

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
February 14, 2017

In attendance: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, John Rescigno and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant - AA)

Christina called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 5:30pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

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

Budget Meeting

Police Officer

Miles Sinclair contacted Kyle to see if it was possible to reach out to Hebron about covering the Town for a certain amount of money each year. The Board agreed that it could be looked into after Town Meeting.

Bridge

The comments from last week's meetings were discussed. Kyle mentioned that there are a lot of one lane bridges out there and they are legal. John said he thinks that is something that we look at when we get the overall costs of the project. Christina thinks we need to put away the entire cost right now and then it would go back into the general fund.

NLRA

NLRA did ask for \$1,000.00 and we did \$1,000.00 last year. We are not sure why this was cut back. We think it was because it we have so many things on the warrant article. The Board agreed to increase the Warrant Article.

Province Road

We have always thought that we needed a warrant article for Province Road but we looked into it and NHMA explained that a warrant article is not needed that this can be part of the budget. The Select Board agreed that this warrant article is not needed but we need to make sure that the road is not neglected. Article 8 will come out. It was agreed that since \$6,500.00 was budgeted in the material line and only \$3,989.86 was used to keep the budget the same.

Cemetery Budget

It was agreed to change the Repairs and Maintenance line to \$2,500.00 and change the salaries to \$1,500.00 in the next budget.

Spraying Warrant Article

The Board reviewed the concern raised at the last Public Hearing. The Town's Attorney responded, but doesn't think the property owner has any say if the article is passed at Town Meeting. Christina stated that she is not in favor of the Article anymore. Kyle agreed that he is not either. John said that he thinks we should look at the issues that the electricity is having due to the vegetation. Sara will change the recommendation to the Select Board does not recommend it 1-2.

Plowing

Christina asked John if he rode with the plows. Glen was here and Christina asked why the orange truck was plowing right behind the State truck at the last storm. Glen explained it was to protect him from not sliding and aids in the braking.

Heating issues at the Garage

Dead River stated that it would be over \$1,000.00 for the parts and then labor on top of that, they estimated around \$2,300.00. Alan Monroe will be coming out to the garage to provide an additional quote. If his is less the Board agreed to approve him to repair.

Public Works Building

The Select Board talked about the building and there is no time to meet right now with the budget meetings and Town Meeting coming up. Sara will reach out to Turnstone to explain and also let them know that we are not sharing their information with the other proposal, but have asked for additional information. Sara will also let them know that we do not anticipate making a decision until after Town Meeting.

Perambulation

We reached out to NHMA regarding Miles Sinclair doing the perambulation of the remaining boundary lines. Their recommendation is to have a contract with a hold harmless agreement. The Town wanted to know if he needs liability insurance. Sara will forward the information to the Town's Attorney explaining about the dangerous terrain to determine how much a contract would cover us.

Province Road Bridge

There is a response to this that was discussed last week. Christina will get to Sara.

Christina motioned to update the Warrant Articles as discussed above and present at the second Public Hearing tonight, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn the Work Session at 6:50pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted
Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant