

## Town of Groton, Vermont - Selectboard Minutes, August 25, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Groton of August 25, 2015 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway.

The following members were in attendance: Peter Lyon, Andrew Dorsett

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM

Peter opened the meeting at 7:30 am.

### Stump Dump - Air Quality From Smoldering Fire

Peter inquired about the burning at the stump dump and informed those present that the Town was receiving complaints about the smoke in the village's valley. Brent explained that the Fire Warden and weather determines the times to burn the stump dump. He said that this takes place several times a year. Peter asked what steps could be taken to ensure that the current smoke issues caused by the burning would be mitigated. Brent indicated that the Fire Chief recommended utilizing a portable pump at the stump dump to quell the fire. Andrew inquired about what benefit the stump dump was to the residents and suggested a future discussion about the viability of continuing the practice of offering a stump dump. He inquired about the oversight of the facility and what controls were in place to ensure only Groton land owners had access and to what extent the tax payers of Groton could be subsidizing outside businesses with this facility. The Board agreed to discuss this at a future meeting and to direct Brent and the Fire Chief to utilize the portable pump to put out the smoldering fire.

### Backhoe

Brent presented an option to purchase a backhoe for 30,000 with the sale of the Town's current backhoe. He described the low number of hours, 800, on the offered piece of equipment and offered that the Town's backhoe currently has 4,000 hours and is 20 years old. Peter suggested the Board and Brent review the capitol equipment plan for future action. Discussion ensued.

The Board adjourned at 7:51 am.