

Town of Groton, Vermont - Select board Minutes October 10, 2017 (approved)

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

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Lynne Palmer, Phillip Palmer, Mark Shallberg, Brent Smith Kimberly Thief, Shaun Stetson, Wayne C. Knott, Henry Knott, Dorothy L. Knott, Daniel Avery, Justin Carle, James Downing, Lise Shallberg, Jim Cilley, Lisa hart, Carrie Peter, Kitty Diggins, Linda L. Nunn, Stanley Pierce , Chub Bruleigh, Brent Abare, Brenda Bruleigh, David Tillberg, Amy Alexander, and Gary Lamberton

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

Deborah moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2017 with one correction, Wade seconded and motion passed.

**Gary Lamberton - Buckaroos/Dick Page Ride In in February of 2018**

Wade made a motion to approve the Dick Page Ride In on Feb. 10, 2018 at the town garage, Deborah seconded, and motion passed.

**Update on Railroad Bed Definitions and set date for special meeting/Dave Spencer, Kitty Diggins and Brent Smith**

Gary Lamberton made a map of all the abutters to the Railroad Bed. The process of converting the Rail Road Bed into a Trail is going forward. There is a meeting Friday, October 13 at 4:00 PM at the Groton Community Building and anyone is welcome to come.

**Highway/Brent Smith - sand bids, Better Back Roads**

Brent has not heard from Topsham on the sand. On the Better Back Roads, the town needs to come up with a project by Nov. 17, 2017.

**Town Clerk/Linda Nunn - Animal Control Contract**

Linda said the animal control is working well. She had a dog picked up on Sat., Oct. 7, 2017. Deborah made a motion to approve the contract from Michele Boyer from East Orange, VT for Animal Control Services in the Town of Groton, Wade seconded and motion passed.

Linda Nunn commented about water containers being filled up with the town water. This issue will be put on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

**Fire Dept. - purchase of R1 from Clinton, NJ**

LT. Henry Knott, and Derek Curtis are Head of Service for the FAST Squad. LT. Henry Knott gave a power point presentation on the used Rescue Truck Replacement from Clinton, NJ that the Fire Dept would like to purchase. The Fire Department has voted unanimously to purchase this used truck from Clinton, NJ for \$57,000 which will come from the Emergency Vehicle Reserve Fund. Chief Wayne Knott and Henry Knott did go to New Jersey to look at this rescue truck.

The total cost for this Rescue Truck from Clinton, NJ

Vehicle	\$57,000
Transport vehicle to VT*	500
Configuration & Re-lettering	1,500
Title, Registration & Inspection*	500
TOTAL COST	\$59,500

\*Estimates

There was a short discussion on the rescue vehicle from Clinton, NJ. Deborah made a motion that this be a sole source contract, to purchase the Used Rescue Truck from Clinton, NJ for \$57,000, which is in agreement with the town's purchasing policy and in the capital plan. Money to purchase the Used Rescue Truck will come from the Emergency Vehicle Reserve Fund, and when old rescue vehicle is sold, the money is to go back into the Emergency Vehicle Reserve Fund, Mary seconded and motion passed.

### **Cilley Property Update**

There was discussion about Roberts Rules of Order. Brent Abare, the moderator of the special meeting will contact VLCT on this issue and bring back the information to the Select Board. The main question is whether the moderator can break a tie vote, when the vote is done by ballot with his voice vote, provided he didn't already vote. The Select Board decided to make a decision by Monday, October 16, 2017 by 5:00 PM and email their answer to Amy Alexander.

### **Financials/Budget Update - VLCT Pacif Insurance Renewal, Budget Items**

Lisa handed out budgets at the end of September and at 75%. The Select Board needs to review them and email Lisa of their questions before the next Select Board meeting on Oct. 26, 2017. A motion was made by Deborah to approve the VLCT Pacif Insurance Renewal, Wade seconded and motion passed.

The Select Board decided to have all departments' email their budgets to Lisa Hart, the Treasurer and to all the Select Board Members by November 10th and the Budget Meeting will be on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm.

### **Open to Public & Other Business**

Deborah suggested that in next year's town report that there be a list of all Select Board members in the past years and dedicate the town report to them.

### **Sign Orders & Open Mail**

The Select Board signed the orders. A letter will be sent to Stephen Robbins asking him to come to one of the next two Select Board meetings to discuss this issue. A letter needs to be sent to the Ryegate Select Board to discuss the rates they are paying for the Groton/Ryegate FAST Squad.

The Select Board will set a Code of Conduct for their Select Board meetings in the future. This will be put on the next agenda. Jim Downing has been asked to come to the Select Board meetings.

Mary made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50 PM on contracts that are pending, Deborah seconded and motion passed.

Mary made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 PM with a decision to contact Reid & Balivet to negotiate a contract as the town attorney, Deborah seconded and motion passed.

**Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Oct. 26, 2017**

Meeting called to order

Review/Approve Minutes - Oct. 10, 2017

Update on Railroad Bed Definitions

Department Updates - Highway/Brent Smith - sand bids, Better Back Roads; Town Clerk/Linda Nunn - Water issue

Cilley Property Update

Code of Conduct for meetings

Financials/Budget Update - Budgets

A possibility of having Ryegate SelectBoard and Woodsville Rescue Ambulance at this meeting.

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Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Nov. 2, 2017

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Johnson  
Select Board Secretary

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Mary Grant, Chair

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Wade Johnson, Sr.

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