

Town of Groton, Vermont - Select board Minutes June 15, 2017 (approved)

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

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Brent Smith, Linda Nunn, Derek Curtis, Kitty Diggins, and Dave Spencer

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

Review/Approve Minutes

Deborah Jurist made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2017, Wade Johnson seconded and motion passed.

Financials/Budget Update

Put on hold until next meeting.

Highway/Brent Smith - Road classification, Railroad bed

The final Better Back Roads Project on the Glover Road Project paper work was signed by the Select board. A motion was made by Wade to accept the Better Back Roads Project on the Glover Road, Deborah seconded, motion passed.

Brent explained the new improved PILOT Project offered by Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). It is called the **Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Pilot Project**. The Town of Groton will be applying for \$5800.

A motion was made by Deborah Jurist for the letter of intent to apply for the RPG/DEC Municipal Road Grants in Pilot Project, Wade Johnson seconded, and motion passed.

There was discussion on getting the culvert from Daryl Matthews that is going to be put in the Heath Brook Road. A motion was made by Deborah Jurist to proceed with the culvert project on the Heath Brook Road with a waiver of the existing procurement policy allowing for request for proposals. There will be 3-4 quotes, Wade Johnson seconded and motion passed.

Brent mentioned that he talked with 2 contractors about the sidewalks. It would cost \$14 a linear foot to repave the sidewalks. Brent said the existing sidewalks were done some time back in 1968. Mary Grant read the email from Lisa on the sidewalk grant money. Brent said there is about 1700 feet of sidewalk to pave which will cost about \$23,800 at \$14 a foot. A motion was made by Deborah Jurist to authorize Brent Smith to move forward to get bids on the sidewalk paving, Wade Johnson seconded and motion passed. The funds for this project will be used from the \$25,900 that is in the reserves for the sidewalks and the \$42,400 grant money will not be used.

Brent did not have the information on the road classifications so this will be discussed at the next Select Board meeting. The railroad bed needs to be looked at and possibly classified as a trail. Brent believes that if we designate the railroad bed as a trail then the town would be eligible for FIMA Funds.

Town Clerk/Linda Nunn - Central VT Humane Society Contract

Linda said someone turned a cat from Groton in to the Central VT Humane Society without Linda knowing. A bill for this has been received as well as a contract for such services going forward. Linda is going to give each Select Board member a copy of this bill and contract to read. It will be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.

Linda has had a number of complaints about the Welcome to Groton sign on the east side of town because the hay and scarecrow from Fall Foliage Day are still there. Linda gave the Select Board a poem to be put in the minutes that is below:

A LITTLE STORY - This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

The Select board wants a letter to be sent to the Community Club reminding them that anything they put up in town needs to be taken down.

The Select board wants to thank Melvin and Linda Nunn for taking down the hay bale and scarecrow.

Linda said that Matt Nunn has gotten permission from Janet Puffer to stain or repaint the town signs and Matt has said he will not charge for doing the painting.

Lister/Kitty Diggins - Grand List & Web Program

Kitty said that she had launched the abstract Grand List that starts the grievance process. The grievances need to be received by Tuesday, June 27th at 5:00 PM. On June 29th and 30th from 5-7 PM appointments will be made to discuss the grievances.

Kitty said she has been working on the web program with Dave Spencer's help and Tim from CAI Technologies. Kitty said she will be working next week with Mica, the programmer on the new web program.

Fast Squad/Derek Curtis - Replacement of Rescue 1

Derek asked for guidance as the Fast Squad moves forward in replacing Rescue 1. Derek said it is the most used vehicle, goes out on every call, needs repairs, and has high mileage. As of right now there is \$60,000 in the reserve fund for a new rescue vehicle. Brent mentioned that the frame is in very bad shape on the Fast Squad vehicle. Derek said a new vehicle would cost from \$100,000 to \$120,000. There is a wide price range for a used vehicle. There is a question as to whether they want a used or new vehicle. Wade mentioned that it might be possible to add another vehicle onto the lease that the Fire Truck has. The Select Board asked Derek to bring all options on the purchase of a new/used rescue

vehicle to the next Select board meeting. There was also discussion about the fact that money for a new vehicle, beyond the amount in the reserves, has not been budgeted.

Mary said that not enough money is being put into the reserve funds for vehicles needed by the town. The capital plan needs to address this issue.

Mark Shallberg - Update on Memory Wall/Survey

There is a meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM with the Cilley's, TruLine and a representative of the Select Board.

RFP Gutters & Roof Painting

Dan Robinson will be reminded that he is to bring the information on the RFP for Gutters and Roof Painting to the next Select Board meeting.

Open to Public & Other Business

Mary mentioned that the Library Trustees will meet with Trish and make their decision on the Library and then bring that decision to the Select Board.

Linda Nunn brought up an issue of garbage being left at the park that people are leaving after having ice cream from the Artesano's. A letter will be sent to the Artesano's asking them if it would be possible for them to put a garbage can in the park for their customers to use.

Deborah Jurist updated the Select Board on items to be recycled in the Town of Groton. Deborah brought up that our zoning bylaws need more information and clarity in them.

Sign Orders & Open Mail

Orders were signed by the Select Board and mail was opened.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Meeting called to order

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Financials/Budget Update - Fire Dept. Assoc., Library Friends & Fast Squad Acct

Department Updates - Highway/Brent Smith - Road Classifications/Railroad bed, RFP Sidewalk, RFP

Paving, Request for Quotes Heath Brook Rd; Town Clerk/Linda Nunn - Central VT Humane Society

Contract; Fast Squad/Derek Curtis - Replacement of Rescue 1

Mark Shallberg - Update on Memory Wall/Survey

Dan Robinson - RFP Gutters & Roof Painting

Town of Groton signs

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Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Johnson
Select board Secretary

Mary Grant, Chair

Wade Johnson, Sr.

Deborah Jurist