

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 30, 2015

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of June 23, 2015 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

559 North Groton Road

Diane Michalski and Brian Williams emailed and mailed correspondence stating that they are having some issues with the adjuster and due to this they cannot afford to clean up the property at this time. The Select Board reviewed the correspondence. Sara will contact them to see if they can meet with the Select Board to discuss. Sara will forward the correspondence to the Select Board.

Groton/Alexandria Town Line

Alan Barnard emailed to provide an update on the Groton/Alexandria Town Line Perambulation. He has been having some medical issues that have prevented him from getting this completed. He is requested that the Selectmen consider letting him extend this to the end of the year. Sara will clarify this with him on the dates since the Board is concerned about him being out on the field in December and would like this done by middle of November.

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

Sara had emailed Beth Musto with the questions that the Select Board had at last weeks meetings. Her answers are that she has insurance and can provide a Certificate of Insurance with the Town of Groton added. In addition, she has waivers for people to sign. She was planning on charging \$12-\$15 per class per person but would be happy to charge \$10 depending on what the Town charges for use of the building.

Sara also pulled the policy on renting the Town House as the Select Board requested. The policy states that there is a fee of \$175 which has a refundable \$100.00 deposit if all conditions are met.

Sara will contact Beth to let her know the policy is written that it would be \$75 a week. The Board thinks that we should re-write the policy so that if it benefits the Town it is not so expensive. The Board agreed that until it is re-written it should not be over ridden.

North Groton Road Project Bid Proposal

D.A. White Excavating, LLC sent in an updated agreement based upon the meeting that Dana had with the Select Board the prior week. The Select Board reviewed the update, which had changed the amount of linear feet to 1,400 and changed the amount to \$138,000.00. Sara will email Christina a copy of the agreement for the Road Committee and will send the signed document to D.A. White Excavating, LLC.

John motioned to sign the bid proposal updated agreement from D.A. White Excavating for the North Groton Road Reconstruction project, Bob 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) - Boyd Smith

Boyd Smith from the NLRA was in attendance. In May he had sent the Town an email regarding the summary of priority storm water management projects and a grant that NLRA is applying for. This is to assist with failing culverts, roads, etc. For future grant applications they had to identify specific areas that work can be done. There were 55 priority locations around the water shed and his letter from May concentrated on Groton. He has a deadline for a pre-proposal which is July 17th. The grant would bring in money for materials and road improvements and possibly engineering. Boyd is asking for a letter of support that is specific enough that the Town will work with NLRA on the project areas identified. There is a 2 ½ year cycle so should be by 2018. Culvert #67 is the only one that we are working on this year for 2015, but funds would not be available until March or April of 2016.

Christina explained we only have 5 out of the 10 culverts listed that we can consider because 4 are on a State road and one is on a private road. Also some are Class VI roads, which we cannot maintain. Christina said that she doesn't think we can be specific because the only one listed that we are able to work on is the one we are planning on doing this year. We can check with the Road Agent to see if there are any other roads that he knows of erosion issues. There is a culvert that blows out every year as it is directed upstream, so it would need to be replaced, the direction changed and would need engineering. This could be one that we focus on for the grant purposes.

Sara pulled the letter that the Select Board sent last year regarding the Town's support. Sara will use this letter as a guide and include what the issues are, the plans and amounts to fix. Sara will send the letter to John for review and will have this ready for next weeks meeting. Sara will talk to Glen about this and will see if there is more information in the FEMA file.

Disposal Agreement- Hansen

Glen and Terry Jo Hansen submitted a disposal agreement for the upcoming North Groton Road project at their address on 24 Old Rumney Road.

Bob motioned to sign the disposal agreement for Glen and Terry Jo Hansen, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Disposal Agreement- Goodwin

Christina Goodwin submitted a disposal agreement for the upcoming North Groton Road project at her address on 1204 North Groton Road.

John motioned to sign the disposal agreement for Christina Goodwin, Bob 2nd, Christina abstaining, so voted.

Letter to Mr. Faucher- North Groton Road

Sara had drafted a letter to Mr. Faucher requesting that the fence and equipment in the construction zone on North Groton Road be moved prior to the North Groton Road project to allow for construction equipment to access the road. The Board reviewed the letter.

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

North Groton Road closing postings

Sara created both a public notice and a hand out to those affected by the North Groton Road Project to explain the dates and times of road closings during this project. The Board reviewed and approved the postings. Sara will post in the Town House, at the Transfer Station and online. As the project gets closer the hand-outs will be delivered to those that live close by the project and will be affected by the closings. There were no questions or concerns regarding the postings. Sara will also send the posting to the Fire Departments in Hebron and Rumney.

Ron mentioned that Glen already has the signs at the garage and they have been updated with the new project date.

Schedule Meetings

The meetings were scheduled previously and Sara will post.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Transfer Station

There will be a public meeting regarding proposed changes to the Transfer Station such as hours, dump stickers, etc., on July 28th at 7:00pm. Christina explained we are thinking of changing the dates and times they are open as it is becoming harder to find coverage and the Board is asking for the public's input.

Dispatch

Effective tomorrow the dispatch services will no longer be with Grafton County, and will be with Plymouth. As of today anyone calling 911 will go to Plymouth. The office and fax numbers are the same but 744-3280 is the new dispatch number. This will be posted online and changed on the Police Department answering machine.

New Cruiser

We should have the new cruiser in the next few weeks.

Part time Police Officer

We will be advertising for two part time positions. This will not be in addition to what we have so it will not increase the budget. Both part time officers we have are limited in the hours they can provide the Town.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Regional Select Board Meeting

Ann asked what the Regional Select Board Meeting is about. Christina explained it is about funding with the schools and other cost savings ideas that Towns can share.

Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:05pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant