

Groton Village Board of Trustees

Monday March 15, 2021 7:00pm

7pm Mayor Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Board Members

Trustee Conger
Trustee Morey
Trustee Walpole - via Zoom
Mayor Neville
Trustee Holl

Others in attendance:

Nancy Niswender - Clerk
Chad Shurtleff - DPW Suprv.
Lee Shurtleff - Village Historian
Steve Teeter - Elec Suprv.
Mike Anderson - Code Officer
Charles Rankin - PT Admin
Lt. Troy Boice

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16 & 28, 2021 Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Audit of claims and approval thereof.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the claims presented for review.

The claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

Abstract #10

GENERAL	\$	21,914.67
WATER	\$	3,281.59
SEWER	\$	11,078.04
ELECTRIC	\$	136,003.52
JOINT REC	\$	540.00
CAPITAL	\$	3,300.00

Seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.

Action Items

- Trustee Morey made a motion to make a Resolution to adopt Police Reform Plan and to complete a certification to affirm the process has been compiled. Seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.
- Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the Village of Groton. Seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.
- Date and time set for annual organization meeting April 5, 2021 at 6:45pm
- Date and time set for public hearing tentative budget April 5, 2021 at 7:15 pm

New Building Discussion

Lt. Boice spoke with Tim Alger - Talked about doing the whole building- with a shell or doing 3 buildings. He talked with Don who said it would cost quite a bit more to go with a 3 building option. We will set up a meeting with them.

Monthly Department Reports:

Electric: Supervisor Teeter

- Finished Stray Voltage Testing
- Tree Trimming Program - Conger Blvd & Dog Hill
- Friday Bucket Truck going to Stadium In'tl to be looked at. Warranty runs out in April
- March 29, NYS Lineman Safety Training testing - Gloves, Switch Sticks and other equipment.

Fire Dept

- Burn Ban March 16th - May 14th
- Dryden Ladder Truck damaged in accident - this effects our response plan, but have worked it out.
- Had a discussion with Dempsey Ins - about liability in other areas. This is decided from Tompkins County Mutual Aid Agreements. We are covered for the entire call.
- BBQ - April 24th AFDSNY annual recruitment.
- July 2nd Fire works - date set - location TBD.
- Will be planning the Jr Fire fighter camp in case we are able to hold the camp.
- Will be planning for Groton Old Home Days.

Department of Public Works

Supervisor Shurtleff Reported:

February 16 – March 15, 2021

Completed Work/Projects:

- Plowing snow and salt as needed.
- Moving snow off narrow side streets.
- Assist a resident on Walpole Rd. with a sewer problem.
- Salt shed collapsed due to heavy snow.
- Repair pumps at the WWTP.
- Help at the Elementary school with snow removal.
- Repair the sludge auger at the WWTP.
- Warranty repairs done on the loader.
- Miscellaneous repairs to the backhoe.
- Repair broken plow cylinder on #46.
- Complete annual water withdrawal report.
- Move snow from the shooting range.
- Work on plugged drain lines at the office.
- Complete excavator training.

Schedule of Work

- Replace a fire hydrant at the Senior Housing.
- Water and sewer tap on Barrows St.
- Hydrant flushing in April.
- Will be getting the Street Sweeper going in the next few weeks
- Received insurance check for salt shed repair.

Code Officer Andersen Reported:

- Library finishing up - electrical inspection done.
- 501 Spring St - had electrical inspections - inside systems all up.
- New House going up on Barrows and Baken.
- 216 South Main - wants to put a duplex in - Building permit has been denied.
- Pinney's place - roof fell in. He notified them that they need to pull a permit and have it inspected.
- Will be sending out letters and will be doing Multi-resident inspections beginning April 1st.
- Trustee Holl and Mayor Neville asked about building cardboard and trash out in different areas to check out. Mike will research.

Police Department Report:

Lt Boice Reported:

- Police Reform Report has been finished.

Joint Rec - Trustee Conger reported:

Winter Programming: March 8th- April 7th

- **Youth Basketball- Max 20 participants**
 - Mondays 5-6pm, Boys Grades 4-6th - run by Marty Slade & Doug Portzline
 - Wednesdays 5-6pm, Girls grades 4-6th - run by Sue Bishop & Kelsey Adsitt
- **Youth Wrestling-**
 - Mondays 5-6pm, by coach invitation – run by Jeff Brockway & Jayme Evans
 - Babysitting Class- March 6th at the Legion community room. Max of 12 participants.

Spring Planning

- **Art Programming** - Color Theory Classes starting in April. These classes are funded by the Community Arts Partnership Grant. Classes will be held once per week at the legion for kids after school. Time and day of week TBD.
- **Youth baseball & Softball** registration is open. Any programming that is allowed, we will be doing. Younger groups are planned to be at the park and will be moved to school if possible. More planning is required for 10&12U. I'm hoping that outdoor field use at the school will be allowed by spring. We are seeing low registration numbers so far.
Youth Track- schedule TBD

Summer Planning

- Summer Concerts: Friday's 6:30-9pm
 - July 9- Richman & The Po'BoYz
 - July 16th- TBD
 - July 23rd- Steve Southworth
 - July 30th- Tink Bennette & Tailor Made
 - Aug 6th- Cruise Control
 - Aug 13th- Donna & The Mystics
 - Thursday Aug 26th- TBD Old Timers Band
- Food trucks at Concerts- MoMo's and Alexanders are splitting the concerts dates to serve food.
- July 4th Fireworks- TBD, DJ is tentatively scheduled.
- Summer Camps confirmed at this point are Art, Hiking, Trail Maint, and Sewing.
- Summer Booklet - We will do Flyers and have the information online.
- Farmer's Market with CCE. Can't get a hold of Graham from CCE by email or phone.
- Pool registration system for summer.
- Concert Grant held over from last year. Trail Grant.

Youth Services - Trustee Conger reported:

Report: Nick Wagner:

- Mondays program was Delicious Destinations Culinary Adventures. 9 children registered, average of 6 in attendance. Food recipes included Chinese, Mexican and Greek. The participants got to eat and discuss their likes and dislikes. And they got the opportunity to take home any leftovers, for their families to enjoy. For the last week of the program, they got to pick their own recipes. Nick bought the groceries and they got to cook.
Tuesday & Friday: Outdoor Adventures total 17 children. More sledding, fort building, campfire building & cooking, snow painting. One session included a snow art competition where prizes were awarded.
Wednesday: 15 participants. Awesome Science with the Ithaca Science Center. The programs included were kits for Rube Goldberg machines and Keva Blocks. Also included by Nick were origami and other engineering projects.
Thursday: Dance Lessons with Camille: 9 children. Working hard to perfect dances for a socially distanced, safe recital in the spring. This group continues to grow, with 4 sessions so far. Hoping to add a third session in the evening. A June 13 recital at 7:00PM is planned at the park. One parent is in the construction trades and has offered to build a stage.
Upcoming programs: Groton Food Pantry Helpers, Arts in Nature, continuing Dance and more Outdoor Adventures.

Report: Shelley Lester:

- Discussion of summer camp. The school has given the go-ahead for summer camp, in the usual rooms used in previous years. There are many hoops to jump through before this is a reality, but it is in the works!!! There will not be any "before and after" camp hours. Camp will run from 8:30 to 4:30. Capacity will be 40 kids. There will be a fee increase, unsure the amount. The Joint Youth Commission is capable of assistance. Work is being completed on the Annual Report and budgets for programs and camp. United Way requests are due.

7:36 Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss specific personnel concerns, and property items, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

9:07 Trustee Conger made a motion to return from exec session, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

9:08 Trustee Conger made a motion to suspend the meeting to the March 24, 2021 budget workshop at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Niswender
Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator

Groton Village Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:30pm

Village Board of Trustees meeting from Monday March 15, 2021 reconvened at 6:30pm

The Village Board and Budget Officer met to discuss the upcoming 2021-22 budget
The tentative budget was reviewed and will be updated.

8:30pm Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn.