

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
March 31, 2015

**In Attendance: John Rescigno, Robert Ferriere, Christina Goodwin and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)**

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

Bob requested to add words to the last page under the Hazard Mitigation Plan second sentence - ....if there is a Hazard Mitigation Plan and if it could be placed on the website. **Christina motioned to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015 as amended, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*MS-232*

Sara talked to Michelle Clark from the Department of Revenue (DRA), who recommended for the Select Board to sign the MS-232, Report of Appropriates, as entered and when she finalizes she will make the changes as far as moving the \$50,000.00 that was voted for the Town land under the Capital Outlay Land category.

**Bob motioned to sign the MS-232, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant*

The Town received an email explaining that NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is looking for communities to provide a letter of intent for when FEMA opens up the application period for the 2015 grant cycle. Christina explained that we had applied before to have funding to move the Highway Department out of the flood zone. The first step is to provide a letter of intent. Sara will check the deadline and look for the letter of intent that was previously submitted. The Board agreed to move forward.

*Fairpoint 2014 Abatement Recommendation*

Avitar sent a letter explaining that they have reviewed the Fairpoint application for a 2014 abatement and they are recommending the Town to deny it. Christina explained that she feels we need to act on Avitar's recommendation. Sara will pull the abatement application and add this with the recommendations ready for the Board for next week.

*Library Trustee*

The person who had the most votes for the write in position declined the position of Library Trustee, therefore, per RSA 669:75 the Select Board needs to appoint someone. Christina thinks that we should put a posting on the website, and in the buildings, to see if anyone is interested and if so to contact the Select Board.

Gina Rescigno asked what the Library Trustee does. Christina explained they are in charge of maintaining the library, the budget, options for the future of the library, events that the Library might host and also to work with the one employee. She recommended that anyone interested read the RSA to look into this more.

Joe Koslow asked if a decision has been made about the former building. Christina asked Sara to pull the minutes from the meeting with the Library Trustees so we can look at who owns the building.

Sara will create a posting for this and it will be open until filled. Christina explained if someone is appointed it is only for one year until the next election.

### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

#### *Items up for bid*

Christina inquired if the Board would like to move forward with additional bid items, since the Highway items have been completed. The Police Chief is going to be taking care of the items on the list that are pertaining the Police Department. She recommends the next round consist of the toilets, urinal and doors from the old building and also the basement of the Town building. John recommended doing the door separately.

Kyle mentioned in the old building there is a transfer switch for a generator that we could put out for bid. Christina asked if we are comfortable stating that it would be the responsibility of the buyer to remove it. The Board agreed that this is a good idea but it would be scheduled with the town.

Sara will post these on the website first. Sara will number these out like last time. The timeframe should be bids in by May 4th and paid for by end of week and picked up by the following week.

Glen will need to pick up the toilet in the Town House basement and also the other items and move them to the Highway garage in the interim.

#### *Eroded Roads*

The Board mentioned there are some areas along North Groton Road from the Transfer Station down toward Sculptured Rocks Road that are eroding right up to the pavement in some areas, specifically mentioned was a spot near the Yinger Farm. The Board asked Sara to contact Brian Souza, as the State Highway Supervisor for this area and ask them to look at the roads and fill them in.

#### *Reminder of Road Bans*

Christina reminded the audience that there are road bans in effect as of March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Full Day Kindergarten*

Christina read the advertisement which gives deadlines to register. This is posted in the Town House and will also be posted on the website.

*Reminder of Name the Meeting Room*

Christina reminded everyone to share their suggestions for naming the meeting room with the Select Board by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

*Amendment*

Slim asked when the Amendment will be sent out to the County. He said that he talked to Laura and she said it will go out. Christina explained that the Board has no control over it, and that Laura would be the one to talk to. She has 20 days from the meeting date to meet deadlines.

**Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:38pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant