

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2015

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere, John Rescigno

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL:

John motioned to approve the minutes for April 21 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office hours

Reminder of Sara's part-time hours – this week is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. An updated schedule for next week will be posted once confirmed.

Name the Meeting Room

The Board has received three entries for the room name as of today – Victoria Collins Room, Groton Community Room and Rolfe Meeting Room. Names will be gathered through April 30, 2015.

MS-61 Locally Elected Auditor Report

Christina reviewed the concerns previously raised for the 2014 Auditor Report and created a memorandum to update the Department of Revenue upon acceptance of the report. The Board approved the list and the memo as presented. **Christina motioned to sign the memo for the Locally Elected Auditor report and accept the report as of today and to submit the memo and report to the Department of Revenue, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Lou Lieto – Response to William Jolly letter

William Jolly submitted a letter to the Board raising some concerns on what he perceives have been improper procedures at elections. The letter was forwarded to the Moderator, Lou Lieto, to verify and provide feedback to the Board on Bill's concerns. Lou emailed the Attorney General's office and spoke to Dave Scanlon who is the Deputy Attorney General. In his discussions, Lou was able to confirm the following:

- RSA 656:42 discusses electronic voting machines and does not pertain to excel worksheets created to tally the votes
- Mr. Scanlon confirmed that the use of the excel worksheet is approved by the Attorney General's Office and there are no concerns. Lou is also considering a new program which has been written by Otto Jespersen for tallying votes moving forward. If this program is agreed upon, then Lou will have approved and in place for the next Moderator.
- Mr. Scanlon did confirm that no prior election results would be open to question as a result of the process that Groton uses, as long as the process was completely open to the public, which it has been.

- Moving the ballots out of the guardrail space - unfortunately is not a solution for the elections moving forward as the RSA is specific to “counting of votes must be public and within the guardrail”. Options to resolve this issue include: moving computers, using laptops, return to paper counting, or to purchase a voting machine. The Board agreed with Lou that potentially the best option would be the use of laptops. The laptops would need the current version of excel, need to communicate with each other and communicate with the upstairs computers.

The Board will check into the available laptops and get back to the Moderator. In addition, a response to William Jolly will be drafted, reviewed by Lou and ready for next week’s Select Board meeting.

Appointment of Local Auditor

The Supervisors of the Checklist announced the appointment of Deborah Lindsey as the new Locally Elected Auditor through March 2016 elections.

Jan Carruth – Conservation Commission

A concern was raised that Ms. Carruth did not live in Groton anymore. After some discussion it was determined that there were two Jan Carruths in Groton and the one appointed to the Commission is still a Groton resident.

Report of Cut – Map 2 Lot 48

The report of cut for Map 2 Lot 48 was filed for a cut off of North Groton Road under owner Mourning Dove Holdings. The timber tax total is \$1,854.47. **Bob motioned to approve the report of cut and billing for Map 2 Lot 48, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Report of Cut – Map 2 Lots 68 & 92

The report of cut for Map 2 Lots 68 & 92 was filed for a cut off of Edgar Albert Road under owner Gannon. The timber tax total is \$26.21. **John motioned to approve the report of cut and billing for Map 2 Lots 68 & 92, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Report of Cut – Maps 5 Lot 158

The report of cut for Map 5 Lot 158 was filed for a cut off of Hardy Country Road under owner Dicecca. The timber tax total is \$3,313.49. **Christina motioned to approve the report of cut and billing for Map 5 Lot 158, John 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Transfer Station

George Evirs will be taking a leave of absence from the Transfer Station during the summer months. The Board will advertise a temporary part-time position for Saturdays with the potential to become a permanent part-time position. The posting will be placed in the Pennysaver, on the Town’s website and posted in the Town buildings. The advertisement will be ready for next week’s Select Board meeting after Joe Koslow reviews and provides feedback.

Road Committee

The Road Committee meets on May 6, 2015 at 6:00pm. This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will be finalizing the recommendations for the 2015 project specifications. Current members of the Committee include: Christina Goodwin, Glen Hanson, Roger Thompson, Barrie Sawyer, and Chuck Stata.

Private road concern

The Board has received a request for consideration of maintenance on a private road. The Board has referred the concern to the Town's attorney for review.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Jo O'Connor would like to know when the Town Office building was built. Christina will have Sara review the property card and call Jo.

Joe Koslow reported that the Primex insurance adjuster toured the Town buildings today. Glen and Joe met with him to review the Transfer Station and Glen reviewed all other locations with him.

Joe Koslow inquired on a copy of the Joint Loss Committee Meeting minutes so that he can address the concerns raised. Christina will have Sara forward a copy to Joe.

Having no other business to come before the Board, **John motioned to adjourn at 7:50 pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina Goodwin
Select Board