

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
November 24, 2015

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the minutes of November 17, 2015 as written, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Quote for Deck and Stain*

Christina explained that the quote approved at last week's meeting was written up for the Select Board to sign. The Select Board also agreed to go with white stain. John was concerned that the quote doesn't state the exact materials approved and it was decided to make note on the contract to tie it and the quote together. After discussion the following was agreed to be added to the contract - "*contract approved for the costs of \$1,863.35 for two projects with materials noted on the attached quotes under account number 02984 from Ashland Lumber*". **Christina motioned to add the wording to the contract and to sign the contract with Paul Cole, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Amended Septic Plan for Alan Barrett Map 6 Lot 22-5*

Bruce Barnard submitted an amended septic plan for Alan Barrett's property on Roger's Road. Sara checked the plans to make sure they had the correct map and lot numbers and other information and all was correct. **Bob motioned to sign the amended septic plan for Alan Barrett Map 6 Lot 22-5, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

*Tax Rate*

Christina explained that the tax rate has been finalized. It went from \$11.63 to \$11.24, a decrease of \$.39. The Board approved \$75,000.00 to be applied from the General Fund to lower the Town portion of the rate. The bills are due December 29, 2015.

*Senior Dinner*

Christina explained that it was a smaller turnout than normal, but still a very nice event with 8 meals delivered. Christina stated that she thinks that people think it is low income but it is not low income, it is for any senior. John Faucher donated the turkeys and it is all volunteers here that day. Anyone that gave money donations that day are being held by the Police Department to go towards the Town's food basket collection.

The Town is collecting for two different things; winter clothing such as hats, gloves, winter coats, etc and the other is for food donations. A concern was brought up that the Town should be putting together baskets for Christmas. Newfound Grocery is putting the baskets together but if Groton makes enough money or items collected then we could possibly put the baskets together for those that need it in Groton.

Christina also explained that we will be getting a list of kids that need gifts. Last year there were 5 families and there were a lot of items that were bought.

#### *Open Positions in the Town of Groton*

There are a few open positions for the Town of Groton, where some are volunteer and some are elected, which means that anyone interested would be appointed until the election. There are currently: two Library Trustees, one Cemetery Trustee, one Road Agent Assistant, two Part Time Police Officers, one Transfer Station Alternate, and the Zoning Board.

#### *Building Permit- Erik Ljunggren Map 6 Lot 15*

Erik Ljunggren submitted a building permit for a 10x20 work shop/storage shed. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Erik Ljunggren Map 6 Lot 15, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

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

#### *Ruth Millett's first column*

Bob mentioned that he read the first column that Ruth put together and it was very nicely written. He thanked her for taking over.

#### *Police Chief*

Joe Koslow asked if we are any closer to selecting a new Police Chief. Christina explained that we are closer but that is all we can say at this time.

#### *Electronics*

Elizabeth Jespersen stated that she has a few inquiries regarding the electronics. She said there are set prices over in Tilton and she wanted to know if the Town would raise the money to get rid of it. Christina explained that our intent is to get enough money. Christina explained that we will be talking about this more next week in a Work Session with Joe and Richard.

#### *Library*

Elizabeth Jespersen also wanted to let us know that she is meeting with the Hebron Library Trustees to get some assistance on responsibilities, etc. She also asked Ruth to reach out to the public to see if the community has any input to share. Christina also told Elizabeth to check with Bristol Library. Elizabeth gave her phone number if anyone would like to discuss this.

**Having no other business to conduct, Christina motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A:3(b) at 7:42pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to adjourn at 8:41pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant