

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
July 16, 2013**

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

**Absent: Kyle Andrews**

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

North Groton Road Reconstruction Bids

The Board received 4 bids for the North Groton Road Reconstruction Project.

- Mike Ethier Excavating & Blasting: \$161,000
- M.E. Latulippe Construction, Inc.: \$159,700
- D. A. White Excavating, LLC: \$142,830 (culverts not included)
- Morrison Construction, LLC: \$172,500

The Board scheduled a work session for July 24 at 5:30 pm to discuss the proposals, anticipating that a decision will be made at that time.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of July 2 as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES**

Groton Pond

Regarding the Town Pond, Article 29 of the 2008 Warrant entrusted the pond to the Conservation Commission. The Board believes that decisions regarding the vision for the pond are in the Commission's hands.

**OLD BUSINESS**

KHPAC/TimberVest Confidentiality Agreement

At their last meeting, the Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee discussed the TimberVest confidentiality agreement and submitted some proposed language changes indicating that the Town will do what the law requires with respect to non-public meetings and minutes. The Board was fine with the proposed language and will forward it to the Town attorney for comment.

Casella Contract

The Casella contract states that the court of jurisdiction is Vermont. **Miles motioned that the Board sign the Casella contract once the Town Attorney has reviewed the language regarding the court of jurisdiction and either approves it or changes it, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

In order to receive the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District tipping fees the Board must sign a contract with the District. **Christina motioned to sign the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Contract once the**

**Casella Contract is signed, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Intent to Cut for Easson, Map 1 Lot 22

As there are delinquent taxes owed on the property, the Board is unable to sign the Intent until a bond for the estimated Yield Tax (Timber Tax) amount is paid. Mr. Easson will be contacted with this information.

### Building Permit Applications for Escobar & Drolet

**Miles motioned to sign the building permit application for Escobar, Map 2 Lot 50, North Groton Road, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The applicant will be building a garage.

**Christina motioned to approve the building permit application for Dennis and Tammy Drolet, Map 4 Lot 3, Sevin Kids Lane, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The applicants will be building an addition.

### Application for Reimbursement for State Land Situated in Groton

**Miles motioned to sign the reimbursement for State land situated in Groton, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** Each year the State submits a small PILOT amount to municipalities for any State and Federal land within the Town.

### PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form for 2014

**Christina motioned to sign the PA-28 form for 2014, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The PA-28 form inquires if the Town will continue to use the Inventory of Taxable Property Form and if so, the number of forms needed. The Town will continue utilizing.

### Letter Regarding Fireworks

Last year the Board sent a letter to property owners within a certain radius of the park regarding the fireworks display for Old Home Day. A letter will be sent this year as well.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board noted that there are some signs (S curve, speed limit and trucks entering signs) on the State portion of North Groton Road, that are now blocked because of vegetation. The Board will make the State aware of this.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

The Old Home Day (OHD) Committee members are looking for parade participants and vendors. The event this year will take place in the evening starting with a parade at 5:30 pm, food, a band and fireworks.

The next OHD Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31 at 5:00 pm.

The next Library Trustee meeting is scheduled for July 24 at 4:30 pm.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Dave Leone stated that the 6 ton weight limit sign is still up on Bailey Hill Road. The Board will contact Glen about this. Mr. Leone also wanted to know why the 15 ton weight limit posting for Old Rumney Road has been taken down. He stated that all the Town's gravel roads have this permanent posting. However, he did concede that he believes they may not have been posted legally. The Board will look into this.

Mr. Leone asked if anyone was aware that as a part of the Town's driveway permit for the Transfer Station, a flagger is required to be on site whenever any large containers such as the compactor or other dumpsters are removed. The Board will look into this.

**Christina motioned to adjourn at 8:03 pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel