

Town Of Groton, Vermont – Selectboard Minutes July 21, 2016 (approved)

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Selectboard of July 21, 2016 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway.

Selectboard Members in attendance: Mary Grant, Andrew Dorsett and Wade Johnson Sr.

Attendance for the meeting included: Lisa Hart, Carrie Peters, Brent Smith, Kitty Diggins, Nathan Puffer, Linda Nunn and Vicki Abare from VLCT workman's Comp.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Review/Approval of July 7, 2016 Minutes. Wade made the motion to approve. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wade Made the motion to approve the July 14, 2016 Minutes for the Special Selectboard Meeting/Public Hearing for review of Sidewalk Bike/Pedestrian Grant Program. Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wade made the motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2016. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mary stated she would like to see a signature line on the bottom of the Selectboard minutes to be signed by the Selectboard this would show the minutes were approved. Andrew made the motion to add a signature line for the Selectboard to sign. Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VLCT Workman's Comp Insurance

Vicki Abare from VLCT Workman's Comp Insurance gave an overview of the changes concerning employees and non-employees for workman's comp.

Vicki Abare explained about having contracts, non-employees, Certificate of Liability insurance and having proof they have a business (by submitting a business card or business name on an invoice heading) having the contractor sign a non-employee work agreement.

Vicki Abare explained why the town had been charged for some of the contractors in previous Insurance Audits and the amounts.

Financials/Budget Update:

Lisa asked if there were any questions concerning the budget reports. The budget report was at 50% as of the end of June and as of this meeting the overall budget it is at 57%. There was no questions asked. Andrew made the motion to pay Glenna Pound out of the Town Auditors wage budget line as we no longer have Town Auditors and not to exceed \$2,000. Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tax Rate

Kitty explained she had given Lisa a copy of the 411 with the figures of the Grand list. The setting of the tax rate was tabled until the next Selectboard meeting.

Mary explained the Selectboard needed to ratify the signing of the approval to continue on the Land fill solar project application. Andrew made the motion to approve the signing of the land fill solar project. Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sidewalk Project

Brent updated the Selectboard on the sidewalk project stating he met with Dave and is waiting for a call from Jon Kaplan concerning the light pole removal plans and the sidewalk project plans. Andrew made the motion to have Brent move forward on having the light pole in front of the Community Building/Fire Station removed. Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brent met with Shauna and Kristina from VTrans concerning the repair of the water coming out from the blacktop in the parking lot on the easterly side. The Selectboard asked Brent to get written permission from VTrans and the land owner (Laurine Grant) before anything is started.

Roadside Mowing Bids

The two Roadside Mowing bids were opened. The bid price of \$97.00 per hour came in from Brandon Stevens Mowing the second bid price was 75.00 per hour coming from Harold and Steve Wilkins. Andrew made the motion to accept the bid from Harold and Steve Wilkins. Wade seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Constable Jim Downing

Jim explained the radar unit will be set up and operating by the end of next week with Gary Lamberton's help.

Jim, has asked Mark Shallberg to build a box to store the radar unit in when transporting. Andrew suggested looking into a company named Pelican to see if they might have a case that would work. Jim, put in a purchase order to have the cruiser brakes replaced.

ATV Club

Jim is working with the Town of Barnet's ATV Club to work out a trail to get from Barnet through Groton to Topsham. Jim explained part of the roads being looked at are Hall Rd., Great Rd., Harv Orr Rd., Red Brook Rd., Goodfellow Rd., Glover Rd., Minard Hill Rd.

Andrew questioned if they would have to get permission like the snowmobile clubs do? Jim stated this is just something for the Selectboard to take a look at as it will have to go before the people at town meeting. The Town of Barnet Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles will be scanned and sent out to the Selectboard for review.

Boulder Beach Culvert Repair

Brent explained what needed to be done for the repair a specialized project and there were only a few people that were qualified do the job.

Andrew request that an RFP for the Boulder Beach Culvert repair be put out to bid as he doesn't feel comfortable giving it to one contractor.

Andrew made the motion to put out an RFP for bids on the Boulder Beach Culvert repair job. Wade seconded the motion. Motion approved. These bids will be opened at the next Selectboard meeting on August 4th.

Park and Ride Grant

Brent explained the 2 options for the Park and Ride grant.

Wade made the motion to approve the LOEP plan. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Andrew made the motion to accept the Health Officers resignation. Wade seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dan Robinson will be contacted to see where things stand concerning the surveillance cameras and Wi-Fi enhancement for the Gym.

Nathan Puffer will be added to the beginning of the meeting to discuss a right of way to his property off from Goodfellow Road.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Review/Approval Minutes -July 21st minutes

Nathan Puffer- ROW bring in plans

Financial/Budget update

CPA Update

Tax Rate-setting

Groton Solar

Sidewalk Plans

Boulder Beach culvert Project- Bids

Park and Ride

Open to Public

Personnel Policy will be reviewed the first meeting in August.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Mary Grant, Chair

Andrew Dorsett

Wade Johnson Sr.

Minutes prepared by Linda L. Nunn, Select Board Secretary