

TOWN OF GROTON
WORK SESSION
June 7, 2016

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

Christina called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Transfer Station

In Attendance: Christina, Bob, John, Sara, Robert Cross and Joe Koslow

Christina handed out the drafted pamphlets that she and Sara put together and the group reviewed each section.

Construction & Debris

Christina took the information that we had before and added it to the flyer. However, under the asphalt shingles it was confusing so Christina recommended that we should set it up the same as the wood/building material but with different prices.

Wood/Building Material

Christina asked if everyone agrees that the current prices we had already set in the past. It was agreed that passenger cars would stay the same but the following changes would be made:

- second category should be SUV/Truck up to 6 ft and that should be \$15.00
- Truck over 6ft should be \$25.00
- Stake Body and One Ton Dump should be combined at the \$55.00 and should be changed to One Ton Truck
- Trailer Dump will be changed to Trailer 12ft-16ft and will remain the \$80.00
- Last category should state Two Ton Dump Truck and will remain the \$120.00.

Asphalt Shingles

Christina asked if everyone agrees that the current prices we have already set in the past. It was agreed that passenger cars would stay the same but the following changes would be made:

- Passenger cars will be \$15
- second category should be SUV/Truck up to 6 ft and that should be \$30
- Truck over 6ft should be \$45.00
- Stake Body and One Ton Dump should be combined at the \$90.00 and should be changed to One Ton Truck
- Trailer Dump will be changed to Trailer 12ft-16ft and should be \$150.00
- Last category should state Two Ton Dump Truck and should be \$225.00

It was discussed about a contractor doing the work in Groton and whether or not they should be able to dump in Groton as long as they are paying for the disposal. In the past the Town has made exceptions so it was decided to keep the procedure as it is.

It was decided to add "If the vehicle is not a full load, the Transfer Station Attendant has been approved to adjust the price."

Single Stream

This is in its own box on the bottom of the flier. Everyone was okay with this. The title in this box needs to be bold.

Tires

The prices are good as they are but we need to remove no rim from the titles as the disposal location does take the rims now and they are the same price.

Batteries

We need to add a semi battery which is a 24 volt battery and it should be \$5.00.

Appliances

The title should be changed to say Appliances/Other.

Propane

This should be separated to reflect different size propane tanks such as:

Tanks-20lbs	\$5.00/ea
Tanks-40lbs and above	\$10.00/ea

Paint

This should be changed to completely dry.

Used Automotive Oil

Need to add no Anti-freeze and remove the word used.

Furniture

We should add a section for Furniture and should add the following:

- Mattresses and Box Springs and these should be \$5.00/ea.
- Sofas and Couches should be \$5.00/ea
- Recliners and oversized chairs \$3.00/ea

Misc

Sara will reach out to Dave Switaj to see how long the cameras keep the recordings at the Transfer Station.

Time ran out so another meeting was scheduled for July 19th at 6:00pm. Sara will make all changes that were discussed and add in the electronic pricing and move some things around. Once she is done with her changes she will send it to Christina so she can make some additional changes if necessary. Sara will also reach back out to the electronics company to see if they have a copy of a contract that we can review. Sara will draft a contract based on this to have ready for the next Select Board meeting.

Cisterns and Dry Hydrants

In Attendance: Christina, Bob, John, Sara and Fire Chief Roger Thompson

Christina explained that there has been some push from the Town to get cisterns or dry hydrants in place. Also, it is in the Hazard Mitigation Plan that this will be added.

Roger stated that the cisterns are too costly and are not feasible. The Hazard Mitigation Plan states *Action Item (31) Address water availability at this critical building by adding a cistern as a storage source or water at the top of the Hill near the Town House, perhaps 20,000 gallons.* This is not feasible. Christina asked what would be options. Roger stated there is a lot of water on rubber with the different tank trucks that come to assist. Roger said he would rather see us develop pump sites instead of dry hydrant sites. They are more dependable and don't require as much maintenance. He said there is a good area near the Cockermouth, Spectacle Pond, the brook near Halls Brook Road, and the logging road off of the Brook Road. Dry hydrants in a brook can get plugged up and it is much easier to maintain a pump site.

The only problem with Spectacle Pond is because of the vehicles you would not be able to get a truck in.

There is currently only one dry hydrant and this is near the Highway Department. Christina asked if there was a location that could be used for a dry hydrant to use the money from Groton Wind. It is \$5,000 and Roger stated this would only cover the engineering of it. Sara will check with the Department of Revenue (DRA) to see if there is any way to change the intent of use since it was a gift to the Town. If it cannot be changed Roger will look into a place to put a dry hydrant. If not, this money could be used to maintain the existing dry hydrant.

Christina asked Roger what it would entail to get some pump sites installed. Roger explained we would have to put fill so a truck can access the location and park there, talk to land owner and get an easement, and this would have to be maintained in winter time. The costs would be the cost of the easement and the cost of the fill and the gravel or whatever material you would need for access and cost of sign (road name it). A 10x10 pad could be enough; the pad would just be needed to set the pump on.

The following are a few areas that we could put pump sites:

- River Rd- near Route 118
- N Groton Rd- near Union Cemetery, Halls Brook and North Groton intersection, near Cockermouth near Falchettas, Spectacle Pond
- Halls Brook Rd- near the log yard where the bridge was put in.
- Groton Hollow Rd- there is a brook there that can be used
- Sculptured Rocks Road- there are a few places

John asked what the difference between a dry hydrant and a pump site is. Roger explained that with a pump site you do not have the pipe in ground that you have to maintain like you do with dry hydrants. With a pump site you just have a pad there that the truck can pull into to get access to the water.

We could use the money from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund to get these projects going. We will have to look into if we can use these funds for this.

Roger stated that these are his recommendations. He stated that he can look into these locations so he can see what this would entail.

Sara's Memo

Sara gave the Select Board a Memo asking to have Monday, July 18th off along with Sept 16-22. Also, her next grief therapy is Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 12:00pm so the office will be closed from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. **Christina motioned to approve Sara's time off request, John 2nd, so voted.**

Glen's Memo

Glen submitted a memo requesting to use a few vacation days for Thursday, June 16th and Friday, June 17th. **Christina motioned to approve Glen's time off request, John 2nd, so voted.**

Road Concern email

The Select Board received an email with concerns regarding Bailey Hill Road. The Board would like to have the Public Works Director provide input.

Province Road Bridge

The Select Board, the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director cannot recall anything about Groton donating funds to the Province Road Bridge replacement.

Town Property sold

There was an oversight on the two properties that the Town sold on Dodge Road where the properties were not taken out of exemption status so they did not receive a spring bill. This will be corrected and they have since been taken out of the exempt status. Sara will send the owners letters to inform them that they will receive a full bill at end of year.

Building Committee

In Attendance: Christina, Bob, John, Sara, Roger Thompson, Robert Ellis and EJ Thompson

Absent: Slim Spafford and Glen Hanson

Christina wanted to start by following up on a few things from the last meeting:

- Driveway: Christina talked to Dave Flynn regarding the driveway. Dave Flynn stated that the driveway is 25 ft but does flare out to 50 ft at the entrance. He also stated that there is no wiggle room to move it because that was the best place to see the 400 feet distance needed. Roger asked why we cannot use the second driveway that was used for the logging and Christina stated that we would have to read the deed along with the states permit for the other driveway. Sara will look at the deed and Christina will talk to Dave Flynn. Christina mentioned that he also stated the right of way for North Groton Road is 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ from center line.
- Test pits: Glen wasn't here to report but John and Bubba stated that there were 6 done towards the front that went 5 feet down and there was no ledge. Christina said she can reach out to Bruce Barnard about the test pits that were previously done. Glen wasn't able to dig test pits toward the back because he didn't have the excavator. Sara will tell Glen he has 3 weeks to dig the tests further back up the banking and towards the pound and will have Glen talk to Bubba to discuss the requests.
- Need to take into consideration we need a pathway/walk way to the pound.
- EJ explained he went off some basic ideas that Bubba had and drew up what he would need. Each square is equal to one foot. EJ went over his plan which will be about 20x80. The only question was the Animal Control animal holding area. It was described they the animal would be

left outside and a back-up plan for the winter would be a crate inside. This would only have to be a cement 6x6.

- For the building it was agreed that the bigger building would be better at the 120x80. Bubba will work on getting more details for the Highway and incorporate EJ's plan.
- Sara had originally reached out to Suzanne Wall regarding the well. Suzanne wanted to look into it and told Sara she will get back to her. Once we look into this we can start the clearing of the land.

To be done by the next meeting:

- Results of rest of test pits
- Well for Transfer Station monitoring update
- Look into options on the secondary driveway

Once these items are determined, then determine if we can clear, how big we can clear and if and when we want to start the driveway. We should also look into the building ,septic, and solar locations. The next meeting should be August 2nd at 5:00pm.

Having no other business to conduct, Christina motioned to adjourn at 6:59 pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant