

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
January 24, 2017

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

**Audience Members Present**

John called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**John motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of November 8, 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of January 9, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of January 9, 2017 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of January 10, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of January 10, 2017 2016 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 10, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to table the Work Session minutes of January 17, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to table the Non Public Work Session minutes of January 17, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Atwell Orange Brook Bridge*

John updated the Town that we have awarded the bridge proposal to KV Partners LLC. They will be supplying us with more information in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### *Tax Supplement Warrant*

The owners of the property that the Town cleaned up have still not paid. They owe the Town \$6,498.07 for the clean-up. It was confirmed that a tax supplement warrant is needed from the Select Board to the Tax Collector to collect this money. **John motioned to sign the Tax Supplement Warrant, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 51*

Tim and Pam Crosby submitted a building permit for their property located at 1195 North Groton Road. They would like to build a 14x30 seasonal camp. **John motioned to sign the Building Permit for Map 2 Lot 51, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Building Permit- Map 6 Lot 104*

Neil Borger submitted a building permit for the property owned by Diamond Investments located at 5 Snoburk Lane. They would like to remove the roof and dormers and construct a second story. They also will be building two new decks. **John motioned to sign the Building Permit for Map 6 Lot 104, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Abatement Application*

The owners of 75 Forest Hills Road, Map 5 Lot 92, submitted a letter to have \$59.67 abated for the fees of their taxes. They explained that they never received their tax bill due to incorrect address. **John motioned to sign the Abatement Application for Map 5 Lot 92, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *The Ins and Outs of Reviewing Exemption and Veteran Credit Application Workshop*

Sara submitted a Memo requesting to attend the Ins and Outs of Reviewing Exemption and Veteran Credit Application Workshop on Monday, February 13, 2017 in Concord. The office would be closed for the day. **John motioned to approve Sara attending The Ins and Outs of Reviewing Exemption and Veteran Credit Application Workshop, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Perambulation*

Miles requested to be on the agenda to discuss the perambulation. Miles mentioned that when he was on the Board they became aware of the requirement to do the perambulation. He said he is aware that Plymouth is done and that Alexandria is done with the exception of painting the line which Alan Barnard will be doing. Miles is also aware that Alan Barnard is supposed to be doing the Hebron Line as well. He asked what was going on with the Rumney Line. It was explained that the Towns have been going back and forth with each other trying to agree on someone to do this. Rumney did not want to go with our recommendation so we were trying to come up with others.

Miles offered to do the lines that still need to be done and not the ones that are already in progress or in discussions yet. Miles wanted to be clear that he is only trying to help the Town out and that he is not trying to take anyone's job away from them which is why he is not talking about Alexandria or Hebron. He just knows that the other Town lines need to be done and that this seems to be taking a while and he feels like he could get this done for the Town.

Miles said it has taken too long to get where we are today. In order to do the 6 boundaries in the 7 years that we are supposed to, Miles said we are running out of time and this needs to get done. Miles stated that Pam Hamel mentioned back when this started that we had no perambulation records. Since then,

we now have Plymouth done and Alexandria done. Pam mentioned that we should at least have records of this even if it cannot be done every 7 years for each Town. Miles wanted to be clear again that he is not here for Alexandria or Hebron but he would be willing to include this if it is not able to get completed for any reason.

Miles is proposing to take care of the Orange/Groton line, the Dorchester/Groton line and the Rumney/Groton line. The best way is to have it professionally done but it doesn't appear this will happen so he is offering to do this. He will locate the lines, take care of the photographs, painting, do GPS coordinates for the monuments, do the blazes, research historical records, compile photographs, records, and will report all in binder form for each line. This will not include a formal survey, doesn't establish new blazes, and will not be erecting monuments at road crossings.

Miles states it is physically exerting and he walked each line twice. He would be willing to walk the line with a representative from the other Town as well. He said it would not be for free since it is physically exerting and he will also have to go to the state for things. He would propose a flat fee of \$400.00 per line. Kyle asked why he wouldn't ask for \$400 a day. Anything over \$500 goes up for bid and he doesn't want to get into this so he went with the \$400.00. Part of him wants to do it for free for the Town but there is a reason he should be compensated. If we accept his proposal he would do Orange first and move on from there. It was asked if Dorchester and Rumney could be done on the same day and it was explained it would have to be on separate days.

Miles isn't looking for an answer tonight but is looking for the Select Board to consider this and talk about it with the entire Select Board.

John said he would only feel comfortable if someone was with him. John said he would be willing to donate his time. Miles said that he understands if this is what the Select Board would want but he is comfortable by himself. This is something that the Select Board would have to look into and discuss.

The Select Board thanked Miles for his proposal and will let him know once a decision is made.

*List of Open Positions for the Town of Groton*

Any resident of the Town of Groton, who wishes to file a declaration of candidacy for the following Town offices, may do so between January 25, 2017 – February 3, 2017 at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am -4pm, Tuesday 4pm – 6pm, ending February 3, 2017 at 5:00pm.

The following positions are available:

- SELECTMAN – 3 YEAR TERM
- TOWN TREASURER – 3 YEAR TERM
- PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEAR TERM
- PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEAR TERM
- TOWN AUDITOR – 1 YEAR TERM
- SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – 3 YEAR TERM
- MODERATOR – 2 YEAR TERM
- TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND – 1 YEAR TERM
- TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND – 3 YEAR TERM
- LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR TERM
- ZONING BOARD – 3 YEAR TERM

ZONING BOARD – 2 YEAR TERM  
CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR TERM

Ann asked if there is an RSA that states that they have to pay to go for this. Miles and Kyle said there is.

Miles asked why Moderator is up again when it was just last year. It was explained that he was appointed by the Supervisors of the Checklist.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

*Rumor Mill*

John wanted to inform the Town that the rumor mill has to stop. There have been a lot of rumors lately that are not true and are being spread by people discussing things without having all of the facts. He explained that it just makes people upset and causes unnecessary problems.

Ann asked if they can know what the rumor is. John mentioned there is not just one but there have been many. The Select Board understands that unfortunately there will always be rumors but they recommend not being part of the problem.

*Bid Proposals on Public Works Department Plan*

The Select Board explained that they requested bids for cost on plans for the Public Works Department. These were sealed bids and they were going to open them now. They received two bid proposals; one from Conneston Construction, Inc and the other was from Turnstone Corporation. There was a lot of information so the Select Board wanted to take some time to review these and allow Christina to review them as well. **John motioned to table the bid proposals until next week, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** Sara will get Christina a copy.

**Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:45pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant