

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2016

In Attendance: John Rescigno, Kyle Andrews and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Christina Goodwin

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 27, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of September 27, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of September 27, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of October 4, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

VISIT FROM DUANE BROWN:

Duane Brown introduced himself and explained that he is a NH State Representative. He is not here to speak politics, just wants to get the Town up to date on a few things.

In 2015 there were 501 House bills, 215 Senate bills for a total of 716 bills. The big story last year was the State budget. Mr. Brown cosponsored House Bill 332, which is notification to parents of course material dealing with sexuality and provides parents with a two week notice of any sex-education being taught in school.

In 2016 there were 751 House bills, 321 Senate bills for a total of 1072 bills. The big story is heroin and the opioid crisis. Last year there were 439 deaths due to illicit drugs and this year we are at 480 and counting. They came up with a three pronged approach which is treatment, enforcement and prevention. This year, Mr. Brown, sponsored one house bill and co-sponsored 12 bills total. The bill he sponsored was House bill 1396 which deals with OHRV use in Grafton County.

He recommended visiting the website www.gencourt.state.nh.us, which is a website used for tracking State and House RSA's, Bills, etc.

Mr. Brown reports that he received 50-400 emails a day from people around the State and he answers all of his emails. He is running again. He is pro-business, lower taxes, local control for things such as

education, lower energy costs, etc. He personally testified for quite a few different issues throughout his term.

John asked why we are throwing so much money into rehabilitation and not the pharmacies or doctors which are creating the issues? He said he doesn't have a real answer except that it is whoever is in the elected positions. We need people elected that are going to address the issue correctly. Elizabeth said that there are controls that certain doctors have that they can only prescribe so many patients these. John said that doctors are getting huge payoffs for these.

Slim asked Duane to explain the OHRV bill. How to join OHRV trail in Wentworth with one in Warren. They were told they couldn't. 2012 OHRV bill on state highways was passed. This has to be a trail that has been logged in Concord. In Grafton County there are only 4 trails and one has been shut down. This bill allows for use on State highway to connect one OHRV trail to another or for right of way. In order to do this then you have to have a public hearing with Town, DOT has to be involved, Fish and Game has to be involved. This will allow to OHRV to cross Route 25. This doesn't mean you can drive down the highway, it means to connect on trail with another. In Warren you can ride an OHRV on any Town Road but this has caused issues with some people. Duane believes that having these trails will keep them on the trails and not where they shouldn't be.

The Select Board thanked Duane for his time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updated MS-535

The MS-535 that was signed previously had the incorrect amount listed for the Capital Reserves. This has been corrected. Therefore, the correct MS-535 needs to be signed. **John motioned to sign the updated MS-535, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Building permit Map 7 Lot 20

Debra Lindsay submitted a building permit for their property on Halls Brook Road. They would like to build a 10x32 farmers porch. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 7 Lot 20, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Cemetery Trustees

Elizabeth asked permission for the Cemetery Trustees to use the Groton Community room on Sunday for a few hours. This was approved. They will be giving a demonstration to the DAR about the cleaning agent.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Jim Cross

Elizabeth asked if there was any more information for Jim Cross. Not at this time. Elizabeth asked if he could put a gate behind the boulders. He could. Kyle explained we cannot expend any money on the road as it is a class VI road or on the bridge. We are looking into it.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:38pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant