

Town of Groton, Vermont – Select Board Minutes of September 6, 2018 (approved)

Select Board Members in Attendance: Wade Johnson, Sr., and Aaron Smith

Attendance for the meeting included: Debra Johnson, Lisa Hart, Carrie Peters, Lise Shallberg, Mark Shallberg, Brent Smith, Todd Powers, Dawn Lazzara, Tiffany Hall, Carrie Bogie, Bobbi Beck, Peter Baker, Deana Baker, Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb, Karen Lakin, Larry Daniels, Mary Grant, Phillip Palmer, and Linda Carbee

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

Aaron made a motion to approve the August 30, 2018 minutes with corrections, Wade seconded, motion passed.

Adjustments to Agenda

No adjustments

Highway/Brent Smith

Nothing to report.

Admin. Asst./Lise – updates

Lise contacted B & B Septic to have all three town septic tanks pumped out on Tuesday, September 18th. Deborah Jurist asked if it was okay to have both notices of the Railroad Bed meeting on Sept. 14, 2018 and the warned meeting on the articles on Sept. 17, 2018 put in the Bridge Weekly. The Select Board all agree to having it put in the Bridge Weekly.

Lise had the letter to the Library Trustee Chair for the Select Board to sign.

Wade made a motion to have all 3 septic systems in the Town of Groton by B & B Septic on Sept. 18, 2018, Aaron seconded, motion passed.

Financials/Lisa – Reserve Accounts

The reserve accounts were discussed. Wade chose the Emergency Services Building Fund and Emergency Vehicle Fund to discuss at the next Select Board meeting. The Community Building Reserve Fund needs to be discussed at the budget meeting. Mary Grant said there is some projects going to be done that are going to be taken from the Community Building Reserve Fund.

Lisa ordered the Zoll supplies for the AED that were needed.

Lisa handed out the budgets at 67%.

Lisa said the first week of collecting taxes, the town collected \$65,000.

Maintenance/Mark – update on Veteran’s Memorial Park and the Bell

Mark met with Joe, Gary and Kelly from the Dennis family about the planning stages for moving the bell and met again with Joe and Brent Smith. Wade just reminded them that this project needs be done very soon.

Mark showed some pictures that he took of the Veteran’s Memorial Park. There is a lot of work to be done. The Select Board asked Mark to bring a list of things that need to be done to the next Select Board meeting.

Carrie Bogie said she will look into grants for the play area at the Veteran’s Park for the town.

Act 46 update

Brent Abare wanted to update the Select Board on the research he is doing for the September 17th special meeting. Brent has had a teleconference with David Kelley and will be having another one with

him. One thing he asked Mr. Kelley was if it was appropriate for the Select Board to exercise actions outside the realm of the School Board. Mr. Kelley said the Select Board has every right to do this and encourages it.

Mr. Kelley is looking at 3 different specific courses of action to be taken. When he meets with Mr. Kelley again he will have these courses of action and bring to the special meeting on Sept. 17th.

Carrie Bogie said that the BMU School Board is not okay with the debt and with the issues with the property/building of the school. These are the same issues that will be discussed at the special town meeting on Sept. 17th. Carrie said BMU is not alone, other towns are involved also.

Wade apologized to Mrs. Beck for his unprofessional conduct at last week's Select Board meeting during the discussion on Act 46. Wade also apologized to anybody else who was offended at the Select Board meeting.

Open to Public & Other Business

There was a complaint that the side roads in Groton have not been mowed yet. Brent said there is an RFP out to find someone to do the mowing.

Sign Orders

The orders were signed.

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

Meeting called to order

Review/Approve Minutes of September 6, 2018

Adjustments to Agenda

Highway/Brent Smith – RFP for paving, roadside mowing and crushing

Admin. Asst./Lise – updates

Financials/Lisa – discussion on 2 Reserve Funds

Maintenance/Mark – update on Bell and Veteran's Memorial park, railing

Update on Sept. 14th and Sept. 17th meetings

Civil Ordinance

Joe Ferris – access to property on the Railroad Bed

Michael Nahmias – Agency of Natural Resources/Montpelier

Board of Directors from the Groton Community Meal Site

Act 46 update

Open to Public & Other Business

Sign Orders

Set Agenda for next Select Board meeting on September 20, 2018

Adjourn

To Do List: Trustees – elevator & removal of table; PACIF; Cilley Property

Aaron made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM, Wade seconded, motion passed

Respectively submitted,

Debra Johnson

SB Secretary

Wade Johnson, Sr., Chair

Aaron Smith