

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session/
Building Committee Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022

In attendance: Tony Albert, Ron Madan, Robert Ellis, Casey Kuplin, Heath Matthews, Jeremy Haney, Ann Joyce, Jim Joyce and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant - AA)

Absent: John Rescigno

Tony called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Select Board and the building committee met at the site across from the Transfer Station to discuss and lay out where the building and salt and sand sheds should go on the site. They walked the land and discussed the size of the building, which will be about 45x75. Everyone was in agreement of where the building would go, which is close to the road. They walked the area where the building will go and set up stakes. It was agreed that before the Barnard's can come out to do the site plan and septic design, that the area where the building will go needs to be cleared. Tony asked Casey how much he would charge for this. Casey said it would take one day and would probably cost around \$1,500. Tony also asked what Barnard charges for site plan and septic design and Casey said he thinks it will be around \$2,100.00. There is a test well on the site for the transfer Station. Casey said that we will need to see how far away the septic needs to be from that. Casey said that he is going to be seeing Matt Barnard so he will ask that question and let him know what we are planning.

There was a lot of discussion about the possible options of where the salt and sand shed would go because the trucks would have to have enough room to turn around. It was mentioned that when the property was purchased, the Select Board at the time, which Miles was a part of, did meet with the neighbor and they had some agreements with the neighbor. Headlights shining into their yard was a concern. Sara will try to locate the minutes from this meeting so we can see what was agreed upon at that time.

They also discussed levelling out the land, where they would push the piles to and what grade looks like it would be best to work with. Tony asked Casey and Heath how much it would cost to do this. They think they would need about 3-4 days and they are thinking around \$20,000.00 but it could be more depending on what they find when they start working.

Tony explained that we have recently received some ARPA funds that he would like to use towards getting this project going but he cannot make that decision alone. Sara said that they Select Board has a work session on September 6, 2022 at 6:00pm where the Select Board can discuss their thoughts before the public hearing on the ARPA funds at 7:00pm that day. Then they can make a motion on how to spend these funds at the public hearing. After those meetings, we will have a better idea of how we want to move forward. The first step would be to clear where the building is going. Then we would have the Barnards come out and do a site plan and septic design. Then we would move forward from there. It was agreed to wait until this is all figured out before we schedule another building committee meeting.

Having no other business to conduct, Tony motioned to adjourn at 6:50pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant