

Town of Groton, Vermont Select Board Minutes, June 11, 2015 (Approved)

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Select Board of June 11, 2015 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway at 7:08 PM.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Visitors: Janet Locke, James Langlois, Walt & Dianne Wosko, Ronson Smith, Shawn Crown, Harry Chandler, Ver Gildo, Mary Berlejung, Highway: Brent Smith, Phillip Palmer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Background: A First Class liquor License was requested by Brown's Market Bistro, LLC.

Peter moved, Gary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the First Class License request requested by Brown's Market Bistro, LLC.

Background: The Town has failed a State of Vermont audit due to the fact that the purchase of a repeater for the transmission tower was not put out to bid.

Andrew reported that he had written a letter to the State summarizing the actions the Town had taken to ensure that the problem had been addressed and would not occur again. The State accepted the action items that Andrew had documented and the audit is resolved. The remaining question is when will the town receive the \$50,000 that has been on hold now that the audit response has been approved.

Background: Lise and Mark Shallberg have expressed serious concern about a large amount of garbage on the neighbors property and had requested help from the Town to resolve how it would be cleaned up.

Andrew reported that he had called the Northeast Solid Waste District, the VLCT, Pete's Rubbish, and the ANR to address the issue. ANR followed up on Andrew's request and contacted Pete's Rubbish who cleaned up the garbage. The Board thanked Andrew for a super job on this issue.

Background: The neighbors on Harv Orr Road and North County Road has serious concerns on the condition of the roads and would like the Town to improve these roads. This meeting has been called for the specific purpose of talking with the neighbors to discuss their concerns.

Everyone reviewed the following documents: The VLCT Highway Handbooks, The Town of Groton Highway Ordinance, the VLCT Select Board Handbook, Chapter 10 Highways and Bridges, The Vermont Statutes Online, and the Groton Town Road and Bridge Standards. General discussion then took place on the proper process to follow to improve the roads and who would contribute toward the cost. There was general agreement that improvements to ditching and drainage were required.

The Board asked the neighbors what was their goal? Improve the Class 4 or upgrade to Class 3? The neighbors requested personal time to discuss between themselves. A recess was called at 8:02 PM to allow a private discussion and the meeting was reconvened at 8:14 PM where the neighbors reported that they all agreed they wanted the roads upgraded to Class 3 status. There was general agreement between the Board and the neighbors that a phased approach was the most realistic to follow where

the first phase would be resolving the drainage issues and then follow a plan for phases to upgrade the roads to a Class 3 standard. Agreement was reached in accordance with the town highway ordinance to address North County Road from the gravel pit to the Peacham Town line and all of Harv Orr Road. Brent was asked to contact Shawna of the VAOT to set up a meeting to obtain her advice on how to proceed.

Peter moved, Gary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn (at 8:30 PM)

Gary Lamberton, Chair

Prepared by Peter Lyon