

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2016

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

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of April 19, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of April 19, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 19, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Land Use Change Tax Form- Map 5 Lot 140-2

Ruth explained that Grafton County needs a form with all original signatures. **Christina motioned to sign the Land Use Change Tax Form for Map 5 Lot 140-2, John 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Leone- Buck N Horse Campground

Dave Leone introduced himself and explained that he has the Buck N Horse Campground, which is located at 106 Brock Lane. He explained that on April 7, 2005 the state approved the campground which has 34 sites, water that gets tested monthly, has a store, a place a helicopter could land if needed, a place people could stay if needed, etc.

Dave explained that on March 5, 2013 there was a meeting on the draft of Towns Hazard Mitigation. He left concerns with Board regarding information that should be added on his campground. Then on March 7, 2013, he received an email from June Garneau at MAPS and again on June 18, 2013, which seemed to promise that the information he presented would be added. However, the information was never added and they even spelled the name of his campground incorrectly. Dave would like an answer in writing as to why the campground name was not corrected and why the information on his campground was left out of the plan. Dave wants a letter stating who made this decision. Christina

explained that this Board may not be able to answer that question, but they okayed Sara to look through any emails pertaining to that time frame.

Dave also explained that the Plan that is online is not a complete plan and is missing the FEMA letter. Dave went into the office and Sara did some research and reached out to June and received the letter and the most current plan that was approved. Sara confirmed that this will be updated online.

With regards to the Atwell Orange Bridge, Dave wanted to clarify that even though former Select Board member Miles Sinclair said the town was told twice to replace the bridge; Dave wanted to make it clear that we were told it needed to be replaced not that we have to.

Dave also thinks that Buck N Horse Campground should be put on the website if Groton Wind is on there. Christina explained that Groton Wind was only on there from the time when the Town was just working with Groton Wind, in order to provide more information for the public. We can move it and have a business link page and put all town businesses there. The Select Board will think about this and make a decision by the next meeting.

Request for the return of Town Records

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ruth Millett submitted a request for the three volumes of Town Records for Groton to be returned to Groton from the State Library for the Board to sign. Ruth had called the state archivist and they said a letter was needed from the Select Board. **John motioned to sign the request for the return of Town Records, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Dave Leone mentioned that old records are in the closet in the Select Board office and at the Town Garage; Christina doesn't think that there is any at either location, but the Board will look. Christina thinks these could have been moved to the basement here already.

Request to work on Nadeau Lane

Richard Coutu submitted a letter requesting approval to work on Nedeau Lane in the summer and fall seasons. Christina said the only stipulation that she feels we should be making is that Glen checks the road status before and after and that he doesn't interfere with the new ditch line that was created at the end. Sara will mention this to Glen and ask that he take pictures. **Christina motioned to approve Richard Coutu's request to work on Nedeau Lane, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Sara will reach out to Glen to see if the ditch across from Helens is completed and if not, when he is going to finalize.

Dave had some survey maps for Nadeau lane. He showed where the road was set up for the water to drop off. The plan also states if the culvert was going to be left or removed. These maps were given to the current Road Agent, so the Town should have copies. Christina said she can contact Dave Flynn from the State too, if needed and Sara will see if these are in storage. Sara will also pull Jack Hauser's Deed to verify if it mentions any water run off locations. The maps were listed under SAC projects #1656.

Report of Cut- FORECO Map 9 Lot 1

Robert Berti turned in a report of cut for Map 9 Lot 1. The Select Board reviewed and the amount of the yield tax is \$345.37. **John motioned to sign the report of cut and yield tax for Map 9 Lot 1, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Report of Cut- FORECO Map 9 Lots 2, 8 and 10

Robert Berti turned in a report of cut for Map 9 Lots 2, 8 and 10. The Select Board reviewed and the amount of the yield tax is \$3,071.65. **Bob motioned to sign the report of cut and yield tax for Map 9 Lots 2, 8 and 10, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 44

James Harrington from 1756 North Groton Road submitted a building permit application for a building. However, he did not include the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approval for Energy Code or the Department of Environmental Services (DES) approval. DES often requires a new plan be submitted on any septic that is over 20 years old or if there is an increase in bedrooms, but does not require the installation of the septic if the current one is working properly. Sara will update the letter and send on behalf of the Select Board. **Christina motioned to table the building permit for Mr. Harrington until the information is received, John 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- FORECO Map 9 Lot 1

Robert Berti submitted an Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 1. The Select Board reviewed. **Christina motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 1, John 2nd, so voted.**

Primex- Schedule of Exposures

Sara explained that the Schedule of Exposures is the same thing that we get every year for vehicles and equipment. She has already made some changes, which include moving the Impala to the Police Department removing the old Ford Expedition and adding the new one. **Christina motioned to sign the schedule of exposures as amended for Primex, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting Schedule

Christina explained there will be no meeting May 31, 2016. After that we will be meeting every other week. We will resume weekly meetings around budget time.

Dog License

The deadline was April 30th to register dogs in Town. Christina explained that those that have not registered their dogs should do so ASAP.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Select Board agreed to meet on June 21, 2016 at 5pm to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan and invited Dave Leone to join them at 6pm.

Town Pound

John is going to be marking the trees at the Town Pound that are going to be taken down. We are going to reach out to TLC to ask if they can remove them before 5/21 when the clean-up is scheduled.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Road Committee

Christina explained that the Road Committee will be providing recommendation for this year's North Groton Road project. We will have this at the next meeting.

Cemetery

Elizabeth stated that she and Sherry Nelson went up to look for Kimball Hill Cemetery and were able to find it. Elizabeth is asking if she can ask Glen for poles to hang the sign. The Select Board asked that Elizabeth give the Highway Department the sign and let them hang it.

Dave mentioned that there is another cemetery that is only one family that is out past the Kimball Hill Cemetery off of the snowmobile trail. Elizabeth will look into this.

Library

Sherry and Elizabeth came in and noticed that the books have been taken from the library. If the person wants to return them quietly then that would be great but if not, the Police Department is investigating.

Sara explained that the Library phone has been off since April 30, 2016.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Best Buy

Elizabeth mentioned that she went to bring an item back to Best Buy but now if it has a screen they are charging \$25. Staples is still taking these for free.

Transfer Station Items

Christina asked Joe to have Richard go across the street from the transfer Station and grab the tvs and tire that someone dumped. She also mentioned there are a lot of bags in the trees across and down the road that he should clean up as well.

Other Concerns

Dave mentioned that on North Groton Road one of the new culverts head wall rock has fallen off and plugged the culvert. This is opposite from Christina, almost right across from her home. Sara will contact Glen.

Dave also mentioned that at the Stevens property, the green camp below Christina's home, the water has come out and over the road because there is no culvert. Christina explained that there is another issue that may be contributing and when the ditching and culvert above is fixed, that we are hoping to see some improvement.

Dave stated that Bailey Hill road is not grated appropriately so the water is not draining and is running right out onto the road. Ron said that they haven't done any grading.

Dave asked what is going on with Easson Septic. It was explained that Bruce Barnard was working on it but we will check back up on it.

Joe asked if the fire property has been resolved. Their deadline is 5/12 so we are working with the attorney on the next steps if the property isn't going to be cleaned. We also have a few other properties we are working on as well. Joe asked if we get stuck cleaning the property will the Town be stuck paying. Christina mentioned we would get the money by charging or liening the property but we don't know the process yet. The attorney fees are also supposed to be paid by landowner.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 8:14pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant