

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
August 5, 2014

**In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, Robert Ferriere, Sara Moores (Administrative Assistant)**

**Audience Members Present**

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Christina introduced and welcomed Sara Moores to the Town of Groton as the new Administrative Assistant. Sara lives in Groton and is going to be a great asset. Christina asked that everyone bear with Sara in her transition into the office. Christina also welcomed Kyle Andrews to the Select Board and explained he would be in this position through March.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

**Bob motioned to approve the minutes of July 22 as written, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES:**

*RSA 195 committee*

The RSA 195 Committee continues to meet with regard to the withdrawal study for the Towns of Hebron and Bridgewater. Christina has been asked to attend a meeting tomorrow night to discuss the direction with the Bridgewater Hebron Village School (BHVS) Board. The two Towns and the BHVS Board are concerned with the affect that the withdrawal may have on the children of Groton should they move forward. They do not continue if it causes hardship. In addition, it appears the District School Board is considering moving to a K-6 model. The two Towns would be happier with this model. And lastly, the Town of Hill is meeting to discuss tuitioning into the Newfound Area School District. Christina wants the Board and the Town to keep all of these issues in mind as we move forward, to what is best for our kids and how this affects the Town of Groton. Christina inquired if any other board members would want to attend and the Board was okay with just Christina going.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Junkyard reports*

- Sculptured Rocks Rd – in compliance - The Board agreed to keep them on the schedule for a yearly check
- North Groton Rd (near Sculptured Rocks Road) – not in compliance - The Board would like this property looked at in September again. Kyle mentioned they have made great progress at this property and they are stating it will be cleaned up by September.

- Old Rumney Rd - not in compliance - they have made some improvements since the May inspection, have been in compliance before but have come back out of compliance again. The Board would like to pull the file and review before making a final decision on this property. Kyle suggested this should be tabled for next week.
- Bailey Hill Rd - does not constitute a violation - Christina asked if the owner has applied for a renewal of their junkyard license. There is nothing in the pending file. The notes state when applies for renewal it should be granted, therefore the owner will need to be contacted as we extended licenses until the July 15<sup>th</sup> inspections only.
- Giovanna Rd – not in compliance - the property has come out of compliance again and the comments indicated that the next step is at the selectmen/attorney instructions. Christina asked if he came out of compliance then we wouldn't be at the attorney, we need to start all over, correct? Kyle mentioned we should refresh our memory on that so we will pull the file and this will also be tabled for next week.
- Sculptured Rocks Rd - does not constitute a violation - the notes state still junky but not a junkyard. Christina asked if we should keep this on the yearly list or earlier than that. Kyle felt if there were others we are inspecting that we should have this property checked again in September.

#### *Junkyard complaints*

- Bailey Hill Rd/Nadeau Lane - A complaint was filed with the Health Officer with regard to this property. Chuck Stata inspected the property but felt that the property was more of a junkyard issue as there were on health violations that he could enforce. Christina explained that there are two properties. One property is a trailer that she doesn't know if they live at the property but there two dogs and pigs that are kept there. According to the Health Officer there is a racecar there and a bunch of other vehicles. Bob asked if this was the property that they found a dead animal. Christina explained that the Animal Control Officer is also investigating this property. Kyle and Bob approved adding this to the list for the junkyard dog to inspect. We will send an introduction letter.
- North Groton Rd (upper side) - There was a complaint filed with the Health Officer regarding the smell from the pigs and a gas tank. The Health Officer, Chuck Stata, inspected the property requesting that Lyme be placed and a concrete berm installed to keep any runoff from entering a stream behind the property. In his visit, he also came a crossed a huge quantity of junk and recommends that the Board have the junkyard dog inspect. There is a truck full of junk and 20 plus lawnmowers. It was agreed that we will send an introduction letter and have the junkyard dog inspect.

#### *Bixby junkyard license*

The Board reviewed an application for renewal of the Bixby junkyard license. The background check was returned with one item but after comparing to the previous license, the check is fine and there are no other concerns. Kyle asked if the junkyard dog has been out there. Christina explained that he has and thought the report was attached. **Kyle motioned to sign the license renewal for Charles Bixby, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Inventory penalties*

- Mudge - The owner passed away and the family was reviewing paperwork on the estate when the inventory was located. Christina spoke to the daughter who returned the inventory with a letter that was supposed to ask to waive the penalty. The daughter is

the executor of the estate. Bob said he is okay with the waiver. Kyle said he was too under the circumstances. Christina stated she felt the same way. **Christina motioned to waive the inventory fee for Mudge, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

- Calabrese - The owner requested to waive the fees. Christina and Sara pulled the history of inventory submissions in the past, and the Board reviewed. Christina explained that inventories are due on April 15, and there RSA indicates that late inventories shall be assessed a penalty. Christina explained that this wasn't received until April 18<sup>th</sup> and was postmarked April 16<sup>th</sup>. He didn't give any other reasons as to why it was late. Bob confirmed it was postmarked on the 16<sup>th</sup> that we shouldn't waive Christina felt that the Board has been consistent in waiving the fee only if there were extenuating circumstances. Bob states he doesn't agree with the waiver, Kyle and Christina agreed. **Christina motioned to deny the request to waive the inventory penalty for Calabrese, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Signature cards*

The Treasurer supplied updated signature cards for the main Town account and the Park and Rec account due to changes on the Board with Kyle. **Kyle motioned to sign the signature cards, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Belanger Disposal agreement*

Christina discussed the disposal agreement for Bailey Hill Rd submitted by Belanger. The fill will be from the North Groton Road project. **Christina motioned to approve the disposal agreement for Belanger, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Work sessions*

At this time, the Board does not have any work sessions scheduled. As there are number of things to discuss, such as financial policies, personnel policies, upcoming interviews, budget etc., the Board decided the schedule work sessions every Tuesday at 6 pm from now through 9/30/14.

#### *New signs*

Laconia Monument called and both signs are ready for delivery. Christina mentioned that the Board needs to decide on location and contact cement companies for the footings. Sara mentioned that they recommend two footings for the one sign and one for the other. Kyle inquired on the recommended size of the footings. Sara will call Frank at Laconia Monument to get this information and then call Bill Oakley at Carroll Concrete to get pricing. . Christina asked if there were any other concrete companies that we wanted to reach out to or if everyone was okay with just reaching out to Carroll Concrete. The Board agreed with Carroll Concrete. Christina mentioned Glen will have to dig the holes. The Board will review the location for the Town Office sign at the end of the meeting.

#### *Mabie building permit*

Mabie of Forest Hills Rd submitted a building permit application for a 250 square foot outbuilding on concrete piers. **Bob motioned to approve the building permit for Mabie, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Wright/Haney building permit*

Wright/Haney submitted a building permit for 28 Smith Rd for a foundation only as Gordon Coursey will be building the house. Christina talked to Gordon Coursey who will submit a new

building permit when it is time to build. It was discussed that there is a septic on property but it is awaiting and updated plan because they cannot confirm the type or size. Jeremy Haney confirmed this and stated that Bruce Barnard is putting a new design in place since the existing cannot be located. Bob thought all plans would be on file. Christina explained some of the older ones are not but may require a new plan if they are too old. Bob asked Jeremy if Barnard was going to confirm all of this and Jeremy stated he was. **Christina motioned to sign the building permit for Wright/Haney for the foundation only, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Jeremy Haney was in attendance so Christina explained to him that he can pick up the permit tomorrow and asked him if he had any other questions. Jeremy asked how fast we would figure out the footings for the signs because he offered to have concrete/footings added on to his as he has a concrete company already coming out. The Board appreciated the offer but doesn't think it will be done in time since we still have to have someone dig the holes, etc.

#### *Road damage complaint*

Hardy Country Rd has damage done by the loggers. Christina explained that the issues have been resolved as of this meeting and Maxam is now asking for permission to repair that section of the Class VI6 road. **Christina motioned to approve the request by Maxam to repair Hardy Country Road, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *E911 Data Operations Liaison Form*

The contacts for the database for 911 addressing were updated and require the Board approval. Sara was added as the primary contact and Roger Thompson as secondary. **Christina motioned to approve the updated E911 Liaison Form, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Old Home Day (OHD) - Christina mentioned that Old Home Day is coming together and told everyone to come! It is on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

Slim mentioned that he went to the Newfound Inn for the Governor and Executive Council meeting. He said their agenda had 112 items on it. He also explained that they discussed the wind farms and many other things. Christina asked if they gave any information on when they plan to do the new value based upon the PILOT as the bill was signed by the Governor and would take affect this year. Slim said no. Christina stated we need to contact Department of Revenue (DRA) to get the value before the tax rate setting.

The Board went out to review the sign location and determined that the current location where the Old Home Day sign is located is the most suitable.

Police Chief Joseph Pivrotto asked the Board to appoint Kyle as the temporary Animal Control Officer. **Christina motioned to appoint Kyle as the Acting Animal Control Officer until a replacement has been hire, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted. Christina motioned to adjourn at 8:14 pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Moores  
Administrative Assistant