

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2017

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of December 13, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of December 13, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of December 13, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of December 20, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of December 20, 2016 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of Cut/request

Rick Simula submitted the report of cut for his property located at Map 2 Lot 115-5. There was no cut done. He requests that the bond payment be transferred to his taxes. The Select Board agreed that it would be cleaner to have the bond returned to Mr. Simula and then have him pay his taxes. Sara will contact Darlene Andrews, Treasurer, to let her know to close his bond account. **Christina motioned to close the timber tax account for Rick Simula and return the funds to him, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** Sara will contact Rick Simula as well.

LUCT- Map 2 Lot 7

Avitar submitted a Land Use Change Tax for Map 2 Lot 7. There is a camper on the property and it is in current use. **John motioned to sign the Land Use Change Tax for Map 2 Lot 7, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Andover Geological Consulting proposal

The Select Board requested a quote from Andover Geological Consulting. The quote shows no increase from last year. The Board will review with the budget. Kyle inquired about Suzanne Wall previously stating that the consulting each year would go down. Sara will look through the information and will ask Suzanne.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Abatement/Tax Supplement Warrant for Map 7/Lot 22

There was a purchase/sale of a property between Green Acre Woodlands and James Viger. This same property had lot line adjustments that will change the Map and Lot number in the future but has not yet. However, the new map and lot number was referenced on the deed. Therefore, the tax bills were sent for the wrong bill amounts. After looking into it, Ruth noticed that there was a payment made from Green Acre Woodlands through October on the property that was sold so it is believed that there must have been an agreement regarding the amount of taxes between the two parties. Ruth will reach out to the parties to explain what happened and to see if they had an agreement so we can determine if abatement is necessary. Sara offered to sit in on the call with Ruth if needed. **Christina motioned to come in and sign the abatements if it is decided this is what is needed, John 2nd, so voted.**

MS-535 Quotes

The Ms-535 is the financial audit report for the Town. **Christina motioned to table the MS-535 Quotes until next week's budget meeting, John 2nd, so voted.**

Contempt question

There is a property in Groton that the Town cleaned due to potential hazardous conditions. The owner was billed for the clean-up but we have not received any payment at this time. Sara had reached out to the Attorney to see what the next step is and they stated it would be to file a Motion for Contempt. The Select Board agreed to proceed so Sara will reach out to the Attorney and ask them to move forward. Sara will also see if the billing of the Attorney costs will be part of this motion.

Baskets

Christina wanted to extend a big thank you to all that were involved in assisting with the food baskets donated to two families in Groton. These were delivered Friday, December 23rd. Elizabeth Jespersen did the shopping ahead of time and assisted with putting them together. John Rescigno, Officer Killam and Chief Thompson also helped deliver the baskets. The Select Board would like to do a thank you card to Elizabeth for helping out as she always does a lot for the Town.

Request to use Town Hall

Stacey Buckley is the Superintendent of the Newfound Area School District. They have received a petition warrant article to rescind the tax cap. The RSA requires them to hold a public hearing in each of the towns covered by the Cooperative School District. She requested to hold a hearing in Groton at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm. They would need a space to accommodate approximately 15 people.

The Select Board would like Sara to reach out and see if they can hold this meeting at 6:00 pm on February 21st instead of 6:30 pm due to the Select Board Meeting at 7:00 pm. If so, they approve this request.

Kyle motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A II (a) and (b) at 7:48 pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 8:15 pm, John 2nd, so voted.

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

Christina motioned to adjourn at 8:17 pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant