

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2015

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Bob motioned to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update- Edgar Albert Road

Christina updated the status of the Edgar Albert Road project. The stock piles were cleaned up today and going forward the town will have permission from the property owner before storing anything on their property. The ditching was started today and should be completed tomorrow along with the rest of the road repair. This is the third time that Glen has been there to work on this road since mud season ended.

Update- Culvert on North Groton Road

Christina explained that the culvert on North Groton Road was not repaired last week. It will be done next Tuesday and Wednesday so the road will be closed from 9am to 2pm. Notices will be given to those affected and this will be posted online. There is a cone at the location right now to let people know there is a hole in the roadway where the culvert has failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change Order Request from D.A. White Excavating, LLC

D.A. White Excavating, LLC submitted another change order request for an additional two hours for the Hydraulic hammer and Excavator and to clean 740 linear feet of ditch line. The total cost of this change is \$3,510.00. The Board was aware of this change during construction. Sara will send a copy to D.A. White Excavating LLC. **Christina motioned to sign the change order request form, John 2nd, so voted.**

Certificate of Final Completion from D.A. White Excavating, LLC

D.A. White Excavating, LLC submitted the certification of final completion to the Town for the Select Board to review and sign. The Select Board met with Glen and he inspected the road and everything was done as the bid specifications required. This certificate stated it was guaranteed for one year but it should be 18 months. Sara will contact DA White to get this corrected. The payment will be held until the final certification is approved. **Christina motioned to table the certification of final completion until it is corrected, John 2nd, so voted.**

NHDES Application for waiver

The Town of Groton is required to submit the application for waiver with the Department of Environmental Services so that we can allow the new hire for the Transfer Station to begin work. This form needs to be signed by the Chair of the Select Board. Christina explained this allows Richard Cross to work before he is certified so the Transfer Station will be open tomorrow. **Christina motioned to sign the NHDES application for waiver, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Transfer Station Alternate

Christina thinks that we should advertise for an alternate for the Transfer Station to back up the facility when needed for sick days, vacation, etc., as Joe Koslow won't be available to cover all shifts. Sara will send this to the Pennysaver, put on our website and on the free sites.

Transfer Station Other

Christina explained that there was a comment last week that the Town waited until the last minute to hire when the employee gave a two month notice, but the Board wanted to clarify that this wasn't true. The Board advertised, had someone back out of the process and then interviews and back ground checks take time. The Board had no intent to leave the position in jeopardy, but these things take time.

Oil Drums

Christina explained that Bristol is willing to take the full waste oil drums. The Board needs to verify what the limit is for transporting waste oil and the Board will review the options. Bob mentioned if the oil spills we would be liable. In the meantime the residents can still bring oil to the Transfer Station but it has to be in a sealed container. Sara will check to see if Richard's Hazmat allows for transportation as well.

Dress Code concern for Town

Christina explained that there was a concern raised about a requirement for the new employee at the Town's Transfer Station to wear a Casella hat and not his marine hat. The Board agreed that there is a dress code as far as common sense for appropriate attire but he shouldn't have been told that he cannot wear a certain hat. Sara will reach out to Joe Koslow and Richard Cross to let them know this is acceptable.

Lou Lieto- Conservation Commission concern

Lou Lieto didn't attend the meeting but John mentioned that the concern that the Conservation Commission has is with regard to the bridge that leads to the pond behind the Highway garage. They cannot start the gate project until they get bids but they are waiting for the specs from Glen. Christina said that we should give Glen a deadline to have the specs to Sara by next Wednesday September 9th. Sara will get this to the Conservation Commission when she receives it.

Christina also mentioned that we will have to encumber these funds since it will not be done this year. Betty asked if we could just put boulders out there and remove when needed. It was explained that an emergency vehicle would need to be able to access this area quickly so a gate was recommended.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Structure for Transfer Station

Bob mentioned that he talked to Joe Koslow about storage for the Transfer Station. We will need a shed for electronics and then a lean-to for propane tanks attached to the shed. Bob looked into locations and can see only two places that this building can fit. Bob mentioned this will need to be considered when doing the budget for next year.

Christina explained that we already talked to Joe and asked him to get quotes on this so he can submit for budget or for warrant articles for next year.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

North Groton Road repair

Helen asked if Glen is going to fix the two bumps when the culvert is done. It was explained that this is not the plan as that is a more extensive fix.

Edgar Albert Road Clarification

Ann asked for clarification on Edgar Albert Road and what still needs to be done. It was explained that the rest of the ditching will be done tomorrow and there are some trees/bushes to be cut further down near their home.

593 North Groton Road

James Platts mentioned that he lives at 593 North Groton Road and he has received letters from the Town. Christina explained that the letters were sent as we have not heard from him. He is only available on Sundays around noon. This weekend is a holiday weekend so the next weekend would be better. Christina explained that we are not attacking him. We are working with properties that we have received concerns on. Bob mentioned that if concerns are brought to the Select Board then they are required to look into it. There may be nothing that needs to be done but sometimes the concerns are valid and sometimes they are not. The Board will meet with him on Sunday, September 13 at 1:30pm and move forward from there.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant