

Town of Groton, Vermont - Select board Minutes November 2, 2017 (approved)

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

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Lise Shallberg, Henry Knott, Stephen Robbins, Derek Curtis, Wayne Knott, Brent Smith, Mark Shallberg, Jim Downing, Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino, Leonard Doscinski, Paul Keenan, Lisa Hart, Carrie Peters and David Boyce.

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

Deborah moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017, Wade seconded and motion passed.

Woodsville Ambulance - Stephen Robbins

Mr. Robbins said that the rate increase will be \$3 per capita for the year 7/2018-7/2019. Based on a population of 1013 people, the cost for Groton for the 2018/2019 year will be \$19,753.50.

Ryegate Select Board - discuss FAST Squad, FAST/Fire 911 signs

There were handouts given to both Groton and Ryegate Select Boards of the last couple of year's total number of calls in Groton and Ryegate, the cost that Groton has spent on the FAST in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to the end of October and the list of the FAST members from Groton and Ryegate. A member of the Ryegate Select Board asking the Groton FAST to have a meeting at their station once a month to get some interest in the Ryegate people to join the FAST squad. The Ryegate Select Board asked if they could be billed on a quarterly basis for calls, supplies, etc. Groton Select Board agreed that this would be a great way to go forward. Lisa Hart, the Groton treasurer will look into the process of this. It was mentioned that the FAST Squad has a hard time finding homes in Ryegate that don't have the reflective 911 number signs.

Update on Railroad Bed

There was a meeting on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017 to discuss the Railroad Bed. Deborah suggested that the Select Board appoint Gary Lamberton as Co-Chair of the Committee of the Board to foster the Railroad Bed being turned into a trail. Deborah Jurist will be Co-Chair of the Committee. Deborah said the meetings and minutes will be posted to keep the communications open. Deborah made a motion to appoint Gary Lamberton as Co-Chair of the Railroad Bed Committee, Wade seconded and motion passed.

Highway/Brent Smith - Better Back Roads

Brent mentioned that the grader is broken down and being repaired at approximately \$8000. Brent is still working on the two projects for the Better Back Roads which are a culvert on the Goodfellow Rd, and some work on ditching on Fuller Hill Road.

Mark Shallberg/update on user agreement for gym/kitchen

There was a lot of discussion on lending tables and chairs out from the Community Building. The tables and chairs are being damaged and stolen. There was also a discussion on the possibility of having a

manager that is in charge of the Community Building. The committee is going to meet again and discuss a deposit for the use of the gym and how it will work. Linda had done some research and received copies of other town's agreements for the use of their buildings. The committee will go over them.

Cilley Property Update

There is no new information at this time.

Financials/Budget Update - Budget, BC/BS Insurance

Lisa handed out the budgets which are at 84% for the Select Board to review. Lisa said it is time to renew the BC/BS Health Insurance. Deborah mentioned that some insurance policies have changed so Lisa needs to compare last years with this year to see if there have been any changes made and bring back to the next Select Board meeting.

Lisa mentioned that the Fire Department has asked for another recycle bin to be put inside their building which will cost an additional \$20 per month. The Select Board is not going to act on this purchase order at this time. Lisa also mentioned she received an invoice for \$830 from VLCT PACIF for the Fire Department 2016 final audit of Workman's Comp. Insurance.

Lisa mentioned the Recreational Committee is working with 2 different companies to make banners for the poles in Groton village. Lisa has gotten approval from Green Mountain Power to put these banners up.

Open to Public & Other business

There was some discussion on the CEDC with the capital plan with each department. There is a meeting on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Sign Orders & Open Mail

The orders were signed and mail opened.

Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Nov. 16, 2017

Meeting called to order

Review/Approve Minutes of Nov, 2, 2017

Department Updates:

Highway/Brent Smith - Better Back Roads

Mark Shallberg & Committee - update on user agreement for gym/kitchen

Financials/Budget Update - Budget, BC/BS Insurance

Ongoing topics - Railroad Bed process, and Cilley Property

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Adjourn

Wade made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, Deborah seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Johnson
Select Board Secretary

Mary Grant, Chair

Wade Johnson, Sr.

Deborah Jurist