

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 25, 2016

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, John Rescigno, Kyle Andrews
Absent: Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

John Rescigno motioned to approve the Select Board Non-Public Work Session minutes of October 11, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

Kyle motioned to approve the Select Board Work Session minutes from October 11, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes from October 11, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS:

Bill Bolton – Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner

He has four (4) children. He has participated in many civic organizations, volunteers with the Collaborative Theater, serves on the Board for Keeping the Heat on, serves as Select Board member in Plymouth, serves on the Planning Board in Plymouth, serves on the Energy Commission, is the appointee for the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, is a Cemetery Trustee and has retired as a thirty year employee for the State of NH who has been retired for eight years. He works part-time with an association that is rolling out software for vital records. His strengths are obviously IT.

He would like to continue the efforts of Martha Richards. He would accept the Northern Pass Project if they bury the lines down I-93. He prefers not to see any additional wind projects as he feels that the NH ridgeline has better plans than another wind farm. He would like to promote methodologies to lessen the effects of opiate addiction, including diversion and alternative sentencing. He would like Plymouth State University to promote an internship at the nursing home. He would like to increase the profitability of the nursing home by fully utilizing the beds at the nursing home potentially with the Veteran's Administration. He also is looking into Transport Central to help provide drivers for people who can't drive themselves.

Slim Spafford inquired on how the Veteran's at the nursing home would work. The Veteran's Administration would seek available beds and the nursing home could contract with the home.

Slim Spafford inquired on burying the Northern Pass along I-93 as he was informed that it wasn't allowed. Mr. Bolton reported that it could be done near the fencing along the highway.

Omer A'hern Jr. – Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner

Omer thanked everyone for coming out this evening and for all members of the Board's service. Omer was born in Plymouth and worked on the family farm since he was 8 years old. He feels that the County Government isn't going to be involved in the Northern Pass and it should only be involve with the Nursing home, our seniors, the Department of Corrections, and the farm and the woodlands operation. He feels that adding additional activities are going to overburden the staff. He feels that we need to concentrate on the Nursing Home and make corrections to things that were not handled appropriately in the past. He feels that the Nursing Home needs to be concentrating on taking care of the elderly in Grafton County. He also feels that the residents of the Department of Corrections eat better than constituents. He feels we need to watch the numbers and the needs for both the Home and the Corrections. He would like to have the time to sit down and read the contracts. He feels that the County can be made to be efficient and lean.

Omer has been very involved in public service, has served 37 years as an attorney, is a member of the Rotary Club, a member of the Grange, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of different church groups, a member of the Friends of the Pemi, and participated in the Livermore Falls Project. He has been on the Farm Advisory Committee since no longer being part of the Commission but this Advisory Committee was eliminated this past year. He feels that the dairy farm should be able to support the prison. He feels the farm should put in a root cellar. He feels that the farm has too much waste. He feels that the County has good people that are not being properly managed by the Commissioners. The Commissioners need to be more involved in recommending their budgets to the public and more informed on the Departments requests in order to make good use of the taxpayer's dollars. He believes that the Farm should continue as it provides skills for the residents and also can provide food for both the prison and the Nursing Home. He feels he is the most experience person running for County Commissioner.

Slim Spafford agreed with Omer about the farm as it is the only County Farm left and it provides excellent food at low costs. Omer reports that the prices are set from a weekly bulletin.

Omer would like to do reports to Select Boards, if elected, to keep the Boards and Towns informed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit - Map 6 Lot 52

A building permit was submitted for across from the Town Offices for a 26 X 36 log home and a 26 X 36 3bay garage. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 6 Lot 52, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** An inquiry was made on the foundation being installed before the building permit was approved. The Board advised that there was a foundation permit previously issued.

Building Permit – Map 2 Lot 69-2

A building permit was submitted for 70 Edgar Albert Road to build a 12X12 storage room and a 6X22 porch attached to the building. Christina motioned to approve the building permit for Map

2 Lot 69-2, John 2nd, so voted. Slim Spafford inquired on the costs for permits. Over 1000 square feet \$25, and under 1000 square feet is \$10.

Intent to cut – Map 2 Lots 115 and 115-4

An Intent to Cut was submitted for Map 2 Lot 115 and 115-4 off of River Road. There was no checklist with the intent. Christina motioned to table the Intent to Cut until next week's Work Session meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Septic plan design – Map 5 Lot 48-1

A septic plan was submitted for the Board's review on Beaver Pond Road. **Christina motioned to sign the septic plan design for Map 5 Lot 48-1, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Work Sessions

The Board reviewed work session scheduling for November.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Elizabeth Jesperson reported that the Groton Library Trustees met with the Hebron Trustees and submitted Groton's proposed memorandum on what we would like to do. There will be a meeting next week between the two Trustee groups and Mike York to determine next steps.

Elizabeth Jesperson reported that there were 14 DAR representatives that came out to help with cleaning at the cemetery. It was a very enjoyable experience which will be continued next year.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Elizabeth Jesperson commented that Karen Olivier is doing a wonderful job on the building.

Slim Spafford was very impressed with the roadway being completed.

Christina motioned to go into non-public session, pursuant to RSA 91-A, II, (a) and (c) at 8:30 pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 8:44 pm, John 2nd, so voted

Christina motioned to seal the non-public minutes, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina Goodwin
Select Board Chair