

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
July 28, 2015

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Bob motioned to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015 as written, John 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Station Public Meeting

Christina explained that this Public Meeting is to get ideas from the public with regard to what they would like to see at the Transfer Station. Christina explained that the Board has talked about closing one weekend day since it is hard to fill a position when the person has to work both weekend days and we have tossed around other ideas.

Ken Gould stated that the same hours have been there all the time through the summer and winter. He said there are different residents that come in for each different day and he doesn't think the hours and the days are the problem. He thinks he said enough.

Ed Snow stated that one day on the weekend wouldn't work for the residents because people work all week. He said that on a Saturday he has seen a truck come in with a lot of trash which keeps the Transfer Station busy. He thinks that one person cannot do the work during the busy times. Ken stated that the rest of the day isn't busy enough to get a second person.

John explained that the current attendant kept track of how many people come in and it is definitely busier on the weekend.

Dave Leone thinks that Jim is doing a good job. He mentioned that with the money, you could offer the same person three days a week that could also be the supervisor and run the Transfer Station. Christina explained that is something the Board could consider.

Frank Grelle mentioned that if they could create signs so that the people don't have to ask where something goes, it might make it easier on the attendant. Christina explained it was discussed at last week's work session to consider more signage.

Joe Koslow mentioned that single stream recycling works but some people don't understand the concept. So far Waste Management has not said anything yet but they may. Christina explained that it is an education issue and the Town could hand out flyers as a reminder.

Chuck Stata stated that we need to keep in mind that we need to keep it open and convenient so that the trash won't be dropped off where it doesn't belong.

Christina asked if anyone thinks that it should be open more than three days. No one thought it needed to be more. Bob mentioned that he thought that maybe it could only be open for two days.

Dave Leone asked if Bill Jolly is still picking up trash or if anyone else is. Christina stated that she doesn't think that Bill or anyone else is anymore.

Ed Snow asked if there is any talk about Transfer Station stickers. John mentioned that they did research and the amount from out of Town is slim to none so it wouldn't be worth the cost. Bob explained that the idea of the sticker is a good idea but not feasible for the Town of Groton right now.

Dave Leone asked if the Town has looked into curbside pickup. Christina explained that we have not this year, but we are contracted through next year. Christina explained that the cost in the past was too high for the Town to consider. Dave mentioned that the private roads were an issue previously. Christina explained that Hebron works with another Town and also contracts curbside pickup. Their cost for the other Town is \$7500 a quarter, not counting curbside pickup.

Christina mentioned that the Board is looking for better options for the townspeople including storage to take electronics and better location for propane tanks.

Joe Koslow asked if we have had anyone apply since we reposted the job. Christina explained we received an application today and Sara will be setting up an interview.

Joe Koslow also mentioned that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) stated that due to the budget they are not doing as much training but still require that someone be certified to work at the Transfer Station. The Board thinks that it is impossible that they require the certification but are not offering any training and will reach out to DES to review the options.

Christina explained that we are down to one employee at this time and that one person will be done at the end of the month. Christina asked that the Town to bear with us during the transition.

Intent to cut - Map 9 Lot 1

The Town received an Intent to Cut for property on Old Stagecoach Road under Map 9 Lot 1. They are current on taxes so no bond was required. **John motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 1, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Disposal Agreement - Michael Kelley, Rick Belanger and John Faucher

Michael Kelley submitted a disposal agreement for the upcoming North Groton Road project at his address on 11 Kelley Lane. Rick Belanger submitted a disposal agreement for the upcoming North Groton Road project at his address on 84 Bailey Hill Road. John Faucher submitted a disposal agreement for the upcoming North Groton Road project at his address on 1361 North

Groton Road. **Bob motioned to sign the disposal agreements for Michael Kelley, Rick Belanger and John Faucher, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Christina mentioned that even if we approve these we agreed to go to the closest site to limit the distance.

Building Permit- Beaver Pond Rd

Paul Morrison submitted a building permit for a 20x20 1 ½ story camp on concrete piers. There will not be electricity or water at this building. He did sign a release of municipality liability for a private/Class VI road. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Beaver Pond Rd, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Chuck Stata asked what they are doing about a toilet. The Board will verify the requirement for indicating a bathroom on a camp, by reviewing RSA 147 and the Health Ordinance adopted by the Town. If the Board determines that there is a requirement, then Sara will clarify with the owner what his plan is regarding this. Chuck believes it is in the Town regulations.

Bob asked Chuck if all Towns have to use the same Health Ordinance. Chuck mentioned that we follow the state. Dave mentioned that the state says that as long as there is no running water then you don't have to have a septic unless the Town states otherwise. Dave mentioned that no one else is supposed to use the property without a state approved septic. Christina explained that the Town's rule cannot be less than the State but can be more strict.

Road Damage Payment Agreement

Christina explained that we have been attempting to collect a debt from a logger who was responsible for damaging a portion of North Groton Road last year. The Town's attorney reached out to the logger and it was agreed that he would repay \$1800.00 in \$300.00 increments. Jeff Charron signed the payment agreement and returned with the first payment for the Select Board to sign. **Christina motioned to sign the road damage payment agreement, John 2nd, so voted.**

August Work Sessions

Currently, the Board did not have any August work sessions scheduled. Therefore, the Board agreed to schedule for 6:00pm on Tuesdays for the month of August. It is anticipated that the Board will be meeting to discuss budget in September.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Update on North Groton Road Project

Christina mentioned that there is a delay to the start date for the project. It is starting July 30th instead of the 27th. The roads will still be closed from 7:00am to 5:00pm and the project should finish up the week of August 21-24.

Dave Leone asked who is replacing the driveway culverts. Christina explained that the Town is. Dave said that the RSA states the landowner is responsible. Christina explained that since the Town is doing the damage we had chosen to replace them, but the Board will look into this information and if we are doing something wrong we will make adjustments starting with next year's project.

Dave also asked who paid for the repair of the culvert on Edgar Albert Road at the white mobile home near Vickie Kimball's property. Christina stated that the Board would look into this. Dave said it was done in July when the road was washed out.

Helen asked about the driveway near her house and why a culvert wasn't needed. Christina explained that the Road Agent issued the driveway permit without a requirement for a culvert. The Board will ask the Road Agent. Helen stated the water is flowing and she is concerned that it will be an issue in the winter. Dave mentioned that some Towns have it as a requirement that a culvert is always put in with a driveway. Dave also said that the Planning Board was supposed to relinquish authority to the Road Agent for the driveway permits which has never been done in Groton. Christina mentioned the Board will look into this because she thought it was only if there was a subdivision.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Green Acre Woodlands property

Ron inquired on the status of the property across from the Transfer Station as the July 31st deadline is approaching. He wanted to know what is being done with the property. Christina explained that the attorney is working with them on this.

Edgar Albert Road

Frank Grelle asked if Edgar Albert Road is on the list to have maintenance. He said it is the worst it has ever been with potholes etc. Ron stated he knows that Glen has the grader at the Highway Department, so that means that Glen will be grading the gravel roads. Sara will check with him to see if this is on the list and when. If not, he will need to meet with the Board regarding this.

Plowing State Roads

Dave Leone asked about the plowing for the state and if we have heard back about whether or not Groton will be contracted to do so. Christina mentioned we did hear back but they said that there isn't any changes as of yet and no final decisions. Dave asked what we got paid for this from the state. Christina said she doesn't know off the top of her head but we can look into it. He asked what will happen with the budget if we do not get this money. Christina explained it we would have to look at it then and see how it affects the overall budget and revenue. Dave said he heard they were not going to have the Town pave because they were not happy with the job done, not because of the money. Christina said that the Town had spoken to a few different people and no one had reported that.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant