

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
October 20, 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**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 as written, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Groton Historical Society*

The Groton Historical Society (GHS) requested to be on the agenda to let the Select Board know that they are eager to volunteer with the Town Pound site at the new property across from the Transfer Station. Pam Hamel mentioned that they are requesting that the Select Board consider setting aside money in the budget toward the Town Pound and its renovations. She mentioned that she has been here along time and things like this end up not being attended to. The president of the GHS, Kathy Sobitzer, is also encouraging this and GHS has already begun research on town pounds and is trying to find information on this town pound, as research is GHS' strong point.

Bob was concerned with North Groton Road being a state road he was wondering if the Town would need the states approval to do any clearance. John mentioned it would be important to know when it was opened, closed, any photos, what kind of animals were kept there, etc.

Kathy asked if there were any old surveying maps. Sara said she will look. John French was supposed to have done a survey of the property. Kathy will check with his nephew and FORECO and Sara will check the files here at Town.

The Town could possibly either build it back to how it used to look, leave it how it is and put a plaque up, etc. GHS is really just bringing this to us now since we are in the budget process. Pam thought it would be nice to clear it out. Also the ticks are very bad there so another good reason to clear it out.

*Schedule November Work Sessions*

The Select Board scheduled work sessions for the month of November to continue the budget process. The sessions are:

- Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 5:00pm
- Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 4:00pm
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 5:00pm
- Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 5:00pm

Sara will post these online and at the Town House and Transfer Station. Sara will also put together a list of the department and committees that still need to meet about budget so we can schedule as needed.

#### *Transfer Station RFP's*

The Transfer Station RFP (request for proposal) was sent to Casella, NRRRA and Waste Management. Proposals were received back from all three places.

There are two contracts, one with Casella and one with Waste Management. One expires in 2016 and the other in 2018. Christina recommended that the Board review the contracts, re-bid and meet with Joe Koslow again to eliminate any confusion. Sara will schedule Joe for Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. Sara will pull both contracts, and the RFP for the Board to review.

**Christina motioned to table the decision on Transfer Station RFP until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

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

##### *Tax Rate Setting*

Christina explained that the Board should be prepared to meet at any time for the tax rate setting. Sara has been working on the spreadsheet and will have some numbers for the Board to review.

##### *Resignations*

Paula Stata submitted her resignation for the Supervisors of the Checklist. The Supervisors will appoint a new Supervisor. Any interested parties should submit their name to the Supervisors for consideration.

Paula Stata also submitted her resignation for Library Trustee effective when someone replaces her or Town Meeting to vote on someone else. Currently we have Pam Yinger and Elizabeth Jespersen. Any interested parties should submit their name to the Select Board for consideration.

##### *Zoning Board*

The Zoning Board is looking for another member. Chuck Stata is currently an alternate who was in attendance at the meeting. Christina asked him if he would be interested in being a regular member. He said he would. Christina mentioned that it is better to have a five member board and alternates, for any cases that they might have to hear to make sure there is a quorum. Currently it is Frank Grelle, Ken Gould, Glen Hansen and Chuck Stata.

##### *893 NH Route 118*

The Town received pictures and a complaint on this property from the Police Department. It is definitely a health hazard with a large quantity of garbage strewn all over the property. Sara will create a Notice of Violation letter to get out as soon as possible. **Christina motioned to send a**

**Notice of Violation letter to 893 NH Route 118 and come in Thursday to sign it, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

*Monument Area*

Pam Hamel encouraged the Select Board to put some money in the budget to look at the monument area and put in flowers. We could get a quote before snowfall from Clements, and a few other places.

*10 Brock Lane*

Elizabeth Jespersion inquired on any update for 10 Brock Lane. She explained the big pile that was in the driveway has been moved outback and now there is a new pile in front. Sara will pull the minutes from the meeting to see what was discussed.

Chuck Stata mentioned that the items on the property are encroaching on the wetlands and this could be a violation with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) as well. Christina explained that if we can prove that if it is truly trash then we can address it as a health issue. We have reviewed the property for junkyard violations of which there were none. We have sent letters and have met with the property owners. We can now ask DES to come out to view the possible violation with the wetlands.

Pam explained that there is a fine line between a junkyard, a junky yard and a health issue. If no health issue and not a junkyard the Town would need something in the Zoning Ordinance. Chuck mentioned that when a structure becomes a hazard then you can work on getting that structure removed, but there are some specific rules and it must be a safety issue or in harm's way for the public. Christina referenced RSA 147 and RSA 155B for this information.

*New school*

Slim Spafford mentioned that there have been talks about a new school in Alexandria. He said that next Monday is the School Board meeting and everyone should attend. Christina mentioned that they have talked about a new school for all elementary schools. Slim said the minutes from this last Tuesday's meeting are on the SAU's website.

The Board would like to reach out to Jeff Levesque because he said he would be meeting with the Town more frequently to keep us updated on the school issues.

*911 signs*

Helen mentioned that the 911 signs are great. Hers was just put up and she said they did a great job. Sara mentioned that the order form is currently online and John pointed out that we have some on the table in the hallway of the Town House as well.

*Community Sponsorship*

Pam Hamel mentioned that there are some funds available from the Groton Wind Community Sponsorship Fund. She was talking with Ryan Haley about dry hydrants for the Town. The Select Board was going to discuss this in the Work Session but ran out of time. Sara will send the email from Ryan to the Board to review and will look into costs for a dry hydrant to be installed.

*Senior Dinner*

Slim asked if there was going to be a Thanksgiving dinner for Senior's this year. Christina has messaged Alison Bagley to inquire.

*Richard Cross*

Elizabeth mentioned that Richard is doing a terrific job at the Transfer Station.

*Rumney Fire & EMD*

EJ asked if we have a contract with Rumney for Emergency Services (Amulance - EMS). It was explained that we do. Hebron responds to all of the calls in most cases, and Rumney is supposed to respond to areas from Halls Brook Rd to Route 118 and River Road. EJ stated that there have been a few calls when Hebron has beat Rumney to the call or Rumney has never arrived. Christina asked EJ to talk to Roger Thompson as the Fire Chief and Emergency Management to have him follow up with the concern.

**Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:14pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant