

Town of Groton, Vermont – Select Board Minutes of August 30, 2018 (approved)

Select Board Members in Attendance: Wade Johnson, Sr., and Deborah Jurist

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Lisa Hart, Carrie Peters, Mark Shallberg, Lise' Shallberg, Brent Abare, Linda Nunn, Joe Dennis, Tina Brandt, Kelly Joslin, Joseph Biengardo, Bill Paton, Brent Smith, Wayne Knott, Dorothy L. Knott, James Downing, Larry Daniels, Cathy Ricker, Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb, Judy Murray, Judy Colby, Bobbi Beck, Dan Webster, Tiffany Hall, Brenda Bogie, Kathleen Lamberton, Linda Carbee, Karen Lakin, Mary Grant, Brian Wohlleb, Julie Oliver, Tracy Puffer, Carrie Bogie, Jen Dubie, Todd Powers, and Kelly Emerson

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

Deborah made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2018, Wade seconded, motion passed.

Adjustments to Agenda

No adjustments made.

Joe Dennis – The Bell

Joe Dennis said the bell was a memorial for Ida Dennis. The Dennis family had concerns that the bell needed to be moved due to an insurance issue with the hazard of ice and snow falling in which a person has been hit. Lise Shallberg read what the PACIF insurance said. Mr. Dennis stated that the Select Board approached the Dennis family five years ago to have the bell moved to a different location and were told that there were no funds to move the bell. The Dennis family donated \$1500 to have the bell moved to the space over the doorway. The Dennis family wants to move on and work with the town as a team to get the bell put out front on the town lawn. Mark Shallberg will meet with Joe Dennis to show him the sketches that he has. It was stated that the bell was on several previous agendas this year.

Michael Nahmias - Agency of Natural Resource/Montpelier

Mr. Nahmias was not at the meeting.

Highway/Brent Smith – open RFP's for Paving, Roadside Mowing and Crushing

The RFP's were not ready to be opened tonight. Next year the town will have to check into a different place to get sand.

Brent said the culvert has been put in and is almost complete. The Better Roads project is underway. Phillip Palmer is still limited to what he can do at work.

Admin. Asst./Lise - updates

The speed sign will be received in town on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

There was a discussion on when the town and highway septic were cleaned. Lise will contact B & B Septic to have all the town's septic cleaned.

Lise will contact Robco to let them know the railing project will need to be put on hold for now, because the support posts need to be replaced first. Deborah said we need to work on getting the bell moved and asked to put the railing on the Sept. 20 meeting to be discussed further.

Financials/Lisa – reserve accounts, purchase for AED adult pads and battery

Lisa said the tax bills will be mailed August 31, 2018.

The reserve accounts were discussed. Wade will pick out a couple to discuss at each meeting and let Lisa know so she can have the proper paperwork.

Lisa said it is \$169 for the adult pads and \$75 for the batteries for the AED that was donated for the Community Building.

Deborah made a motion to purchase the adult pads and batteries and use money from the Community Building Reserve Fund, Wade seconded, motion passed.

Constable – update on the speed sign

Jim returned his old and new cell phone to the town.

Health Officer/Dan Webster – library issues

Dan said Rural Edge has taken care of everything that they were supposed to. Two weeks ago, Dan went into the library and found a table in front of the back door. Also, the elevator has not been fixed. Lise will write a letter to the Chair of the Trustees about these two issues.

Fire Dept. – Dry Hydrant Grant

The Fire Dept got a grant from the VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force State/Federal to repair a dry hydrant which is behind Clark's Landing at \$4500, the town's share is \$1500. The Select Board signed the grant.

Act 46 Update

Brent Abare was not in attendance at this time.

Veteran's Memorial Park – Baby Swing is cut/not usable, gazebo needs painting

Mark will look at the swing and gazebo at the Veteran's Memorial Park to see what needs to be done. The Select Board will also look at the park to see what needs to be done.

The question was asked who is responsible for taking care of the Gazebo and the Playground equipment and it was said the town.

Civil Ordinance – make decision

The word uninspected vehicles need to be added under junk cars.

Act 46 – update

Brent Abare is now in attendance.

Brent Abare reported that he was on the Agenda at the Ryegate Select Board meeting on Monday, August 27th, however, he was taken off the agenda and not allowed to speak.

At the School Board meeting on Aug. 22nd the BMU School Board voted 8 to 1 to table the binding vote on High School Choice until Sept. 22nd.

There was more discussion on Act 46.

Update on Cilley Property

The closing date has been moved out further.

Railroad Bed Ordinance

Gavin Reid can attend the forum on September 14, 2018. The Railroad Bed Ordinance will be posted on the Groton website for people to read and the input meeting will be posted.

Open to Public & Other Business

Dan Webster brought up a zoning permit that had been disallowed in Dec. 18, 2017. The denying of the permit was not done at a Select Board meeting. A different permit for the same property has now been approved.

Tracy Puffer brought up that she has some seniors that want to do some work in the cemetery for their exit project. The seniors would find out who all the veterans are and put the flags in the cemetery before Memorial Day and hand clean some of the stones. Tracy Puffer will contact Aaron Smith who is the Cemetery Commissioner about this project.

Sign Orders

The orders were signed

Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Sept. 6, 2018

Meeting called to order

Review/Approve Minutes of August 30, 2018

Adjustments to Agenda

Department Updates:

Highway/Brent Smith

Admin. Asst./Lise – updates

Financials/Lisa – Reserve Accts.

Maintenance/Mark – bell, and park

Act 46 update

Open to Public & Other Business

Sign Orders

Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Sept. 20th, 2018

Adjourn

To Do List: Library – moving of table & elevator; Nathan Puffer – agreement from lawyer, PACIF, 9/14/18 forum on RR Bed Ordinance; 9/17/18 special meeting on petition on Act 46, and Cilley Property

Deborah made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM, Wade seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Johnson

SB Secretary

Wade Johnson, Sr., Chair

Deborah Jurist