

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2014

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

Audience Members Present

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

APPOINTMENTS

- Duane Brown and Charlie Sova- candidates for the two districts representing Groton. These candidates did not show up as scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/4/14 Election Voting 8am-7pm

No Select Board meeting for the next two weeks. The next meeting will be November 11, 2014.

The Select Board office is closed from October 24-October 31 and will resume hours as normal on November 3rd.

Select Board Work Sessions at the Town House

- Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 5:00pm
- Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 6:00pm

Planning Board meeting at the Town House

- Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7:00pm

Conservation Commission meeting at the Town House

- Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00pm

Bridgewater-Hebron 195 Withdrawal Study Committee meeting at Newfound Regional High School-Library Media Center

- Friday, October 24, 2014 at 5:00pm

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014 as written, Bob 2nd so voted.

UPDATES:

Signs- Town Office/Park

Christina explained the signs were scheduled to be put in on Thursday but it is supposed to be the worst day for rain so it may be rescheduled. Christina will stay on top of this and she will touch base with Glen. Christina also

mentioned that she is concerned that the sign at the park will not be in cement and she is concerned that the sign will get knocked over. Sara will contact Frank to see if this sign could be knocked over or if we should be concerned at all.

Paving- SRR/Other

Sculptured Rocks Road was done but there has been some damage from the storm. The culvert that was replaced last year was also damaged this past week. Christina shared pictures with the other board members.

Christina also showed pictures of Edgar Albert Road and explained that Glen did a great job fixing this. She explained these costs are very high and will eat up the entire highway budget. She asked if this can come out of the Disaster Relief Fund. Christina checked the balance of the Disaster Relief Fund and it was \$58,000.00 so we could take it from this if we have to. The board mentioned that we will wait until Sara gets back from vacation and we can discuss this again.

Joe Koslow asked about this culvert on Sculptured Rocks Road and asked if it due to the way it is being constructed. Christina explained that it is unfortunately due to the way that it was constructed but FEMA will not let us fix it. Joe asked if we repair it this time and not FEMA can we fix it the right way. Christina said we do not have the money to repair this right now but if we do in the future we would have to contact the Department of Environmental Service (DES) is who we would contact if we change this.

Christina also mentioned that Glen was supposed to be doing Spectacle Pond Road but they have put this off until the storm damage is cleaned up. Kyle mentioned that Glen needs to prioritize before the asphalt plants close.

Kyle mentioned that he should fix the Town House driveway and parking lot as well. Christina mentioned that is on his to do list to take care of the entire parking lot.

Christina mentioned there is supposed to be another 2 to 3 inches of rain between now and Friday. Bob mentioned he heard 3 to 5 inches. This needs to be watched for more road damaged.

Joe Koslow mentioned that he has talked to Glen about the aluminum cans from the transfer station. They need to get these out to make more room for the scrap metal. Christina mentioned that if we get the rain we were supposed to that this may not happen but he can work with Glen on this. Christina mentioned she would be okay with Joe taking the truck. Kyle mentioned that would be up to Glen. Joe said that he wouldn't be able to do this himself anyway.

Gary Easson- lights

Christina explained the Gary Easson fixed the front light which will not be running the entire time, only if we need to turn it on. Christina also explained that we are waiting for another part to fix the other one. Sara explained that the part is expected to be in on Wednesday but due to the rain Gary will not be fixing it until about Friday or Saturday depending on the weather. Sara mentioned Gary wanted the board to know this because he may be a little behind his deadline of October 24th. The board is okay with this due to the circumstances.

RSA 195 Committee and Withdrawal committee meeting

Bridgewater and Hebron talked to the committee and they are willing to withdraw their withdrawal until they see what goes on with the K-6 but they voted to say the withdrawal is feasible but not suitable. They are meeting again this Friday at the high school which Christina will attend and let us know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Warrant Article Memo

Sara explained the Memo that she found about this from last year. Last year the memo didn't go out until December with Friday January 10th as the deadline. This year that Friday is on January 9th. Christina asked the board if they think January 9th is a good deadline and they agreed it is. Sara explained there is another memo on the agenda and that she can send these out now to department heads, before her vacation, to allow them time to work on this.

Thank you Letter for 24 Old Rumney Rd

Sara created a thank you letter for 24 Old Rumney Road for coming into compliance for the junkyard inspection. The board reviewed the letter and approved it.

Bob motioned to sign the thank you letter for 24 Old Rumney Rd, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Joint Loss Safety Committee Meeting information

Sara presented the minutes from the last Joint Loss Safety Committee Meeting. This last meeting was from June 2014. Christina explained we are supposed to meet every quarter. Christina said we could do one in November and what we should focus on. Kyle mentioned the Town Garage would be a good idea to inspect. We will table this until Sara gets back and pick a date to inspect the garage.

Town Pond Bridge access

Christina mentioned that she put this on the agenda. The access should be blocked off so people can walk over but not drive over. Christina asked if Bob talked to the Conservation Commission about this. Bob said he will bring it up again at the meeting.

Christina mentioned what Glen tried to fix at the Town Pond didn't work. Bob mentioned the pipe still needs to get cut off. Christina mentioned they should schedule a work session with Glen on the status of his projects. This will be scheduled for the same time the board talks to him about his budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shinn building permit-1758 North Groton Rd

This building permit is for a 28x32 lean to off the side of the garage. There were no questions regarding this.

Kyle motioned to sign Shinn building permit, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Supervisors of the checklist meeting October 25, 2014

The Supervisors of the checklist needed someone to let them in on Saturday October 25th, 2014 for their meeting. Sara mentioned that Pam contacted her and said that Bob will let them in but just wanted this confirmed. Bob did confirm that he will be doing this.

Report of Cut- Map 1 Lot 13, Bailey Hill Rd

The board reviewed the report of cut. The amount is \$1091.82. There were no questions regarding this.

Christina motioned to sign report of cut, timber tax and certificate of yield taxes, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Letter requesting information for Intent of Cut- Map 5 Lot 47, 28 Beaver Pond Rd

The office received an Intent to cut but we needed some more information in order for the board to sign this. The letter was requesting a bond due to taxes being owed. Also the acres to be cut on the intent were more than that for Map 5 Lot 4 so it was requested to include other lots on the intent of there were some.

Kyle motioned to sign letter to Michael Ethier, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Winter Prep- Hobart Park

Christina explained the soccer nets are still up and normally Miles would take them down and put them back up after winter. These nets need to be stored here at the Town House. The Frames stay up there and the nets come to the Town House in the basement. Christina asked if the board thinks Jimmy can do this. Bob mentioned if it is just cutting the zip ties then he will do it. Christina and Kyle are okay with Bob doing it.

Auction/Bid List

Christina mentioned the auction list was discussed in March and in June and we have not done anything with them. She thinks we need to put these items on the website with numbers and allow people to put a bid in to the town office with the number of the item they are interested in. These will be listed as excess equipment. When Sara gets back from vacation we will confirm that these items are still here and if so they will be put on the website. The board agreed to put all items on website to get rid of the items by the end of November.

Memo- 2014 Annual Town Report submission

Christina asked Sara to look for this at the last meeting. Sara located this Memo. Last year this Memo went out with a deadline of Friday, December 20th. This year the Friday falls on December 19th. The board is okay with this date. Sara will send this out to department heads along with the other memo.

Christina asked who would write the select boards as Miles did it last year. Christina is okay with writing it but asked the other board members to present her with any ideas that they may have.

Christina also mentioned if anyone has any ideas of a cover photo to submit it. Christina thought of the new truck.

Rumney/Groton Perambulation

Christina read the email that Rumney had sent us. They are willing to send it out to bid again but they cannot come up with anyone to send the bid to. They don't want it to be someone that has a conflict of interest. They wanted to see if we have any ideas besides anyone we got bids from last year. Sara will pull the file to see who bid last time and to see if there was a conflict and get a better idea on this.

Patti Bailey quote

Glen presented a new quote that is \$2500.00. Sara will call Patti Bailey to follow up and see what the status of her project is.

Kyle mentioned he is okay with this but if Glen digs up the road this year then it has to be paved this year. Bob mentioned that he feels this is priority and needs to be taken care of soon.

Deadline for Spectacle Pond

The deadline is next week for the boats to be removed from Spectacle Pond. The board should take a ride out there and see if there are boats there before the next work session which is November 4th at 5:00pm. This needs to be discussed at that work session and also the board needs to decide what the next step will be.

Chainsaw safety

Christina mentioned that at the chainsaw safety class they cut down another tree so they need to decide what to do with it. Jimmy and Christina are getting the other ones out of there. Christina will see if Jimmy wants to split this one as well. The deadline for Christina and Jimmy to get the trees out of there is November 15th.

COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Conservation Committee is supposed to look at properties on Thursday October 23rd at 10:00am but this may be postponed due to the weather.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Library update

The Library Trustees did meet last night and had about 15 people there. It was a good informational session. Kyle asked if they decided if they are closing the library. Christina said they are not and they got a good game plan to know where to go from here. Bob mentioned that they will have programs to get awareness out. Jo O'Connor mentioned they will have speakers as well.

Christina mentioned the Library Trustees thought they had to get permission to use the space but Christina explained they don't they only need to verify if it is being used. They would need permission to use the Town Meeting Room.

Joe Koslow asked if the Library Trustees own the old building. It was explained that they do not own it but it was also explained that if it was gifted so it cannot be disposed of. Joe mentioned it is falling apart and fire departments do burns these to get rid of them. Christina doesn't think they can for this building because it is too close to surroundings.

Trick or Treat

Jo O'Connor asked if there are official hours for trick or treating. Christina explained it normally is up to the select board to decide. The board thought 8:00pm was too late.

Christina motioned to make Groton Trick or Treating from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm, Christina 2nd so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Moores
Administrative Assistant