

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2016

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere, John Rescigno and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board minutes of January 5, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Christina motioned to approve the work session minutes of January 5, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

John motioned to approve the Select Board minutes of January 12, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

Bob motioned to approve the work session minutes of January 12, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter from Owners of 559 North Groton Road/Feedback from Attorney

Sara sent the letter from 559 North Groton Road to the attorney for review and guidance. An Order to Remedy was issued previously requiring the owners to clean up by December 31, 2015. The owners emailed back that they have not been able to clean up and did not give any updated information on their time frame. The attorney responded with "We have a couple of options. We can wait and see, as we have been doing, or we can file an action in the district court. What will happen then is that the court will order them to clean up the property, they won't do it, and then the court will allow the town to clean up the property and lien the property for the expense."

Bob doesn't think that we should go the court route. John said that we have been dealing with this for so long and have tried other options and nothing is working. John said by not moving forward it would allow everyone to do this. Christina thinks we should take the next step as well. This is a health hazard and could be a safety hazard. They were supposed to come up with a tractor and something happened to the tractor. Christina also explained that the Board has been working with this property owner for over a year.

Sara will contact the attorney and let her know that the Select Board would like to next the step.

Oath of Office for Ruth Millett

Ann Joyce had filled out these forms with Ruth Millett and John and Bob signed these last week. However, there was an issue with the originals so the forms need to be signed again. **Christina motioned to sign the Oath of Office for Ruth Millett, John 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Kyle Andrews- Animal Control

Kyle wanted to talk to the Select Board to see what they thought about putting a dog kennel at the Highway Department on the second floor for dogs to be held until their owners can pick them up. The last time they put one here at the Town House, the dog got out of the cage and opened the door at the top of the stairs and was running through the building. Kyle would get a piece of linoleum for under the kennel and get a new kennel. The one he is looking at is about \$250.00 at Tractor Supply and this will come out of his budget. The Board agreed that this was a good idea. Sara will see if she has any extra keys for the garage.

Rumney Ambulance and Fire Services Agreement

Rumney sent in the agreement for the ambulance and fire service agreement so the Town could use this to prepare for the budget. The current contract does not expire until March 31, 2016. Sara reached out to Rumney and asked them to be more specific with the coverage area. The Rumney Administrative Assistant emailed Sara back and stated "the areas that the Rumney EMS cover are outlined by run cards at Lake Region Dispatch. All run cards are managed by the Town's Fire Chief, so through the fire chief I have requested those run cards. So I hope to have the coverage area soon." **Christina motioned to table the Rumney Ambulance and Fire Services Agreement until next week's meeting, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

MS-60 from Debra Lindsey

Debra Lindsey had mailed the MS-60, which is the report of the local auditor, for the Select Board to review. The Select Board reviewed it and approved. Sara will send this to Department of Revenue. **Christina motioned to accept the MS-60 from Debra Lindsey, John 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Avitar inspections

Avitar will be out in the community from mid to late next week to visit the pick-ups. In addition, they will be out Friday to look at three properties that the Department of Revenue visited back in December.

Open Positions

Any resident of Groton can file a declaration of candidacy for these positions at the Town Clerk's office between January 20, 2016 and January 29, 2016.

Selectmen- 3 year term

Town Clerk/Tax Collector- 2 year term

Moderator- 2 year term

Trustees of the Trust Funds- 3 year term

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Library Trustee- 3 year term

Library Trustee- 2 year term
Library Trustee- 1 year term
Planning Board-3 year term
Planning Board-3 year term
Cemetery Trustee-3 year term
Zoning Board-3 year term
Zoning Board-3 year term
Supervisors of the Checklist-6 year term
Supervisors of the Checklist-2 year term
Town Auditor- 1 year term

Candidate night schedule

The Select Board scheduled two candidate nights for February 23, 2016 at 7pm and March 1, 2016 at 7pm.

First deliberative session- Newfound Area School District

The Newfound Area School District will conduct the First Deliberative Session for the Proposed School District Warrant on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Newfound Regional High School Auditorium. The make-up date in the event of an emergency postponement is Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm same location.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Wage Study

Kyle asked if we received the results from the wage study. The Select Board explained that they did and Sara will add it to the website under the Select Board section.

Library bulletin board

Elizabeth Jespersen inquired about putting up a bulletin board in the Library. The Select Board approved it being placed on the wall behind the table.

Library Meeting

The Library Trustees met last week with Michael York and Ann Huey on the Groton Public Library. Michael gave a lot of input. He said it is a stretch to call this a library, he said it is more like a bargain cellar. The Library Trustees are in a planning stage and are still talking to Hebron for more ideas. Michael said we could work with another town for library services, or a co-op. Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol is free to all Groton residents to use as part of the school district. If anyone has any comments or ideas they can contact Elizabeth and her contact information can be received from the Town.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:46pm, Bob 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant