

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2014**

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

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Bob motioned to approve the minutes of April 15 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

New Truck

Christina gave an update on the new truck. Glen contacted Foster Motors and confirmed that the electronic monitoring module was included in the cost but the snow prep package was not. This addition increased the overall cost but the final amount is still below the other bidders. There is no sales tax either. The Board signed the work order form last week.

OLD BUSINESS

Perambulation Bid Specs: Rumney, Hebron

The Board discussed the due date for completing the perambulation of the Rumney Line. Alan Barnard had suggested a final date of June 30, 2015, which would allow additional time to do the ground work should they have an early winter. The Board's preference is for the surveyor to complete the work by the end of 2014 if at all possible. They agreed to leave the date as June 30, but will have the discussion regarding finishing by year's end with whomever wins the bid. **Christina motioned to sign the letter with the perambulation bid specs, Bob 2nd, so voted.** Groton will solicit bids from Barnard Land Surveying and Central Land Surveying with a due date of May 16, 2014. Rumney will solicit bids from Sabourn and Tony Randall.

The Board agreed to leave the bid specs for the Hebron/Groton line as written but change the bid due date to May 23, 2014.

USDA Certification of Compliance

In order to qualify for the grant the Town has to have some type of drug policy and justify why the community financially needs the grant. The Town can get sample drug policies from Primex or the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA). The Board directed Pam to ask their USDA contact if mandatory drug testing is required in the policy. **Christina motioned to table this until next meeting, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

RSA 95:1

The Board reviewed the equipment list submitted by the Road Agent and agreed that this was not what they had requested from him. They want him to submit a list of projects he envisions, and the equipment needed to complete those projects before making a decision on how to go forward. **Christina motioned**

to table this until next week, Bob 2nd, so voted. They also want the North Groton Road culvert replacement to be placed as a priority on the list.

Groton All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

The Board has not completed reviewing the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. They also have a question about the number of miles of new and approved roads (Wind Farm). Pam will speak with the Road Agent and pull the old plan. **Christina motioned to table this until next week, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

HB 1549

This bill will go before the Senate Committee on Tuesday, April 29 at 9:15 am in Concord. Potentially all three Board members will attend. Pam will have a spec sheet ready for distribution.

Yield Tax Warrant for Green Acre Woodlands

Pam missed the cordwood on this report. **Christina motioned to table this until next week, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Driveway Permit for Mat 6 Lot 1

Dave Flynn (State Department of Transportation, District 2) clarified that the paved access referred to on the driveway permit is for a paved apron. The Board directed Pam to ask Mr. Flynn to clarify the GPS coordinates. The coordinates that Miles got on the Town's hand held device are different than what is listed on the permit.

Easement for Map 6 Lot 1

Miles met with a FORECO representative to look at the proposed easement area on the lot across from the Transfer Station. After the meeting Miles walked to the top of the ridge and he believes that the property owner could find a way to access the property without this easement. Also, if the Town is willing to grant an easement then there is a value to that. Tom Hahn had indicated agreement to this but the Town has not heard anything back from FORECO. Miles felt that he would prefer that the Town get the property without any encumbrances. The Board will meet at 5:00 pm across from the Transfer Station on Friday to walk the property. The proposed easement area has been flagged.

Pole License Revisions

Christina has some samples pole license applications that she would like the Board to review which she will have ready for next week. **Christina motioned to table this until next week, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Yield Tax Warrant for Daniel Plummer

Bob motioned to sign the Yield Tax Warrant for Daniel Plummer, Map 2 Lot 115, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Intent to Cut for Daniel Plummer

Christina motioned to sign the intent to cut for Daniel Plumer, Map 2 Lot 115, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Town Properties for Sale

The Board directed Pam to contact Lorna Platts from Old Mill Properties and ask her to prepare documents to relist the Town properties that were for sale last fall. At the March Town Meeting, the Town gave the Board authority to list these properties with a realtor instead of selling them via the bid and/or auction process.

Elderly Exemptions

Christina motioned to approve both Elderly Exemptions, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Veteran's Credit

Miles motioned to approve the Veteran's Credit, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Memo to Treasurer

Bob motioned to sign the memo to the Treasurer authorizing her to open the Old Home Day Revolving Fund, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Work Sessions

The Board scheduled work sessions for May 6 and May 20 at 6:00 pm. The intent is to address policies.

Signs

The Board has not yet received draft sketches for the Town House and park signs. They directed Pam to contact Laconia Monument and let them know that if the drafts are not ready within 2 weeks the Board will go elsewhere for the signs.

Old Home Day (OHD)

Christina will contact Vickie Kimball to arrange an OHD Committee meeting.

Transfer Station Lighting

The Board directed Pam to contact Gary Easson and give him a 2 week deadline to replace lights at the Transfer Station, and ask Joe Koslow keep on top of this.

Town House Lighting

Miles stated that he will look at the light over the front door before next week to see if the bulb needs replacing or if it is something more.

Culvert Repair

The Board discussed the culvert at the intersection of Hardy Country Road and Sculptured Rocks Road. It was removed last year as a part of re-configuring the intersection. There is now a significant dip in the road that needs to be filled back up to grade and paved. This was private work paid for by Maxam who contracted G.R. Hansen to do the job. The Board will draft a letter to Maxam asking them to finish the project, and let Glen Hansen know as well.

Christina motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 95:3-A II (b,c) at 8:47 pm Bob 2nd so voted.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 9:30 pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Bob motioned to adjourn at 9:31 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant