

Town Of Groton, Vermont – Selectboard Minutes June 9, 2016 (Approved)

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Selectboard of June 9, 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, Brent Smith, Kitty Diggins and Linda Nunn.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM
Review/Approval of May 19, 2016 Minutes were approved.

Daniel Robinson gave his resignation as Selectboard Secretary.
Wade made the motion and Andrew seconded the motion to accept Daniel Robinson resignation as Selectboard Secretary with deep regret as he did a great job.

Financials/Budget Update:

Lisa passed out the year to date budgets. Lisa asked the Selectboard where to post the advertising expenses for the special town meeting notice? The advertising expense would come out of election budget. Linda expressed concern as advertising was taken out of her election budget for 2016 budgets and no money was put in budget for advertising. Mary indicated that this could happen at any time so there should have a dollar amount in advertising budget. Andrew said for an example any group could call a meeting that would need to be advertised. Lisa and Linda expressed concern because of the elimination of the budget line item during tight 2016 budget discussions.

Lisa Hart presented a proposed contract with Glenna Pound for CPA services to educate on day to day actives.

Mary made the motion to arrange for Glenna Pound's services for training/educational proposes for the treasures and assistant treasurer. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Linda stated she had received two e-mails questioning the wording of the Town Meeting Minutes and that they should be corrected. Linda stated she had listened to the tape recording of Town Meeting and in article number 7 there is one word that needed to be corrected. ARTICLE 7: read, To see if, the Town will vote, pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. § 2804, to create a Professional Services Reserve Fund, whose purpose is to fund financial consulting services, and to fund the reserve fund with \$4,533.00 from the 2015 surplus. Passed by voice vote. **This was pass with the wording being amended to say "to create a Professional Services Reserve Fund, whose purpose is to fund financial Auditing services, and to fund the reserve fund with \$4,533.00 from the 2015 surplus."** This will be put into the Town Report as a correction.

Kitty Diggins stated the Listers approved the contract from CAI Mapping for \$1,700. Wade made the motion to accept the contract for the following year. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mary gave a report on the Library Building stating the attorney is reviewing the documents for a clearer Understanding.

Andrew made the motion the Selectboard go with the attorney's findings. Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nathan Bartlett property was found to be a lease land and would like the Town do a Quit Claim deed to him. Kitty was asked to contact the Town's attorney for his recommendation on this issue.

Andrew gave an update on the sidewalk proposal and he had spoken with a contractor and they said they were told that the project wasn't being done. Andrew said there was some confusion as there is going to be a Special Town Meeting regarding the sidewalk project. Andrew clarified the special town meeting only addresses a small section 10' from the telephone pole to the grass area on the westerly side of the entrance. All other concerns from fire Department and Highway were incorporated. The Special Town Meeting will be held on June 23, 2016 at 6:30 PM before the regular Selectboard Meeting.

The Agenda items for next meeting:

Review/Approval Minutes
Financial/Budget update
Open to Public
Personnel policy discussed

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm
Minutes prepared by Andrew Dorsett

Re-typed by Linda L. Nunn, Select Board Secretary Temp