

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2016

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of May 10, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to table the Work Session minutes of May 17, 2016 until the next meeting, John 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 17, 2016, Christina 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Station Fence Quote

Superior Fence submitted a quote to finish the fence for the Transfer Station. Christina explained that there was a misunderstanding on the original quote and additional items were done that were not on that quote. Superior Fence has stopped because they have reached the amount of work previously approved and they were asked to provide a quote to complete the job.

Richard explained the work to finish is 100 feet across the front, 2 gates on the front, a post, 3 new mid rails and all new wiring in this section. The new quote is \$1,750.00. The Select Board feels the quote is a little high. Sara will reach out to American Fencing Company to get a quote and have them reach out to Richard.

The gates that Iberdrola gave the Town for the Transfer Station are four feet longer and two feet higher than the fence at the Transfer Station so they will not be able to be used there. We can save these for the new Highway Department. These will need to be moved to the garage. We do not want them left outside.

Christina mentioned to Richard and Joe that storage unit is being delivered June 1st. Richard will be here and ready for them. They also mentioned that the highway department was there today and did everything to prep for the delivery.

Richard will reach out to Chip Newton of Northeast to make sure the pricing hasn't changed so we know this before the June 7th meeting. Richard will also make sure that they reach out to Sara to supply the updated numbers and a contract. Richard wanted approval to have him bring the gay lords down.

Christina said this will have to wait until after the 7th so we can discuss this and then do a contract if approved. We will also review the quote from Glen and Gary Easson on the 7th.

Joe Koslow mentioned Gary Easson put in lights and they are not bright enough so he will be changing these out.

Dave Leone mentioned that Slim Spafford had told him about a warrant article for low lighting so he wanted to know if the Transfer Station fell under that. Christina said we are exempt as a municipality but we do try to follow the rules set by the Planning Board. It is anticipated that they will be pointed down away from the road and any neighboring properties. We can also look into this to see if this was a warrant article or part of site plan.

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) abatement recommendation for Map 2 Lot 115-5

Avitar sent us the recommendation for Map 2 Lot 115-5 that the Select Board and Mark Stetson have both been meeting with the home owner on. Mark never sent the RSA's that he said he was going to regarding clarification on what the Select Board can do regarding the lien. Christina thinks this should be tabled so we can take this information into consideration. Sara will reach out to Mr. Simula and explain we cannot make decision until the 7th. **Christina motioned to table this until we get the information needed, John 2nd, so voted.**

LUCT for Map 1 Lot 13-1

Avitar sent us the recommendation for Map 1 Lot 13-1 that the Select Board and Mark Stetson have both been meeting with the home owner on. This is located on Bailey Hill Road and in March it was sold to someone else. To be in current use it has to be 10 acres but it is only 5.33 acres so the entire parcel would be charged a LUCT of \$4,500.00. **John motioned to sign the Land Use Change Tax for Map 1 Lot 13-1, John 2nd, so voted.**

Beaver Pond Road-Common Land

The Town received a complaint from a landowner on Beaver Pond Road stating that there was cutting done on the common land and then when the resident that was doing the cutting was approached about this they were informed that the common land is not owned by all landowners anymore but only by one. They do not believe this is true and they were wondering how the town might be able to assist with this. Christina explained this is a civil issue. The only thing we can do is report to NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), but are concerned that they will not do anything if the resident doesn't want to be involved with the complaint process. The Select Board does not get involved in the common land or what people do and do not own. Sara will reach out to DRED and explain there is an issue. Sara will also let the Department of Revenue (DRA) know. Sara will provide feedback to the resident who filed the complaint with the Town.

Dave Leone asked what the process would be if someone cut without a permit. Christina explained that we would have the DRA look into this. They would take care of anything that needed to be done.

Septic Plan Map 1 Lot 44

The Select Board received a septic plan from Deborah Hinds for Map 1 Lot 44. Sara looked this up and confirmed that the information listed is correct. **John motioned to approve the septic plan for Map 1 Lot 44, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Sara did reach out to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) about the new process, which they did confirm. Sara will reach back out and see if everything should be electronic with approvals, etc.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

GHS

Christina received a text requesting permission to take down the flag prior to the Memorial Day ceremony. The Select Board is okay with this. Also, they wanted to confirm who will be here representing the Board. Christina confirmed with John that he will be able to attend.

Custodian

Christina explained that we are going to repost the custodian position because we have had no interested candidates. It is only one day in the summer and it is two days in the mud season and winter. If anyone knows anyone that is interested please tell them to apply.

Town Pound Clean up

Christina explained that they did meet Saturday to clean up the Town Pound. It started at 9:00am and there were about four people when it started and at peak there was about seven or eight people. The trees didn't get cut beforehand but they were done while the clean-up was taking place and everything went smoothly.

The Select Board wanted to give a big thank you to those that attended and helped out. They were Paul Cole, Christina Goodwin, John and Gina Rescigno, Ron Madan, John Faucher, James Vacanti and Joe Koslow. The full clean-up is not done yet but the inside is much better than it was before. The Town pound will be kept historical. There are a few more trees that need to be cut at the pound. We have not determined the access point yet and probably will not until we make more decisions about the garage.

A second clean-up will be scheduled but we will have to decide what the next steps are. Once we meet again to set up the driveway and such then everything else will be planned.

Dave Leone asked if we have a driveway permit from the state. Christina explained we do and it is pretty much where it is now but a little closer to hill. It is 50 feet wide at the opening.

Christina explained there are two big piles of wood from the clean-up. If there is anyone interested in the wood please put your name in before the next meeting which is June 7th and the decision will be made at that meeting on who will get the wood.

Park Inspection

The park was inspected tonight and everything looks good. There are very minor safety items and some clean-up items that include mowing. Items will be worked on by the Highway Department.

The Board would also like to reach out to the land owners because there are barrels and other items that need to be cleaned up near the snowmobile trails, just next door to the Park.

Inspections

The Select Board explained that they did a little ride around and inspected some properties in Town for compliance issues etc:

- The first area inspected was Nedeau Lane as the road is in rough shape. We will be reaching out to the owners with the concerns we have on this road and corrections that need to be made to the maintenance work they are doing.
- The Board has been working with the owners of a property with concerns on Route 118. Christina informed Richard that there will be truckloads of trash coming and may hold up other residents but he is instructed to take the trash. The Board will try to confirm the dates so there are no issues with dumpster space.
- The next property inspected was on Brock Lane. The Board will reach out to them to state that we can see they have made progress and to ask what the plans for continuing clean-up is.
- There were two properties on North Groton Road that were inspected. We will be reaching out to both property owners. For one property we will be doing the clean-up and billing the property owners for any costs of this clean-up. We looked at the property tonight to see what will need to be done. We did realize that we will need a dumpster. There are items we are not going to touch so we are sending a letter to explain what we have planned and the dates. The Highway Department will have to do the clean-up but it was agreed that a member of the Select Board will be there.

Health Officer

Dave Leone asked if we have a Health Officer. Christina explained that the person that we made a conditional offer to is back in town on June 21st so we are planning on meeting with him to make sure we are all on the same page to move forward.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Fishing Derby

Richard asked what time the fishing derby is scheduled for. It is at 9:00am. It will always be the first Saturday in June so those signs didn't have exact dates and times on them.

North Groton Road crack filling

Dave Leone mentioned that he noticed there was some crack sealing being done but in one spot all of the sealant was gone. It was explained that the Highway Department was only out one day and they are supposed to be going out again. Sara will talk to Glen about this.

Christina also told Dave Leone that we don't have an answer on the trimming but Sara will talk to Glen.

Dave Leone concern

Dave inquired if the Select Board feels that he has treated them wrongly. John said he didn't. Christina mentioned that she hasn't been offended at the Select Board meetings but did feel a little attacked at the Town Meeting, but the Board was moving forward.

Christina also explained that Sara looked through all emails and all she found was email from June Garneau referencing Dave's concerns. Sara explained that there is no email with his concerns in writing but one that stated that the Administrative Assistant at the time called June with his concerns and they will be taking them into consideration.

River Road Cemetery

Elizabeth asked if the River Road Cemetery was ever looked into. Sara explained that she talked to Glen and he said that they do clean all cemeteries. Elizabeth stated that it doesn't look like it has been cleaned in well over a year. Sara will reach out to Glen and explain that all cemeteries need to be cleaned up before Memorial Day.

Elizabeth mentioned that the Trustees did replace the Veteran's flags at all cemeteries.

Hitching Post

John mentioned that someone recommended moving the hitching post a little further away from the building. He is going to put three 4x4's cemented into the ground and put the rings on them. He will be putting them in near the tree line.

Bike Path

We are reaching back out to explain that the Select Board is not in support of putting bike paths on North Groton Road at this time, but would consider revisiting this in the future.

Dave mentioned that by doing this there isn't enough room and then you still come to a dead end. Dave recommended maybe putting signs up to remind drivers to share the road with walkers, bicyclists. They have "share the road" signs so Sara will recommend that they reach out to the State to get permission to put these up and that the Select Board would support this.

Department of Transportation (DOT) summer paving project

Sara will reach out to the DOT to see when they are going to be doing road work. They have made marks on the road but have not begun any other work.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant