

Emergency Meeting, Groton Vermont Select Board

August 28, 2015, 7:30 AM

Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway

Initial Release

The Following Board members were in attendance: Mary Grant, Peter Lyon

Attendance for the meeting included: Fire Department: Wayne & Dorothy Knott, Highway Department: Brent Smith & Phillip Palmer, Treasurer: Lisa Hart

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM

Background: A fire has been burning at the Town stump dump for several days and has become a serious problem with smoke throughout the valley. At the August 25th Emergency Meeting held by the Select Board the Board accepted a recommendation that the Fire Department would set up a portable pump and draw water from the river to apply to the fire. To date, the pump has not been in place.

General discussion took place on the action required to get the fire under control. The fire has spread into the stumps and is deep & hot and difficult to access. Wayne recommended using an excavator to dig into the area of the fire and provide ability to apply water directly to the burning stumps. Wayne also stated that there may be a need to apply Class A Foam. The Board accepted the recommendation and requested Wayne and Brent to work together to bring the fire under control.

The Board also stated that no additional fires should be set at the Stump dump until further notice and also directed Brent and Phillip to close the dump on a temporary basis. The Board stated that it is considering closing the stump dump permanently, before doing so it would warn a public hearing to provide an opportunity for people to comment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 AM

Prepared by Peter Lyon