

TOWN OF GROTON  
WORK SESSION  
April 12, 2016

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

John called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

***Punch Brook Presentation***

Ray Gagnon presented the Select Board with some information regarding Punch Brook. He saved the presentation on the desktop so that we can use it later on as well.

The culvert for the bridge is an old boiler tank that the ends were cut off of. Ray also showed how the gate and a number of the concrete blocks were hundreds of feet down stream.

Ray, the Conservation Commission and a few others met last Thursday, April 7, to view the stream crossing. Mike Lynch, from USDA, stated that this is 75% inadequate for crossing and it is in the wrong place due to it being on a bend and a decline which will cause a different water pressure.

Ray is a member of Trout Unlimited which has about 15,000 members nationwide and they protect streams. Lou Lieto is heading this project up. All of this would be dependent on how the landowner reacts to the suggestions. If he doesn't need to get to the other property then he could possibly just remove the crossing and not necessarily have to install a new crossing.

The next step from the meeting last week is that Mike Lynch from USDA is going to file a report based on what they saw. He also raised the issue if this crossing was legally permitted when it was installed.

Ray mentioned that he knows someone in Alexandria that is on the Conservation Commission that has heavy equipment, who he could reach out to for assistance if the landowner decided he wanted to do something. Also, Ray said that Lou and others that were at this meeting also stated that there are people in Groton that own heavy equipment that we could ask for assistance from. Ray talked to the President of the Pemigewasset Chapter to give them a heads up about this.

Bob asked what feedback we are waiting for and how long this should take. Ray said he is not sure because Lou is heading this up and Mike Lynch has been out of the office and they are still waiting for his report.

John said he knows the Conservation Commission meets this week so he will talk to Lou to see if he knows anything. John said he thinks we should wait for the report and then talk to the landowner and go from there.

Dave Leone said that a logger that had a purchase and sales agreement on the property but never actually purchased it, installed it all without a permit and also did a cut on the land and

sold the wood but didn't have an intent to cut either. He believes that if there was any permit it must have been after the fact.

Ray said that Lou is on it right now and as soon as we get the report we should be able to move forward. Ray completed his presentation.

***Meetings on April 26, 2016***

It was decided that with Sara and Christina being on vacation there will not be any meetings on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:50pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant