

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2016

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 29, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Christina explained that there are two amendments to the Select Board meeting minutes. On page two it says ires and needs to be changed to fires. Also, on page three it says 15000 tons and should be 15 tons. **Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 29, 2016 as amended, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Alan Barnard- Perambulation

Alan Barnard attended the Select Board to review the completed perambulation of the Groton and Alexandria town lines. He presented the Board with the final report of the perambulation and also delivered Alexandria theirs tonight reviewing the information with both Boards.

Alan went over all of the old terminology and explained he reference the old to the new and provided conversions for all of that. Alan also explained that he took pictures of all of the monuments. He cleaned them all up so that the information on the rocks is legible. Alan said the only thing that he has left to do is to paint the line again. He is planning on doing it this spring. He will send an invoice for everything he has already done and then will send a second invoice once the painting is complete.

Christina explained that anyone from Town is welcome to review this information. We will have this at the Town Office and needs to stay there, but can be reviewed.

Dave Leone asked if that line changes the acreage. Alan said that it shouldn't change because it is so close but he said that he knows the one on the Hebron line will change the acreage once we get to that perambulation.

Miles asked if in Alan's opinion if there are any legal issues with this line. Alan stated it came up before because they didn't think that it had ever been perambulated. He showed proof that it was so he does not think there are any legal issues

Miles asked how many monuments there are. He stated there are only two on end to end that are controlled. Miles said we have a map upstairs that shows four monuments because it doesn't appear to be a straight line. Alan said that it is a straight line which is why it only needs the two monuments.

Miles asked if the coordinates that Alan provides is the same that someone would get on a GPS? Alan explained that it is, there will not be any conversions needed.

Miles also stated that he thought Alan said he wasn't able to find a particular monument for the Alexandria/Groton line. Alan said that there was no issue locating the monuments.

Miles asked if going forward if Alan would still be interested in providing the service in the future for the other lines. Alan stated that the Hebron/Groton line will be tough but he is in the process of discussing the perambulation with Hebron and they raised some more money. Miles says that he is very interested in this and the Rumney perambulation received an estimate that was outrageous. Alan stated that it is not necessary to do it to that extent. Miles said that he doesn't want to step on anyone's toes and he would rather have Alan do it but if no one else is interested then Miles would like to approach the Board with an idea. Alan said that to meet perambulation requirements it doesn't need to be done professionally or in such an extent that costs so much money.

Slim asked how many acres in a square mile. Alan explained there are 640 acres.

Dave Leone asked if Rumney thinks there is an issue with the line and if that is why it was so much money. It was explained that that was just an estimate but Rumney thought that was high as well. Alan said he didn't put in an estimate. Alan said FORECO from Rumney has done a lot of that area so they could probably put it together.

Town Meeting Updates

Christina explained that the only update from Town Meeting is that we added dates to when things were updated for the wage study. Sara will get the updated information online this week. Christina explained additional changes were in title, changing the Road Agent to the Public Works Director, the Highway Assistants to Equipment Operators and a few things added to Town Clerk job description.

Christina said that we have a lot of meetings within the next few weeks so we should have more to report afterward.

Rumney Fire Contract

Christina motioned to table this until next week since Rumney didn't have it completed in time, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Hebron Ambulance and Fire Agreement- Addendum

Sara looked into this and the addendum is sent every time. It is the same wording that is used every year. Sara will keep a copy for our records and will send the copies to Hebron. **Bob motioned to sign the addendum for the Hebron Ambulance and Fire Agreement, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan Collins- walk/bike path

Jan Collins attended the Select Board meeting to discuss the Newfound Pathway's goal to widen roads for walking and biking paths. Jan mentioned she is a member of the Newfound Pathways group. Last year when the State paved Route 3A, the Pathways group had been working to establish 10ft wide roads to give more room for walking and biking. There are now 2ft sections on the side to allow this room.

Jan mentioned that the Town of Groton has received a request in the past. She is asking if Groton would be interested in writing a letter to the State to see if they could do this as well on the sections they are re-doing this year. She is asking that the lanes be made 10 feet instead of 11 or 12 feet so that there is more room to put the white lines for the travel. Bob said that he doesn't think some of the roads could be widened but he agrees if it could be done and the lines be added that would help.

Jan would like to have someone come out and look at the roads to see what the options may be. Jan also said that she has a copy of a letter that Hebron wrote previously and they are willing to do it again. She provided the Town with some brochures, a copy of the letter that Hebron wrote and her contact information. The Select Board stated that they will review at their next work session or meeting when they have a full Board and get back to her. If anyone is interested in joining Newfound Pathways to represent Groton, please get your information to Sara.

Slim mentioned to Jan that he would like to see a sign put up stating bicycles stay out of the travel lane. Jan said that it is a legal right for the bicyclers to be in the road and that the vehicle is supposed to go around the bicyclers.

Junkyard Contract

The Town of Groton received the Junkyard Contract for 2016 from Municipal Resources, Inc. It is the same contract information as last year with no change to the fees or wording. **Bob motioned to sign the junkyard contract for 2016, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Abatement Application- Vintage Lands

During a title search, it was determined that some information for two properties was entered into the wrong map and lot number when a Land Use Change Tax was previously completed. Due to this, Sara filled out a new tax warrant and new land use tax change forms to have the information corrected. Avitar has reviewed and approved. **Christina motioned to sign the abatement, tax warrant and the land use change tax forms, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Recommittal Warrant for Town Clerk/Tax Collector

It was brought to the Select Board's attention that the Select Board needed to sign a recommittal warrant for the new Town Clerk/Tax Collector, which states that the new Town

Clerk/Tax Collector is responsible for collecting the tax money that is outstanding and under the direction of the former Tax Collector. **Bob motioned to sign the Recommittal Warrant for Ruth Millett, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Kelley Lane Class VI Road waiver

Sara contacted the owners and explained the Class VI Road Waiver for building on a Class VI or Private road. **Christina motioned to sign the Class VI Road Waiver, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA)

NLRA requested to use the Community Room on June 13, 2016 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. The meeting itself is estimated at 2-hours from 6:00pm-8:00pm, with time before and after to set up and clean up. The topic is town planning and the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and residents are invited.

Sara will verify if the Planning Board is going to be there and if not, then someone from the Select Board will have to be here. **Christina motioned to approve the NLRA using the Community Room on June 13, 2016, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Elevator Light

Christina explained that the part for the elevator light came in and this should be fixed within the next week or two.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Library

Elizabeth asked how the Library goes about a public meeting. She would like to do April 19, 2016 at 7pm, at the start of the Select Board meeting as previously discussed. Christina and Bob agree that this date and time will work. Christina mentioned that Elizabeth will need to get the posting together and get it to Sara to be put on the website, at Transfer Station and at the Town House.

PUBLIC HEARING RSA 74:10- REGARDING ONE'S LIABILITY TO BE TAXED:

Christina motioned to open the public hearing at 8:24pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Christina explained that RSA 74:10 indicates, that Towns who use the inventory form, must hold a public hearing to discuss one's liability to be taxed, but there are no guidelines on discussion other than this. Christina asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding this.

Hearing no other comments or questions, Christina motioned to close the public hearing at 8:25pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Clarification

Ann Joyce asked for clarification regarding the public hearing on April 18th. She asked if this was being held by the Planning Board or the Zoning Board. It was clarified that it is being held by the Zoning Board.

Catch Basin on North Groton Road

Dave Leone mentioned that right past Alison Bagley's there is a catch basin that still does not have a proper cover. The Select Board thought this was fixed correctly. Dave explained that there is something there but someone could still fall into this. Sara will advise Glen that this needs to be corrected by the end of the week.

Atwell-Orange Bridge

Miles explained that he wanted to talk about the discussion that previously came up regarding the Atwell-Orange Bridge on Sculptured Rocks Road. He explained that he read that there is a bridge in Jefferson that has been red listed since 2008 and they are just now getting around to doing it. Miles explained that we should keep this in consideration and keep moving forward but not stress too much over getting it done right now until the State approaches the Town.

Pam Yinger service

Elizabeth Jespersen mentioned that the services for Pam Yinger have been moved to June or July and the family will keep us posted of the exact date.

Avitar

Slim said that he was told that there was a car and footprints at a property near his residence. The Select Board explained that Avitar is supposed to let us know when they come out and we are not aware that they have been out. Sara will contact them to confirm. The Select Board mentioned that Slim should recommend the neighbor contact Groton Police.

Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:30pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith

Administrative Assistant