

Town of Groton, Vermont - Select board Minutes Jan. 4, 2018 (draft)

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

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Lisa Hart, Carrie Peters, Mark Shallberg, Mary Ellen Boyce, and Barbara Johns.

No adjustments to agenda.

**Executive Session - "Confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose to providing professional legal services to the body"**

A motion was made by Deborah to go into executive session at 6:35 pm to talk about confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body, Wade seconded and motion passed. A motion was made by Wade at 6:55 pm to come out of executive session with no action taken, Deborah seconded and motion passed.

**Financials/Budget Update**

Lisa handed out the final budget as of 12/31/17 and the 2017 actual and 2018 proposed budget for the Select Board to look at for the next special Select Board meeting to finalize on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

The Question of renting Gym and Tables & Chairs had been reviewed again? - Mark Shallberg said they have not met again and assume they will again soon. Lisa stated the revenues for 2017 Community Building Rental was \$3142. Lisa also explained that a \$50.00 deposit was being collected prior to renting the gym now.

Lisa said that Glenna Pound will be coming on Jan. 18 to help to close out the end of the year and help write the bid for the upcoming general audit.

Carrie Peters, the Delinquent Tax Collector updated the Select Board with the total of taxes that are still delinquent.

Total amounts still delinquent

Year 2015- \$7185.77,

Year 2016 -\$5740.06

Year 2017-\$100,565.28

The Town of Groton Winter Operations Plan was handed out with the changes that were made at the previous Select Board meeting. Wade made a motion to approve the Town of Groton Winter Operations Plan, Deborah seconded and motion passed.

A letter was presented to SB to review, from the Fire Dept stating they had voted in a new Fire Chief, Wayne Knott. Deborah made a motion to approve Wayne Knott for Fire Chief, Mary seconded, motion passed.

**Open to Public & Other Business**

It was requested, by Barbara Johns, that an addition be made to the minutes of the Dec. 21, 2017 meeting regarding the exchange of words about the slippery condition of the paths outside the Community Building. She also requested that a copy of the digital recording of that meeting be sent to her via email. Debra Johnson will send the recording to Barbara.

There was concern about the procedures being used to run the RR Bed Committee, and the content of their report for the Town Warning. The RR Bed Committee will be meeting on Jan. 5, and the report for the Town Warning will be reviewed.

Deb Johnson will check the recording of the Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting carefully to find the comments about the ramp and send a written copy to the SB for review before our next meeting.

**Sign Orders & Open Mail**

The orders were signed and mail opened.

**Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Jan. 18, 2018**

- Meeting called to order
- Review/Approve Minutes of Jan 4 and 11, 2018
- Adjustments to Agenda
- Department Updates -
- Highway/Brent Smith
- Listers
- Library
- Constable/Jim - parking on sidewalk
- Financials
- Open to Public & Other Business
- Sign Orders & Open Mail
- Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on Feb. 1, 2018
- 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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Deborah Jurist