

Town of Groton, Vermont - Select board Minutes November 16, 2017 (approved)

Select board Members in Attendance: Deborah Jurist and Mary Grant

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Dorothy Knott, Wade Johnson, Jr., James Downing, Mark Shallberg, Daniel Robinson, Linda Nunn, Mary Ellen Boyce, David Boyce, Carrie Peters, Marshall Robinson, and Lisa Hart.

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

Deborah moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2017 with one correction, Mary seconded and motion passed.

### **Railroad Bed**

Deborah made a motion to appoint Kitty Diggins, Dave Spencer, Jimmy Cilley and Brent Smith to the Railroad Bed Committee, Mary seconded and motion passed. Anyone that is interested can join this committee. Deborah asked Mary Ellen Boyce specifically and repeatedly if she wanted to be appointed. Mary Ellen declined. The next meeting is December 1, 2017 at 6 PM at the Groton Community Building. At this meeting, the regular meeting schedule will be scheduled.

### **Mark Shallberg - update on user agreement for gym/kitchen**

No new information.

### **Fire - selling of old R1**

Dorothy said the old R1 has been emptied and a For Sale Sign on it and will be advertising it. Dorothy said there are a couple of people interested.

### **Town Clerk/Linda - dog issue**

Linda mentioned that there are 30 dogs in town that were licensed in 2016 that have not been licensed in 2017 and by doing the dog survey in town, it has been discovered that there are more dogs in town that are not licensed. Letters will be sent out to tell these people that their dogs need to be licensed next year by the first of April. The state authorizes fines up to \$500 and impounding of the dogs if they are not licensed.

### **Financials/Budget Update - Budget, BC/BS Insurance**

Lisa said the Recreation Committee is donating \$1500 towards the new backboard in the gym. Lajeunesse is purchasing the supplies and Groton Timberworks is going to be putting the backboard up. Lisa also mentioned that the Recreation Committee has chose Project Graphics in Burlington, Vermont for the new town banners with the town logo on them. Deborah mentioned that the town needs a better informational sign out front of the Community Building that announces meetings and events. Lisa mentioned that last weekend there was a self defense class (put on by the Recreation Committee) that was attended by 23 people.

At this time, Dan Robinson went over the details of the grant that the town received for the Basketball Backboard on the stage in the gymnasium. The process of raising matching funds has begun. Dan also went over the details of the installation of the backboard. Deborah made a motion to support the effort to go forward with the new backboard in the gymnasium, Mary seconded and motion passed.

Deborah made a motion to approve the renewal package for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance, Mary seconded and motion passed.

**Open to Public & Other Business**

There was some discussion about the last Railroad Bed meeting.

Deborah mentioned that Lisa and Carrie have found statutes preventing parking on the sidewalk in town in the Traffic Ordinance and in the State Statutes. Jim Downing has talked to people again about not parking on the sidewalk. It is clear now that the town has the authority to issue warnings and fines for parking on the sidewalk.

Jim Downing mentioned that he went the day after the Fall Foliage Parade to pick up the road closed signs and they were gone. The signs have not been found, trying to locate them.

**Highway/Brent Smith - Better Back Roads**

Brent Smith said the grader is fixed and back in service and have got the sand for the winter. There was discussion on who is allowed to use the sand at the town garage. The process will stay the same as it has been. Mary signed the Better Back Roads grant form.

**Sign Orders & Open Mail**

The orders were signed and mail opened. A letter was received from Oreste Reader about the Lake Groton Association wanting insurance from the town. A letter needs to be sent to the Lake Groton Association to come to a Select Board meeting to explain why they need this insurance.

**Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Dec. 7, 2017**

- Meeting called to order
- Adjustments to Agenda
- Review/Approve Minutes of Nov. 16, 2017
- Matt Puffer - septic/property
- Department Updates
  - Highway/Brent Smith - Better Back Roads
- Financials/Budget Update - Budget
- Open to Public & Other Business
- Sign Orders & Open mail
- Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Dec. 21, 2017
- Adjourn

Ongoing topics:

\*Cilley's Property

\*Railroad Bed

Deborah made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM, Mary seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Johnson

Select Board Secretary

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Mary Grant, Chair

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Deborah Jurist