

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
September 15, 2015

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Bob motioned to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015 as written, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Update- 593 North Groton Road*

The Select Board met with the property owner of 593 North Groton Road regarding concerns raised of possible health hazards or junkyard issues. Christina explained that the Board reviewed the property looking for health hazards or other items of concern qualified under RSA 147: Nuisances; Toilets; Drains; Expectorations; Rubbish and Waste.

Christina asked about the oil tanks on the property. Do they have any oil in them? Is there any reason to think that they would have leaked on the property? Mr. Platts explained that he will be using the tanks as backup for his home, they are empty, and they haven't leaked. Bob inquired about the propane tank. Mr. Platts is using the tank up as it is older and can't be refilled. Once empty he will properly dispose of it. Christina inquired on the tires. The tires near the home were set up for a pet turtle. The other tire that isn't good will be disposed of. Some of the items in the yard will be placed back in the storage box. There were no other hazards or trash issues on this property that could be addressed and this issue will be closed.

*Highway Department- Old Culvert Pipes*

Christina wanted to inform the Town that the Select Board gave Glen Hansen permission to take the old culvert pipes from the Highway Department for his personal use. Christina mentioned that she thinks we should give Glen a deadline to have these removed. The board agreed October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline. Sara will let Glen know.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Audrey Johnson- Hebron Fire Department*

Audrey Johnson from the Hebron Fire Department came to explain to the Town that they sometimes have trouble locating the properties. They are offering a volunteer program of reflective signs, which the homeowners would pay the \$15.00 fee and Hebron would install

them. This would make it easier for Police, Fire, and Ambulance to see. She is requesting that Groton consider coming on board. If so, she would like all Town buildings to have these numbers and to put an order form on the Town website. They will put them wherever they can see them the easiest as long as the homeowner agrees. It isn't always on the mailboxes it can be on trees, etc. This is elective so not everyone has to do this. Christina said that she doesn't see why we wouldn't do this, and the other Board members agreed. **Christina motioned to join the Hebron Fire department in their reflective address markers, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 97*

Bruce Jones submitted a building permit for a 320 square foot deck. **John motioned to sign the building permit for the deck, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Junkyard Inspection Reports*

Ken Knowlton visited two of the properties on August 21, 2015. The Board reviewed the inspection reports from these visits. One property off of Bailey Hill Road is still in compliance and the other off of Old Rumney Road is not. Christina asked the other Board members if they would consider meeting with the property owner and Ken Knowlton at the property in question. The Board agreed, so Sara will schedule for a 4:00pm slot on an upcoming Tuesday.

#### *Intent to Cut- Map 7 Lots 3&22*

The Town received a new Intent to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands property on Victoria's Mountain Way. They are current on taxes so no bond was required. **Bob motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 7 Lots 3 and 22, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Copier Timeline*

Christina explained we are taking the next steps for moving the copier to the hallway for use by other departments such as the Supervisors of the Checklist. Sara created a timeline which is subject to change but is as follows:

- Friday 9/18/15 and Monday 9/21/15- Gary Easson install Electrical outlet and wiring
- Tuesday 9/22/15- reach out to Dave Switaj to confirm this is done; Dave is working on setting up the Supervisors laptop to print to the copier
- Wednesday 9/23/15- Dave Switaj runs the wire and moves the copier
- Thursday 9/24/15- Test out the copier to make sure it is all set and working
- Friday 9/25/15- contact Twin Rivers Office Machines to see how to set passwords to unlock and use the copier

#### *Amended Septic Plan- Map 6 Lot 26*

Bruce Barnard submitted an amended septic plan for Kevin and Patricia Baron's property at 19 Blanchette Lane. Sara checked the plans to make sure they had the correct map and lot numbers and other information and all was correct. **John motioned to sign the amended septic plan for Map 6 Lot 26, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

#### *Property across from Transfer Station*

Christina explained that the Select Board signed on the property across from the Transfer Station tonight. This is the Town's property now. The Select Board does not think anything will

be done to this property this year but next year we can start the process of getting it ready for the Highway Department.

#### *856 and 858 North Groton Road*

The Select Board also signed papers for the sale of 856 and 858 North Groton Road to the abutter, Kevin Maas, for \$35,000.00.

#### *Dodge Road*

We are under negotiation with two properties on Dodge Road. We have received offers on both parcels and both were abutters. We will have more information on this next week.

#### *River Road maintenance and concerns*

The Select Board met with Dorchester Select Board and the Road agents to discuss the agreement and the concerns raised at last week's meeting. To start the Road Agents are going to ride around together to see if there are any concerns with any of the mailboxes before the winter comes. We also mentioned the concern with speeding. The Road Agent stated that he will definitely address this.

In addition, we talked about the speed limit being different on that road. Our side is 25mph and theirs is 35mph. Dorchester wants to do this but they don't have a Police Department to do the study. Christina mentioned that a possibility could be our Police Department could do the study and Dorchester would pay for the Police Department's time.

#### *North Groton Road culvert*

Christina explained that the dates were changed on this project because a catch basin was needed. The notices of the change were sent out but the sign wasn't changed. This should be completed tomorrow.

#### *River Road culverts*

The Highway Department will be working on a culvert on this road on Monday and Tuesday so there will be road closings. This will be posted and notices will be sent out this week. There are also two other culverts that will be leveled out at that time.

#### *Advertising of positions*

We are advertising for a Highway Department Laborer and a Transfer Station alternate.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

Dave Leone asked since Gary Easson is the electrician that the Town uses he would like to know if he has a state approved septic yet because he didn't. Christina responded that Gary Easson is not the Town's electrician and that each of the projects he has done, were put out to bid or quoted with multiple sources. With regard to his septic, Sara will pull his file and check.

#### *Town Property-Old Rumney Road*

Slim Spafford asked what the status is on this. Christina explained that this has not been resolved at this time which is why we didn't do the land swap and instead purchased the property across from the Transfer Station.

*Notices for Road Closure on North Groton Road*

Helen Santoro mentioned that the notice shouldn't have been left on the mailboxes because they could blow away. She asked why they were not put in the mailboxes. It was explained that legally we cannot do this. We did discuss this and in the future they will be left at the door or we may look into the plastic door hangers similar to what oil delivery companies' use.

*Spectacle Pond Road*

Kyle Andrews asked what is going on with Spectacle Pond Road. Christina explained this only has two hours of work left and should be completed within the next few weeks. He needs to do some rip rap, cut a piece off a culvert and clean up material.

*Property across from Transfer Station*

Jo O'Connor asked how much the Town bought the property for. Christina explained \$50,000.00. Jo also mentioned that there is a historical pound there and asked if they are planning on doing something with this. Christina said the plan is to do something and use the Historical Society for assistance.

*Budgets*

Joe Koslow mentioned that he turned in his budget and explained the papers with it. Christina explained that the Select Board does not look at this until they meet with them. After the meeting the Select Board will review it again and if needed have another meeting with Joe.

**Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:37pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant