

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
September 22, 2015

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

**Audience Members Present**

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the minutes of September 15, 2015 as written, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Gary Easson's septic approval*

Last week an inquiry was made regarding the septic system for Gary Easson's property. He did have a septic plan approval number but it appears it has expired. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) cannot clarify if a septic is currently in place at that location or if it was what they call a "back pocket" approval, which states a new one is only needed if the current one fails. The Town has contacted Gary Easson to get additional information.

*North Groton Road Culvert*

The North Groton Road Culvert replacement is complete and the location will be paved next week. All clean-up and the installation of a cover on the catch basin is still to be done. The Board asked Sara to check with Glen for a time frame.

*River Road Culvert*

The River Road culvert was replaced on Monday and ditching in the area was completed at the same time. The paving will be done next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Letter from Avitar*

Avitar submitted a letter regarding their recommendations for the Land Use Change Tax on three properties:

- Map 5 Lot 140-1, the property was in current use but now no longer qualifies – the 10% tax is based upon Avitar's value of \$35,000, therefore it is \$3500.00.
- Map 5 Lot 140-2 the property was in current use but now no longer qualifies - the 10% tax is based upon Avitar's value of \$35,000, therefore it is \$3500.00.
- Map 5 Lot 29-2 the property was also in current use. 1 acre of the property is listed in the unproductive category which won't get included in the tax. The 10% tax is based upon Avitar's value of \$32,500, therefore it is \$3250.00.

**John motioned to sign the three Land Use Change Tax Forms and the Tax Warrants, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Road Maintenance Agreement- Dorchester*

The Groton Select Board and Glen Hansen met with a Dorchester Selectperson and their Road Agent last week and during this meeting it was agreed that Groton would write up Winter Maintenance Agreement. Groton continues winter maintenance to the Wentworth line of Cheever Road and Dorchester does Groton's section of River Road. **Christina motioned to sign Winter Road Maintenance Agreement with Dorchester, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Letter to the Select Board from Lou Lieto*

Lou Lieto submitted a letter to the Select Board requesting the purchase of a lap top computer to be used during elections as the one that Sara uses is too old and cannot have the most current version of Microsoft which is needed for the spreadsheets that they use. Dave Switaj provided estimates to upgrade the laptop and to purchase a new lap top. The Board agreed that it is more cost efficient to purchase a new lap top for Sara to use and to share usage for the elections.

*Phoenix Precast Products- Application for Credit*

The Town uses Phoenix Precast Products to purchase materials such as the recent catch basin. The company requires that an application for credit be completed. **John motioned to sign the Phoenix Precast Products- Application for Credit, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Bunting/Other Maintenance Items*

- Christina asked if it is time to take the bunting down. Bob volunteered.
- The driveway spots were filled in at the beginning, at the end of the ramp, and the bottom of the stairs.
- John looked at the ramp and galvanized nails were not used so they are rotting. The entire ramp and landing needs to be replaced. The Board will use the money from the Town House Capital Reserve Fund to replace. Sara will get a quote from Matt Fysh.
- Tape- the ice on the building was really bad last year so we need to check and see if the heating strips are working.
- The fencing on the ground near the emergency exit stairs needs to be removed.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

*Copier Timeline*

The copier timeline has been delayed. Gary Easson will be coming out Friday to start the process and the new time frame will be hopefully completed by next week.

*Budget Submissions*

Budget submissions are due Friday, September 25, 2015.

*Hazardous Waste*

The Household Hazardous Waste collection is Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Plymouth Recycling Center, 56 Beech Hill Rd.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

*Helen Santoro*

Helen has a paved driveway and every time it rains, the sand from North Groton Road and Nadeau lane washes into her driveway. She believes this is caused from the gulley that was there was buried by the person that maintains and plows Nadeau Lane. The Select Board will look at this and see what a good resolution would be.

*Light in South Groton*

Slim Spafford inquired about the light near the old library, which he feels is very bright and doesn't work right and does not follow the "dark skies" ordinance in the Town. We will have to look into if this is one of the Town's lights. If so, we will ask if it can be swapped to a "dark skies" light as it isn't working properly.

**Having no other public business to conduct, Christina motioned go into non-public pursuant at 7:50pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Having no other non-public business to conduct, Christina motioned to return to public session at 8:30pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Having no other business to conduct, Christina motioned to return to public session at 8:31pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant