

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2017

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, John Rescigno

Absent: Sara Smith

The Select Board postponed the Public Hearing on the proposed budget until Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm due to weather.

Christina called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Budget Discussion

The Board discussed the following changes in the proposed budget and warrant articles:

- Consider funding the full bridge project for 2017 under Article 6 – The Board agreed that it would be better to complete the project in one year than to drag it out in stages. Mike Vignale from KV Partners, LLC submitted a very preliminary cost estimate for the project, which the Board reviewed. With the cost of the engineering and the site work and bridge installation, etc, the preliminary number is approximately \$265,500. The Board agreed to raise the amount to transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund from \$150,000 to \$225,000.
- Road Project Article for 2017 – The Board agreed to remove the Article for the 2017 Road Project. It is necessary to prioritize the projects and if the bridge gets done for 2017 then it is done and off the list. The road project is not going to be done for 2017 and for a number of years afterward. Although the Board did not want to have to eliminate this project, they felt that completing the bridge and the road and other tasks that need to be done during the year, just isn't feasible.
- The Warrant Article for the Police Officer under Article 5 had the full amount of the budget for the officer if passed, but there is already \$29,000 in the existing Police budget. The Board agreed to adjust the \$63,184.24 down to \$34,184.24, which will be the actual amount the budget will need to go up to gross budget for the officer if passed.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget a final time, making no additional changes to the overall budget. **Christina motioned to approve the Warrant Article changes and prepare them for the Public Hearing, which was moved to Wednesday, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

New Business

Class VI Road Request

Glen Hanson submitted a request to complete road maintenance and improvements on the older section of Bailey Hill Road. **John motioned to approve the request for maintenance and improvements of the Class VI portion of Bailey Hill Road, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Coolidge Road

The Board reviewed the request for Coolidge Road to be changed from a Class VI Road to a hiking trail. The Board reviewed the legal opinions and determined that they are not able to accomplish this request for 2017 nor were they ready to make this decision. Mr. Cross will be contacted to advise that the Board is still working on this and will continue to work on the request and if agreed will submit something for Town Meeting in 2018 or review other possible alternatives for 2017.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:15 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Goodwin
Select Board Chair