

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2016

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

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Select Board minutes of January 19, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the work session minutes of January 19, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the non-public work session meeting minutes of January 19, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Health Trust Membership agreement

Health Trust sends a new agreement every year. This is the same as the past years. It has the different sections for the medical, cobra, and retirees. **Bob motioned to sign the HealthTrust membership agreement, John 2nd, so voted.**

Letter for missing information on intent to cut-Map 5 Lot 47, 28 Beaver Pond Rd

Mike Ethier submitted an intent to cut for Map 5 Lot 47 at 28 Beaver Pond Rd. He owes taxes so a bond is required. The letter explains this and asks for clarification on the acreage of the cut. **John motioned to sign the letter requesting more information for the intent to cut for Map 5 Lot 47, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Request for approval

Darlene asked for approval to remove Paula Stata from the signature cards since she has resigned. **Bob motioned to approve the removal of Paula Stata from all accounts, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Septic Issues

Bob explained that we have been having some septic issues and Rowell's Septic has been working on it. They will be providing a quote to replace the sewer line. John explained that whoever installed it did not install it correctly and the pitch is wrong and there is a strange bend in the line that does not allow the septic to run smoothly.

Elizabeth Jespersen asked if this issue is not resolved by the elections, will there be porta-potties. It was explained that the Board would like to have this resolved before then.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Wage Study

Kyle stated that he didn't see the wage study online and he asked if it was put there. Sara explained that there were a few things that were not correct so we are finalizing this and then will put it online after. This is getting worked on as we speak. It was explained that there is going to be another job description added for the Highway Department.

Kyle asked if the raises were already given. John confirmed that they have. Kyle asked if this was also for Glen Hanson, the Road Agent. John confirmed. He didn't understand why the increase wasn't waited on until it becomes an appointed position. It was explained that Glen wasn't even making the minimum according to the wage study.

Stipends

Ann Joyce asked when the last time the stipends were increased. It was explained that the increases would be submitted when the budgets are submitted.

Zoning Board appointment

The Zoning Board requested to appoint Otto Jespersen as the alternate for the Zoning Board. They had a meeting on Monday and it was agreed at that meeting. Sara explained that the Select Board doesn't appoint but that she did forward it to Ann Joyce. Ann mentioned that after the meeting she would be able to swear him into his appointment. The Zoning Board's next meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2016.

Chief Thompson- Fraudulent Calls

Some residents are receiving calls that state that you will be subpoenaed and you have to pay up front for the fine etc. EJ explained that you would not have to pay up front for the subpoena. If you are subpoenaed you will receive paper to report to the courts, so do not give any payment information over the phone.

John explained that there are a lot of frauds and suggested that the residents shouldn't pay anything on a call and to call the supposed company back. EJ said if you don't recognize the number let the answering machine answer it for you.

Having no other business to conduct, Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:26pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant