

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2012**

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Miles Sinclair, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Kyle Andrews

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of June 5 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Old Computers

Pam reported that the old office computers were donated to the Liberty House for Veterans in Manchester.

Radio Grant

The Board reported that this FEMA grant does not cover analog radios; only the P25 compliant digital radios. The Board had met in a work session, reviewed the bids and awarded the bid to Ossipee Mtn. Electronics as their overall package was less expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Garage Grant

The Board believes the people will be better served if they hire a real estate firm to do an official market analysis of the Town's 50 acre lot located on Old Rumney Road. They are currently negotiating with Green Acre Woodlands for a land swap: the 50 acre parcel in exchange for a lot across from the Transfer Station. Old Mill Properties will do the market analysis.

Regarding soliciting quotes for relocating or rebuilding the Town Garage, the Board divided up the tasks as follows:

1. The Road Agent will solicit quotes for:
 - Foundation
 - Excavation
 - Well
 - Concrete
 - New building (metal, approximately 40'x75', single sloped roof)
 - Relocating current building which includes disassembling
 - Plumbing/heating
2. Administrative Assistant will solicit quotes for:
 - Electrical

- Septic
3. Library Trustees will solicit quotes for:
- Expenses involved in moving Library building and setting up at a new location. This will include all hook ups, foundation, moving of electric/phone/cable lines if necessary, etc.

The deadline to submit quotes is July 6.

Sewall/Friend Property

The Board will try to set up a July 10, 6:00pm work session with Fred Sewall to view the property and verify if the owners are in complete compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Committee

The Road Committee believes that Groton's paved roads do not have a sufficient base and that the Town cannot continue to overlay these roads. Based upon a Rumney road project that Roger Thompson worked on, the cost is about \$110 per foot (based upon a 300' section) to go down 18 inches, put in a good base and pave over it. The longer the stretch of road means less expense per foot. Some areas in Groton are worse than others and could require going down 24 inches as well as using a slightly heavier course of pavement than the Rumney project. North Groton Road has a saturated base in many areas. The Committee is recommending that a professional study of the roads be done. This would include small diameter angle probing which will reveal what is under the roadways such as ledge, water, etc., and determine the critical areas. The cost for the study could range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for 9 miles of road. The advantage of this type of probing is it does not disturb the pavement. The Committee would then come up with a long range plan; perhaps a 10 year plan broken down into the initial 5 critical years followed by 5 non critical years. For this year's warrant article road work, the Committee recommends an area on North Groton Road just above Nedeau Lane. The Road Agent proposes to excavate about 227 feet, build up the base, cover it with binder and let it rest. In addition, there are a dozen boulders that must come out in other areas and he needs to allow enough funds in the warrant article for replacement black top to fill those in. To save money he is willing to donate his equipment this year but not for the future projects. The Town will have to hire contractors. The future plan is to pick up where he leaves off this year and continue over the hill toward Route 118. Throughout the process any pavement that gets dug up will be stocked piled, eventually ground up and used on the gravel roads. Miles suggested that the Committee determine what the needs are and how to get there. Perhaps it is best to have two plans: Plan A that is the ultimate and Plan B if the Town does not go for Plan A. Roger Thompson stated that the Town has never been presented with a plan. They will have something ready for Town Meeting. The Board and the Committee agreed to the work proposed for this year.

Groton Wind Request

Iberdrola's credit rating has dropped below the threshold (per the Groton Wind/Town of Groton Agreement) that would trigger the necessity to issue a letter of credit for decommissioning the Wind Farm Project. It appears as though this credit rating change is more tied to the Euro crisis than Iberdrola USA. The Company has requested to reopen discussions and revise the agreement to something other than what it is. The Board is willing to meet with Ed Cherian to discuss this. However, Miles stated that at this time he is not inclined to rework the language.

Rego Junkyard License Renewal

Christina motioned to sign the Junkyard License Renewal for Rego, Miles 2nd, so voted. As a part of the renewal process the Town runs a criminal record check and it came back clean.

Junkyard Dog Reports

Newton: some cleanup work is being done. The Board is willing to give him additional time.

Kolomick: he had achieved compliance but has slipped back. Mr. Kolomick has received letters from the Town but the last contact number is no good. Miles stated that he has the most recent phone number. The Board would like Ken Knowlton to have direct contact with Mr. Kolomick.

Fleming: the Town has no current phone number, only an address. The Health Officer has been dealing with an issue on the property as well. The Board will follow up with the Health Officer first, then take it to the next step.

Tolman: Mr. Tolman does not want anyone on his property nor does he wish to speak with anyone. The Board will have Mr. Knowlton get an administrative inspection warrant as the Town's hired consultant.

Kirk: Still waiting on the installation of fencing and a gate. This will be revisited on July 10.

Groton Historical Society (GHS)

The GHS would like to hang a plaque with a photo of the Veteran's Memorial and small write up on it in the Town House. The Board will choose an appropriate place to hang it.

Transfer Station Schedule for 7/4

The Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 and opened on Thursday July 5 from 1-7.

Joe Koslow will have information regarding road side pickup ready for the Board's review by this fall. He clarified what the Board was looking for regarding the fee schedule, and he is not pursuing installing a door on back side of the building at this time.

Employee Pay Schedule for 7/4

In order to allow for the July 4 Holiday, payroll checks will be cut on Monday and ready for employees by Tuesday.

Town Website

The Town will buy the domain name grotonnh.org to replace town-of-groton.com. The new site will be set up next January as the current domain name and web hosting contract are good until May 2013. After January anyone going to the old site will receive a message regarding the new site and redirected there.

2012/2013 Heating Fuel Contract

Pam will have fuel contract numbers ready for the Board's review next week.

Building Permit for Rodriguez, Map 2 Lot 48-1, Bailey Hill Road

Miles motioned to table this until they receive the PUC approval, Christina 2nd, so voted.

PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form for 2013

Christina motioned to sign the PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form request, Miles 2nd, so voted. The Town will continue utilizing the inventory form for another year.

Intent to Cut for Victoria Collins

Christina motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Victoria Collins, Map 7 Lot 22 Halls Brook Road, Miles 2nd, so voted.

OHD Committee Request

The Old Home Day Committee would like to borrow the Town's portable generator if necessary. They would also like to use some tables and chairs. The Board is fine with this.

Soccer Nets

Miles proposed that he and a family member take care of putting up the soccer nets. He and Kyle were rained out a few weeks ago and have not been able to schedule a time to get it done.

Local Auditor's Report

The MS-60 has not been submitted. Pam will contact the Local Auditor to ask when he anticipates submitting this.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Miles volunteered to remove the new growth near the Town House driveway entry that is obstructing the view of the roadway.

The Library Trustees will meet Monday, June 25 at 5pm.

Ron Madan reported that the electric service pole near the rock wall at the Town House is rotted and should be replaced. The guide wire is also located in the wrong place. This is a New Hampshire Electric Coop (NHEC) pole. Miles said he would take a look at it before they contact NHEC.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 9:17pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant