

Town of Groton, Vermont Select Board Minutes, June 24, 2015 (Approved)

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Select Board of June 24, 2015 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway at 7:00 AM

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

Attendance for the meeting included: VAOT District Project Manager: Shauna Clifford, Visitors: Harry Chandler, Ver Gioldo, Walt Wosko Jr., Walt Wosko Sr., Shawn Crown, James Langlois, Mary & Paul Berlejung, Highway: Phillip Palmer, Brent Smith, Treasurer: Lisa Hart

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 AM

Peter moved, Gary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the June 18, 2015 minutes.

Peter moved, Gary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the June 22, 2015 minutes.

Background: The neighbors on Harv Orr and North County Roads would like both roads improved for their use. Both roads are currently classified as Class 4 and consideration is being given to upgrading them to Class 3. The Board requested a meeting with Shauna to help identify the proper approach to follow for improvements of drainage and the steps to follow to uplift the classification from 4 to 3.

General discussion took place on the condition of the roads with the need to improve the ditching and address 4 or 5 bad spots. Shauna referenced the need to follow State Statues if there is a desire to upgrade the roads from class 4 to class 3. Shauna offered to collaborate with Brent to create a plan for the Board and as a first step wants to complete an on-site view of the roads. With her busy schedule, she agreed to try and return by the end of July.

Peter asked Shauna if there were any State funds available to work on Steve Viviano's driveway entrance over the sidewalk. She responded that no State funds were available however since it is within the State ROW any work done would require a State permit. Brent pointed out that Don is concerned about his ability to maintain the sidewalk if a drop is constructed at the driveway.

Andrew asked Shauna if the 1845 map would be useful for ancient roads designation purposes to meet the July 1 filing date. She responded that the NVDA would be a good source to work with to obtain the required documentation.

Background: The Board has awarded contract to Groton Timberworks to complete structural reinforcing for a cost of \$78,898 and sheet rocking of the ceiling for \$27,300 on the Community Building. There is a need to identify the details on the source for the funding of both projects.

The Community Building reserve funds at the beginning of the year (2015) totaled \$32,225. The current year approved town budget allocated an additional \$15,000 to the reserve budget. The town has Union bank shares collected for taxes a long time ago valued at the beginning of the year totaling \$58,068. There remains \$600 in the office equipment fund after all of the office equipment upgrades that have been completed. The Board agreed to use the Community Building reserve funds totaling \$47,225. Peter moved, Andrew seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to authorize the Treasurer to sell the Union Bank shares subject to a satisfactory review of the sale by the VLCT.

Gary moved, Peter seconded and the motion passed unanimously to apply the \$600 of unused computer equipment funds to the Community Building project. With these transactions, there remains a \$305 shortfall which the Board will close in its next detailed monthly budget review.

Andrew moved, Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn (at 8:25 AM)

Gary Lamberton, Chair

Prepared by Peter Lyon