

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
August 11, 2015

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015 as written, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Properties with Health Concerns*

- 47 Sculptured Rocks Road: The Town had reached out to the owners about debris on the property. A dumpster was installed this weekend, therefore, the Board will drive by and discuss at next week's meeting.
- 559 North Groton Rd: The owners were supposed to be getting a tractor there to clean up the mess. They had emailed 8/5/15 stating they had to register the trailer and once they did that they would be back to clean up. Sara will send a letter via email inquiring on the status as nothing has been done as of this meeting.
- 593 North Groton Rd: The inhabitants have not responded to the last letter to set up an inspection of the property. Sara will send another letter stating that we have not heard back from the letter sent July 14<sup>th</sup>. A new letter will be sent stating that if we don't hear from them by August 21<sup>st</sup> we will proceed with an administrative warrant, which Sara will reach out to NHMA regarding the process.
- 10 Brock Lane: The property owner states that they don't feel they should have to be there and do an inspection. They said that someone said their property was a mess and they have since cleaned it, so the Select Board should drive by and see what the property looks like. The Select Board will drive by before the next meeting so we can take the next step.

*Junkyard letters*

- 24 Old Rumney Road: Originally sent a 30 day letter for compliance and a new letter will be sent asking to schedule a follow up inspection for Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Bailey Hill Road: Received a letter originally but that date didn't work for him so he wanted to reschedule. The new letter states Ken Knowlton will be coming out Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 1361 North Groton Rd: The original letter was sent referencing the wrong address, therefore a new 30 day letter was sent with the correct information.

**John motioned to sign the three junkyard letters, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### *Budget Memo*

Sara created the budget Memo for Department Head's to submit their budgets by the deadline of Friday, September 25, 2015. These will be distributed with the budget worksheets for each department.

**Christina motioned to approve the budget memo, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted.**

### *Employee Status Notification Form "B"- Everett Knighton*

Due to Everett resigning and going to Bristol Police Department, the Select Board is required to fill out the employee status notification form "B" for Police Standards and Training. **Bob motioned to sign the Employee Status notification form "B" for Everett Knighton, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted.**

## **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

### *Parkinson's Disease Support Group*

First meeting for the Parkinson's Disease Support Group is Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 1-230pm. This is a support group for people with Parkinson's or family and friends and will be held at Plymouth Regional Senior Center at 8 Depot St. The contact information is Diane Sherman 653-6672.

### *Request to use Town property*

Christina sent in a Memo on behalf of the Old Home Day Committee requesting to use the following for Old Home Day on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Everett Hobart Memorial Park
- Grill
- Generators
- Tables and Chairs from the Town Office building
- Speakers and microphones from the Town Office building

This memo also explained that the park will be cleaned by Sunday afternoon. The Board agreed to the request.

### *Request for distribution of funds*

Christina filled out a request for distribution of funds forms on behalf of the Old Home Day Committee. This request needs to come out of the revolving fund and that is for \$500.00 for Tilton Fireworks. **Bob motioned to sign the request for distribution of funds form, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted. Christina abstained.**

### *Richard O'Connor*

Jo O'Connor's husband Richard passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2015. The Board extended their condolences to Jo.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

### *Old Home Day*

Old Home Day is Saturday August 15, 2015 at 5:00pm. Christina explained the parade starts at 5:00pm and then is followed up at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park with the touch a truck, a

free barbeque, the Express Revival Band, games, raffles and fireworks. It will take place rain or shine. If it rains it will be at the Town House. The fireworks would be changed to another night.

Elizabeth Jespersen offered a few pop up tents if needed.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

#### *1153 North Groton Road*

A resident had a concern on a North Groton Road driveway culvert issue and sudden stop for culvert requirements at 1153 North Groton Road. The Board asked Glen to update the public. Glen explained that the permit was approved through regular driveway specs without a culvert. There is a culvert in the driveway above and below. Glen mentioned that last week they did dragging to direct the water to these culverts. He also mentioned that they will be using the grader as well. Christina asked if not having a culvert will cause any damage to North Groton Road. Glen stated he doesn't see any issues. Christina asked the resident if she would like Glen to meet with her and point out what he is talking about. She said that she will check it out alone and if she has any questions she will let Glen know. Christina explained that the property owner had a permit two years ago and there is no inspection process but it was good that Glen drove by and saw the rocks there when Glen mentioned that they were installing it without notifying him.

This same address has a lot of junk outside included a few cars, a washer and dryer, a dishwasher, etc. The complainant provided pictures. This will be added to the September junkyard inspections. Sara will contact Ken Knowlton regarding this.

Christina explained that she saw a washer machine being used outside at a different location also, so Sara will reach out to NHMA regarding this.

#### *Renewing a Septic Plan*

The permits expired on Brock Lane and they have not done anything. Christina explained that under normal circumstances, if the property has a working septic, and makes changes that the septic might not support, then the Department of Environmental Services requires the owner to submit a plan and only install if the current septic fails. She believes this was also the case at 10 Brock Lane, but we will reach out to DES to confirm.

#### *Transfer Station Attendant*

Christina explained that we extended a conditional offer to somebody that will work all 20 hours a week at the Transfer Station. Once all items on the conditional offer have been met, then we will be able to update the public.

**Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:57pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant