

August 7, 2014 Select Board Minutes, Groton Community Building (Approved)

Select Board: Peter Lyon, Gary Lamberton, Nathan Puffer

Treasurer: Roberta Dana, Building Committee Chair & Town Lister: Kitty Diggins, Town Clerk: Lynda Nunn, Highway Department: Brent Smith & Phillip Palmer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Linda reported that there was one complaint on the proposed new burn ordinance however no petition had been submitted requesting changes. As a result, the burn ordinance became effective on August 4, 2014.

Gary reported that the Boards proposal to log on Town property had been posted in the three approved public locations in town and no comments had been received. As a result the Board agreed to move forward with the logging on the old town dump site as the first project. Peter moved, Gary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to authorize Nathan to work with Harry Chandler (the town tree warden) to process a contract to proceed with logging on the old town dump site.

Linda reported that Gunther Wernecke had a concern with the digging in back of the Community Building. Linda pointed out and provided maps to Gunther showing that the Cilley family believed that they owned the land not the Wernecke family. The Board asked Linda to give the Cilley family a heads up on the concern and would discuss later when more detail was available as both families completed their research.

Gary reported that he had picked up stakes & tape and with Nathans help has placed them around the project site behind the Community Building. The Board thanked both Gary and Nathan for their work.

Peter reported that he had visited with the neighboring communities (Marshfield, Orange, Corinth, Wells River, Barnet & Ryegate) and none of them used a PO process similar to Groton's. General discussion took place and it was agreed to discuss further at future meeting.

Nathan reported that the owner of the storage building that had burned on 232 was not allowed to start the clean up until the beginning of July. Gary proposed getting volunteers together with their equipment to help clean up the site. Linda stated that there were some contacts that had already occurred and that the cleanup should start shortly.

Kitty reported that the Listers will be coming back to the board, perhaps at the next meeting, with a recommendation to proceed with either an update or full reappraisal of the Town. Kitty also reported that the building committee has sent out the RFP for painting the Community Building roof and will be sending out an RFP for gutters shortly. Kitty also updated the Board on the Community Building water system stating that since they have not received an update from Clearwater they would continue to focus on using chlorine tablets and maintaining the filters.

Roberta wanted to thank Mark Shallberg for coordinating the installation of the new door handles for the Treasurer and Clerks doors. Mark did the pricing, picked up the parts, making several trips, and installed the handles all as a volunteer. The Board extended its thanks and appreciation to Mark for all of his support.

Roberta reported that she had transferred the 2013 appropriation plus interest (at .05 percent) into the highway department reserve funds as follows: \$35,000 plus \$10.40 of interest into the paving fund and \$52,191 plus \$15.51 interest into the equipment fund.

Kitty reported that the rebate check for \$450 was received for the three lights on the highway garage and salt shed. Kitty also stated that she and Amy will be starting building inspections shortly.

Gary reviewed a letter received from Keith Truesdale requesting repairs to Heath Hill Road referencing a 1981 agreement with the Town. Brent reported that since it was classified as a class 4 untraveled road there was no obligation to maintain it. The Board placed the request on hold and asked for a copy of the 1981 agreement to review.

Brent reported that he had received two proposals and expected one more coming in on his RFP pointing up the blocks on the Powder Spring Road Bridge over the Wells River. Darel Hamlett submitted a bid of \$6,500. Fairbanks Mills submitted a bid of \$21,600. Mark Armstrong indicated that he wants to submit a bid. There was no end date included in the RFP however Brent would like to complete the project quickly while the river level is down. It was agreed that was desirable to receive the Armstrong bid before selecting the winning bid. Nathan moved, Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to authorize Brent to select the contractor for a price not to exceed \$6,500.

Brent reported that he was considering proposing a 1" shim on Powder Spring road rather than a ¾" shim and 1.5" overlay. This would create the potential of having funds available to do some paving on the lower end of Minard Hill Road. Brent also reported that he is getting quotes to place a roof over the Highway fuel tanks. For future discussion, Brent recommended that the Board consider moving the town owned property along the Rail Road bed into the Town highway system.

Gary reported that he has everyone up and running on their new systems with the exception of the Treasurer and the main system (6 complete and 2 to go). It was noted that Gary is doing this work as a volunteer saving the Town the total cost of installations.

Brent requested deletion from the Board minutes of Peter's question of why would we give priority to Powder Spring Road paving when Minard Hill appears to need work. Peter responded that it was a question that he considered appropriate and wants the question to remain in the minutes. Detailed discussion took place on the assignment of paving priorities. Peter believes that there should be a 10 year plan on major highway projects. The Board and Brent agreed that creating a 10 plan was a good idea and should include it in the upcoming budget process. It was agreed to continue the discussion at a future board meeting.

Peter moved, Nathan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the July 3, 2014 minutes.

Peter moved, Nathan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the July 17, 2014 minutes.

Peter moved, Nathan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn. (at 10:10 PM)