Junkyard letters

Ken Knowlton did the junkyard inspections on June 17, 2015. On July 10, 2015, he will be reviewing the Bixby, Coutu and Tolman properties. The Board reviewed the reports.

The Faucher property at 1361 North Groton Road is not in compliance. Previously the property had been in compliance but it continues to go in and out. Sara prepared a letter that requires the owner to come into compliance within 30 days and the junkyard dog will come back to inspect. **Christina motioned to sign the letter to Mr. Faucher Map 2 Lot 47, John 2nd, so voted.**

The Hansen property at 24 Old Rumney Road is not in compliance. Previously the property had been in compliance but it continues to go in and out. Sara prepared a letter that requires the owner to come into compliance within 30 days and the junkyard dog will come back to inspect. **Christina motioned to sign the letter to Mr. Hansen Map 2 Lot 30, John 2nd, so voted.**

The following junkyard properties are in compliance. The letters were reviewed and approved and do not warrant another visit this year, with the letters thanking the owners for staying in compliance.

Christina motioned to sign the letter to Mr. Greenwood, Bob 2nd, so voted.

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

Christina motioned to sign the letter to Mr. Kolomick, Bob 2nd, so voted.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Easson

Gary Easson explained that his deed requires him to provide the Right of Way to land locked abutters. Gary and the abutter are disagreeing over Will Colburn Road being considered a driveway. The abutter thinks that it is considered a driveway but Gary does not.

Sara did some research and has determined that Will Colburn Road is Class VI Road so it cannot be considered a driveway. Christina explained this to Gary Easson. We can do a letter to Gary stating the status and Glen will be posting the road. Glen will be the one to request the maintenance to Class VI Road.

Gary stated that if a road is Class VI you can put driveways on it but it is not a driveway, this is a road. Christina explained that the Board cannot speak to the right of way. Sara will create the letter stating that it is an unmaintained Class VI road to Gary via email tomorrow.

Application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities

The DRA sent the Town an application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities for Federal and State land within the Town of Groton. **Christina motioned to sign the application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities, John 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Follow up letter to 593 North Groton Rd

Sara drafted a letter to 593 North Groton Road explaining that the Town didn't hear from them by the June 12th deadline. The Town is now stating that they need to either have it cleaned up immediately or notify the Select Board office by July 3rd or else fines and other measures will be taken.

Christina motioned to sign the follow up letter for 593 North Groton Rd, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Follow up letter to 15 Bailey Hill Rd

Sara explained that she has left a few more messages for Blodgett Septic but has received no response. John Faucher called and stated that he told Katie at Blodgett Septic that the Town needed it to say contract not proposal. As of the date of this meeting, the Board has not received anything updated.

Bob motioned to sign the follow up letter for 15 Bailey Hill Rd, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Health Concern

Christina talked to the Health Officer in Bristol regarding the health concern the Board received for a property in Groton. There were some questions still about the complaint, therefore, the Board asked Sara to contact Miles Sinclair for more information. Other options discussed were to contact DCYS to get them involved.

Joint Select Board Meeting

The Select Boards for the 7 towns in the school district would like to hold another joint Board meeting and include the Town of Hill. This will be July 23 at 6pm at the Old Town Hall in Bristol. They will send a reminder but Christina wanted to let the Select Board know.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Land Across from Transfer Station

Kyle asked if anything has been resolved with the land across from the Transfer Station. Christina explained we have until the end of July.

Update

The Board met with D.A. White Excavating to finalize the scope of the project this evening. The road will be closed during the daytime and the project is anticipated to begin on July 27th and to last for about 2-3 weeks. The plan is to have complete before school starts.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant