

Town of Groton, Vermont - Selectboard Minutes April 6, 2017 (approved)

Selectboard Members in Attendance: Mary Grant, Wade Johnson, Sr. and Deborah Jurist

Attendance for the meeting included: Carrie Peters, Lisa Hart, Debra Johnson, Brent Smith, Jim Cilley, Mark Shallberg, Phillip Palmer, Dan Webster, Aimee Gardner, Iris Farley, Rachael Paulich, Trevor Farquherson, Dan Robinson, and Peter Lyon.

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Wade Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017 with corrections made, Deborah Jurist seconded and motion passed.

Financials/Budget Update - Lisa Hart

Lisa handed out the revenues and expenses for the first quarter of 2017 which will be reviewed at the next selectboard meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Lisa brought up a need to add three things to the Personnel Policy. The selectboard decided that Lisa/Carrie should write up these changes and bring them to the next Selectboard meeting for discussion.

Peter Lyon/Dan Robinson - Project Priorities and Grants

Peter Lyon had been sent a letter requesting that he bring the design of the memory wall and steps needed to bring it to the office by April 3, 2017. This was not done. There was some discussion about the Community Building survey. There is a question concerning whether some of the land being used for the wall might be on the Cilley's property. The selectboard asked Peter Lyon to get the survey that was done on the Memory Wall and bring in to the office by April 17th, so the Selectboard can look at it before the April 20th meeting. Peter mentioned that there has been over \$40,000 of volunteer work done on the memory wall. It was discussed that once the survey is found, there needs to be a meeting with Tom Otterman, who was Groton's Attorney at the time the survey was done. The Selectboard needs to decide what should be done to settle this issue.

Peter Lyon then spoke about the AED's which the town is planning on purchasing. Peter said there was no money in the Community Club's account. Dan Robinson had found an offer to get an AED from a supplier. Dan will be emailing the Selectboard to look at this offer before the next Selectboard meeting. There was discussion about the fact that Dorothy Knott had already looked into the AEDs and had a quote. This issue of purchasing 2 AED's for the Town of Groton will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting on April 20th. Dorothy Knott and Kathy Lamberton will be notified about this plan.

Dan Webster said that David Braun from Stone Environmental had done wastewater tests on the drain system in front of the fire station and there was NO effluent in that system last fall. There was some effluent-mainly clothes soap and chlorine in the drain in front of the Pierce property. I traced that back to the Grant property and that is still a problem that Dave is working with me on.

Highway - Brent Smith

There was some discussion on replacement for the John Deer tractor which is in the equipment budget but Brent said he wanted to hold off the purchase of a new tractor for this year.

There was discussion about whether the six wheeler truck that needs to be replaced. Brent said the truck is 7 years old with approx. 56,000 miles on it. Brent stated that there are many things on the truck that need to be repaired at a cost to the town. Then Brent said the truck still has some equity of approx. \$25,000 to \$40,000. This has been quoted by International. Brent said a new six wheeler with a plow would cost from \$140,000 - \$150,000. The Selectboard asked Brent to bring in some quotes for the purchase of a new 6 wheeler truck which is in the Highway Budget, (Reserve Fund).

There were two bids received for the Chloride which were All State Asphalt, Inc. for 89 cents, and Gorman Bros. for 88 cents. There was a short discussion. Deborah made a motion to accept Gorman Bros. for 88 cents, Wade seconded, and motion passed.

There were two bids received for the Roadside Mowing which were Brandon Stevens with \$65 per hour and Harold Wilkins for \$78 per hour. There was some discussion about the good quality of the work Wilkins had done in the past. Deborah made a motion to accept the Harold Wilkins bid for \$78 per hour, Wade seconded and motion passed.

There were three bids received for the stone products which are Chief Crushing & Excavation, Puffer Excavating, and McCullough Crushing. There was some discussion on this. A motion was made by Deborah to give authorization to the Road Commissioner to use the closest available to meet their needs, Wade seconded, motion passed.

Maintenance - Mark Shallberg - Disposal of Wooden Chairs

Mary said that the wooden chairs are used in the kitchen during the work for the chicken pie supper because all the other chairs are used up in the gym for the Chicken Pie Supper. Mary said the wooden chairs that are broken can be disposed of.

Health Officer - Dan Webster - Jim Cilley Issue

Dan Webster was asked by the Selectboard to bring a written statement of all that he has done concerning this smell issue as reported by Jim Cilley. Dan passed out a copy to each selectboard member. Dan said that when the weather cooperates and everything is dried up, he will use the dye tablets and check the issue out again. This was discussed and a date of Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 5:00 PM was set for Dan Webster, permitting things have dried up, he will be going to visit Jim Cilley's House to use the dye tablets.

Open to Public & Other Business

Mary mentioned that the Groton Board of Abatement has a meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Groton Town Offices.

Carrie Peters, the delinquent tax collector handed out a copy to the selectboard and a summary report of all delinquent taxes that are due.

Carrie mentioned that Rita from Rest & Relax will be returning the key that they had when they cleaned the town offices.

Carrie Peters from the Planning Commission mentioned that on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Groton Community Building, there will be a hearing for the Groton Town Plan. Carrie said the Groton Town Plan is online and at the Groton Town Office.

Brent Smith, Road Commissioner, mentioned that on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM is the Annual Roads meeting with Shauna at the Groton Community Building.

A motion was made by Deborah Jurist that the Groton Selectboard endorses and authorizes as town functions the Groton Community Club Annual Chicken Pie Supper along with the day-long Fall Foliage Festival activities to be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017. The endorsement and authorization includes the preparatory and clean up of October 5-8, 2017 and gives permission for the use of the Groton Community Building and grounds for these activities, Wade seconded and motion passed.

The orders were signed and mail was looked at.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting on April 20, 2017

Meeting Called to Order

Review/Approve Minutes - April 6, 2017

Financials/Budget Update - Personnel Policy updates

AED's - Peter Lyon/Dan Robinson/ Dorothy Knott/Kathy Lamberton

Department Updates - Highway - RFP 6 wheeler; Library - Amazon Account, Personnel Policy;

Maintenance - review insurance audit

Open to Public & Other Business

Sign Orders & Correspondence Mail

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjourn

Wade made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM, Deborah seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Johnson
Selectboard Secretary

Mary Grant, Chair

Wade Johnson, Sr.

Deborah Jurist