

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
March 22, 2016

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 8, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

**Bob motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of March 8, 2016 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 15, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 15, 2016 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of March 15, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

At this time there is nothing to update from Town Meeting items, as we have a lot of balls in motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Alan Barnard- Perambulation*

Alan called to change the perambulation meeting to April 5, 2016 at 7:15pm. He said that he is attending Alexandria's meeting that night so it would work better for him to have them both on the same night.

*MS-232*

Christina explained that the MS-232 is the official record of appropriations that were voted at Town Meeting. Sara had completed the MS-232, which the Select Board reviewed. **Christina motioned to approve and sign the MS-232, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Junkyard Inspections Timeline*

Ken Knowlton contacted Sara to see when the Select Board would like to start the inspections. **Christina motioned to table this until next week's meeting, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Corvus Training Group*

The Town received an email regarding the Corvus Training Group, which stated that a Training Group is trying to establish roots in Bradford, NH. A group was organized to oppose this and inquired on the Town of Groton's previous work with the military training group that was trying to establish roots in Groton about ten years ago and if anyone from that time frame might be available to discuss.

Christina explained that the Town itself didn't do a lot, as a private group was established to bring efforts to educate the public and oppose the then proposed military training. She believed it was spear headed by Michelle Dunn who lived in Dorchester at the time. Dave Leone believed that the group was called the Concerned Citizens for Regional Impact. At that time, Groton adopted an Interim Zoning Ordinance and then the next year Groton adopted a more formalized Zoning Ordinance. Sara will see if the group still exists and also refer the inquiry to the RSA's that discuss the creation of an Interim Zoning Ordinance. Sara will also see if Michelle Dunn is still in Dorchester and refer this attorney to her. The military training group was called the North American Training Lodge out of Hooksett.

#### *Septic design for 3 Kelly Lane*

The Town received a septic design for 3 Kelly Lane. Sara noticed there was only one copy provided by Hinds Septic design. Sara will contact them to get 3 more copies. **Christina motioned to table the septic design until next week's meeting, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

#### *Bridge Aid Grant*

Sara completed an application for an estimate for bridge aid grant. The State of NH Department of Transportation (DOT) would perform a preliminary estimate at no cost to the Town to get us started. **John motioned to sign the Application for preliminary estimate for bridge aid grant, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Rumney Fire Contract*

When the Board signed the EMS Contract with Rumney, they missed signing the Fire Contract. The Select Board reviewed, questioning that the coverage area was not added. Sara will ask the Town of Rumney to add the same line that they did for the EMS Contract and we can attach the map previously provided. **Christina motioned to table the Rumney Fire Contract until next week's meeting, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Request for extension of Intent to Cut*

The Town received a request for an extension of a Intent to Cut #15-193-04-T under Daniel Plumer for Map 2-115 and 2-115-4. Christina explained that we can approve this but she feels that they need to follow the road limits that are currently posted. **Christina motioned to approve Mr. Plumer's extension on the Intent to Cut as long as they do not exceed the road limits posted, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Wex Application*

The Town of Groton has been approved under the State of NH fuel program with a company called Wex, which allows for better pricing on fuel at participating providers. The paperwork for the drivers and vehicles was reviewed by the Board. The cards and Driver IDs will ship separately via standard US Post to arrive in 5 business days. **Christina motioned to sign the Wex Tax Exemption and Reporting Form, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Transfer Station Annual Report for 2015*

Sara and Joe Koslow complete the Transfer Station Annual Report for 2015. The Select Board reviewed. **Bob motioned to sign the Transfer Station Annual Report for 2015, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### *Fast Heal Virus*

Police Chief Thompson informed the Town that there is a scam virus going around from a company named Fast Heal. If you are not sure or have never heard of the company contacting you, then don't open the email or contact the Police Department with concerns.

#### *Non-Public Information Packet*

Dave Leone provided a packet with non-public information at a previous meeting. The Board has not reviewed but will do so upon John's return.

#### *Simula- Land Use Change Tax*

There is a dispute regarding the amount of the Land Use Change Tax for the Simula property. He is concerned with going from a \$4.00 bill to a \$2,300.00 bill. Avitar is reviewing and will be meeting with him but cannot meet until next week. Mr. Simula wanted the Select Board to do something about the tax, by giving an extension or waiving the interest. The Select Board stated that they will review it once Avitar meets with him and will make changes if needed at that time but has chosen not to grant any waivers before the meeting.

#### *Highway Department Meeting*

Christina mentioned that there will be a meeting with Highway Department on 4/12/16 at 4pm.

#### *Work Session Meeting minutes*

It was decided that the work session meeting minutes will be added to the Town's website. The Board agreed that these should be separate from the Select Board meeting minutes and to also have Sara put them on starting with January 2016.

#### *Road Committee Meeting*

Christina stated that she will be getting in touch with the members of the Road Committee to schedule a meeting in the next week or two.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

#### *Fuel Tank at Highway Department*

Dave Leone asked if there is still a tank at Highway Department. There is but the Board explained the new Wex application is giving additional options with a lower fuel rate.

#### *Website changes*

Jim Joyce mentioned that the website has many places that need to be updated. It was explained that we are aware and have just discussed some of those changes today during the

Work Session. Sara will be making updates by the end of the week. Dave Leone asked if the Junkyard Ordinance was online. Sara will add it to the website.

*Water issue*

Susan Jayne brought in pictures of a water runoff issue on North Groton Road that she feels is not running into the Town's culvert and creating erosion on the roadside and her driveway. This was originally brought up in December with the Road Agent, but is still an issue. Glen had reported that the water was running into the culvert but the pictures submitted show that it is not. The Select Board will meet with Glen at her property on 1159 North Groton Road to look at the issue on March 29 at 5:00pm.

*Trees*

Elizabeth Jespersen mentioned that there are some trees that are on the cemetery side of the property behind the Town Office building. John Faucher is looking at the trees to see if they need to be taken down. The Select Board is okay with the Cemetery Trustees addressing the concern with all three trees if needed. Elizabeth will keep the Board updated with the status of the trees and when they will be taken down if needed. She inquired on what should happen with the trees after they have been cut down. The Select Board explained that the Town usually does a pool of names interested and then they complete a drawing, but it is up to the Cemetery Trustees.

*Flag*

Ann Joyce mentioned that the flag at the Town House is getting ratty so Sara will look into ordering a new one or seeing if the old flag downstairs or the flag formerly at the Park will work.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 8:10pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant