

Town of Groton
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2014

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Bob motioned to approve the minutes of July 14 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES:

Police Department Grant

The Police Department received a grant working in coordination with the NH State Liquor Commission that provided equipment to use for DUI's and underage drinking.

North Groton Road project

The Board met with ME Latulippe Construction who was awarded the bid for the North Groton Road project. The project will begin in mid-August. There will be road closures and the Board will do their best to make sure that this information is posted and the appropriate people are notified.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Trustees book in storage

Christina requested that the Board consider having the Highway Department remove the boxes from the cubby and transfer them to the basement for the Library Trustees. The Board agreed. Christina will contact Marilyn Lieto of the Trustees to inform and add this information to the memo for the Highway.

Animal Control Officer

An animal control officer position is open with the Police Department. All inquiries and resumes should be submitted to the Police Chief, Joe Pivrotto. The deadline is August 1.

Maintenance items

The Board has asked Tom Glidden, from the Highway Department, to look at the heat tape and also to check the septic. Christina would like to set a deadline. Bob agreed. The Board will issue a memo with the deadline for August 15.

NEW BUSINESS:

Select Board Vacancy

The Board discussed the Letters of Intent for Select Board vacancy which included Otto Jespersen, William Jolly and Kyle Andrews. The Board discussed the qualifications and options weighed in making their decisions. Christina explained her process for the decision making: who can do the best for the Town, who is the best choice for the Board, who can fill in and help out with the process of a new Administrative Assistant (AA) and who can hit the ground running. Christina felt that Bill Jolly and Kyle Andrews could both do this, but she leaned toward Kyle as he was on the Board before and has the experience to support the new AA and the Board. Bob felt that whoever was selected needed more experience and encouraged all candidates to consider running for the open seat in March. **Christina motioned to appoint Kyle Andrews to the vacant Select Board position, Bob 2nd, so voted.** Kyle accepted the position and will only cover until the March election. Christina and Bob thanked all of the applicants.

Letter to the Hazard Mitigation Planner

This letter was sent to Homeland Security for the last payment on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant. The amount of \$195 was submitted for reimbursement. **Bob motioned to sign the letter regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan Reimbursement request, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Green Acre Woodlands Intent to cut

Green Acre Woodlands submitted an Intent to Cut for Map 3 Lot 1 on River Road. **Bob motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Road Closure Fire/EMS Notifications

A complaint was received from someone on the Fire/EMS Department who was not aware of a road closure when the culvert was replaced on North Groton Road (not related to an emergency call). Christina talked to the Fire Chief to discuss and he recommended that a call be made the day of the road closure to Lakes Region Dispatch notifying the closing of the road and an additional call when the road is reopened. Christina felt that we should develop a checklist that has the Road Agent making the contacts. The Police Chief Joe Pivrotto felt that the Road Agent should contact the Police Department and they will contact Grafton County Dispatch. All agreed.

Flag Removal

Bob volunteered to remove the flags from the building.

Hutchins Junkyard renewal

The report hadn't been received by the Town but there was a message from Ken Knowlton, the junkyard dog consultant, that the inspection was completed, the Hutchins were in compliance and the Board was all set with renewing the license. **Bob motioned to sign the junkyard license renewal for Hutchins, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Christina reported that Groton Old Home Day is coming together. She will be sending out requests for crafters and vendors along with Vickie Kimball. If anyone knows anyone that would like to participate to have them fill out a registration or contact Christina or Vickie. There is no cost for a space. There will be crafters, raffles, and games throughout the night and ending with music and fireworks. Donations are being accepted for fireworks as well.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Marina Chase inquired on who the third letter of intent for the Board vacancy was. Christina advised that it was Otto Jespersen and he has been attending the Select Board meetings.

Jo O'Connor inquired on the flag removal. The bunting will be removed from the building.

Betty Smolinsky inquired on a rain date for Old Home Day. No rain date for the band, but if there is rain the band and the food will be moved to the Town Office. There will be a rain date for fireworks, which is still to be determined.

Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:36 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina Goodwin
Select Board Chair