

TOWN OF GROTON  
WORK SESSION  
June 21, 2016

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

**Christina motioned to seal the non-public minutes, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

***Letters***

The letters for 593 North Groton Road and 10 Brock Lane were completed.

***559 North Groton Road***

Sara will change the letter to show the items that we will remain at the site after clean up.

Sara will book the 25 cubic yard dumpster with Dumpster Depot for the 8<sup>th</sup> with cleanup on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, will change the letter to reflect this date and will have Glen and the Highway group scheduled for the day.

***Junkyard background***

Sara explained that one of the junkyard applicants asked why they had to do the background check every year. Sara explained it was statute but he wanted her to see if the Town can do anything about this. The Select Board explained we cannot, we have to follow the Statute.

***Meeting on Hazard Mitigation Plan- Select Board review and priority list***

Sara will reach out to June Garneau and explain that there have been a lot of questions regarding the plan and ask her how we should move forward with these questions, concerns and changes. When we meet with Dave Leone we will take his concerns and make a list and determine if changes need to be made.

***Meeting on Hazard Mitigation Plan- review Dave Leone concerns***

Christina explained that we are meeting with Dave Leone to go over his concerns with the Hazard Mitigation Plan and in the meantime we have also reached out to June Garneau.

Dave said there are concerns of what can be changed, when it can be changed and things listed that state a schedule of things that will be done and may not have been done by now. Dave's concerns are as follows:

- Pg 16 planning steps- Step 05: Assess Community's participation in National Flood Insurance Program Chapter 3, Section C the flood insurance plan lapsed because of the Board in the past. We should make sure the Town stays enrolled in the plan. Previously, we lost the funds to move the Town Garage which was \$250,000.00.
- Pg 18 Outreach and Education: Several times it mentions citizens should be made aware. The third bullet states "To increase public awareness of the fire risk and the Town's potential liability with respect to wildfires." Most roads in Groton are dead ends so fire trucks cannot drive down. Dave is asking if the Town is making people aware that a wildfire can happen and the risks. Bob said the best way to build awareness is to have the Fire Chief at Select Board Meetings once or

twice a year. Also, Sara has added information on other disaster relief on the site and she can add something about wildfire as well.

- Dave suggested when someone gets a building permit we could add something about the wildfires.
- Pg21 Maxam explosives and Groton Wind. This talks about potential hazard of these but not sure of plan. Christina explained that each place has an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and the Hebron Fire Dept has these plans and will make sure they are updated. We just confirmed this with them on 6/15/16. The Town has a copy of these plans as well.
- Pg31 High Speed internet in Town- says YES but most private roads do not. May have to change the wording to say this is limited availability but boosters may needed
- Pg 33 Hazards which are less likely to affect Groton are: 13) Severe Winter Weather (Snow & Ice Storms); this is definitely likely to happen so should be changed
- Pg38 Letter D. Profile of Past, Present & Potential Wildfire Events in Groton. Dave has a campground that allows each site to have campfire; he gets one permit and Dave lets people know when they have to put it out. This should be listed as a potential concern. Christina mentioned that the campground in Rumney on Halls Brook should be added also if it opens.
- Pg39 The Team also identified Hazard Material-Transport as the primary human-caused hazard, primarily due to deliveries to the Maxam Explosives storage depot. Christina stated she does believe that Maxam's EAP covers this as well.
- Pg40 it mentions Halls Brook Road being washed out but there were many other roads that were also washed out that were not included. There were 7 other sites in 1998 that FEMA paid that should be added,
- Pg48 Buck N Horse campground should be added to the possible non-emergency response facility because of fresh water, showers etc. This should be added as a secondary shelter.
- Pg49 they left the campground off as a possible resource and this should be added, a helicopter can also be landed here.
- Should have a list of contractors, rates, etc that should be on file and updated each year.
- Pg51 identifying vulnerable structures. It states total of six CIKR were found in the flood zone; further analysis of these revealed that two are bridges on the evacuation routes, one is a nonfunctional dry hydrant, one is the Groton Wind Farm Office and the final two are at the site of the Town Garage, the diesel fuel storage and the town garage building. The Select Board reports that the dry hydrant location is functioning.
- Pg52 Assessed value of all structures. Dave is wondering if the commercial number of \$442,100.00 is still valid. Christina explained we are not sure what this entailed but we are being re-evaluated this year.
- Pg53Flood can cause water contamination; if this happens is there a plan to help people obtain water
- Pg71 EMP No Improvements Needed: Updated annually by town; plan is in good shape and will not need to be updated until 2015. This has passed so needs to be looked into. EOP's would need to be researched.
- Pg72 Groton Health Ordinance-this was started but needs to be finished; also pagers Dave wanted to know if there are pagers- it was explained there are pagers and radios that we use. This would need to be changed because they don't all have pagers.
- Pg73 Tree Removal Program- we do have a budgeted line for this and the Road agent takes care of.
- Pg 75 Road design- the Road Committee is working on this; also the culvert replacement is also done by the Road Agent and we have budget line for culverts so these can be fixed as needed

- Pg76 more 911 markers- we are making progress and will continue to announce it; State plumbing and electrical inspectors are only inspectors currently reviewing new structures;
- Pg 78 at risk citizen's database- states deferred- not completed due to oversight and limited availability of personnel; this should be completed; also emergency brochure-deferred- should be looked at; 1-10 Replace several culverts along Sculptured Rocks Road, Province Road, and Rogers Road. We have been replacing them. 1-14 Hardy Brook culvert-we have applied for a grant with NLRA
- Pg 80 1-18 Map and assess water sites and other resources along woods roads and trails for wildland firefighting. Christina explained that we are working with Fire Chief to get pump sites instead of dry hydrants.
- Pg81-there are items that are assigned to Planning Board that we should look at

We ran out of time but Dave had more concerns. We will have to schedule another meeting to continue. Sara recommended having Dave send the rest of his concerns to Sara to forward to the Select Board. We will reschedule on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. Dave would be interested in serving on the board for changes.

**Having no other business to conduct, Christina motioned to adjourn at 7:05pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant