

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2017

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of January 17, 2017 as written, John 2nd, so voted. Kyle abstained.

Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of January 17, 2017 as written, John 2nd, so voted. Kyle abstained.

Kyle motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of January 24, 2017 as written, John 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 24, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of January 31, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of January 31, 2017 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to table the Work Session minutes of February 7, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to table the Work Session minutes of February 8, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rumney Fire and EMS Contract

The Town of Rumney supplied the Fire and EMS contracts for 2017. Sara included 2016 contracts for comparison. Christina explained Fire went up \$546.00 and EMS went up \$362.00. Pam asked if Rumney has been responding to EMS. IT was explained that they have been. **Kyle motioned to sign the 2017 Rumney Fire and EMS contracts, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Report of Cut- Map 10 Lot 31

Gordon Coursey submitted the Report of Cut for the property located on Map 10 Lot 31 owned by M. Daniel Smith Revocable Trust. The cut was for 220 acres and the bill is for \$1,597.79. **Christina motioned to sign the Yield Tax Certificate and Tax Warrant for Map 10 Lot 31, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Candidate Information

Christina went over who was running for the different positions.

Selectman for 3 years: Kyle Andrews

Moderator for 2 years: Tony Albert

Treasurer for 3 years: Darlene Andrews

Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years: Michele Lacroix

Trustee of Trust Fund for 1 year: Gina Rescigno

Town Auditor for 1 year: Otto Jespersen

Planning Board for 3 years: Deborah Johnson and Russell Carruth

Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years: Gina Rescigno

Zoning Board for 3 years: Elizabeth Jespersen

Zoning Board for 2 years: Helen Martyszyn

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: Sharon Nelson

Library Trustee for 3 years: Otto Jespersen

Ruth Millett mentioned that there is one citizen that is on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board and there is an RSA that states only one person can be on both boards. Elizabeth Jespersen is currently on the Planning Board and ran for the Zoning Board. However, since Glen Hanson is already on both, Elizabeth cannot be. Ruth wants to know how to handle this. Christina recommended that Ruth reach out to the State and see what they say.

Candidates Night

March 7 will be the candidate's night at the beginning of the Select Board meeting.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

MS-535 Contract

Melanson and Heath submitted the contract for the MS-535, which is the financial reporting for the Town; this includes the firm also doing quarterly updates on process with the Executive Assistant. **John motioned to sign the contract with Melanson and Heath, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Snow banks

Christina explained that usually the Highway Department will push the snow banks back when they get too high and take care of corners and around mailboxes. Glen is asking for permission to do this on the State road. There seems to be some confusion on whether this is being done on all Town roads. The Board will get clarification.

The Board agreed that we should reach out to the State to see if we will get reimbursed for pushing back the banks. Kyle thinks that for the State section he should just do the road corners and not the driveways and mailboxes.

It was recommended that we should have a policy on the roads going forward.

Animal Complaint

Christina mentioned an incident with an animal complaint recently received. She wanted the townspeople to know that if and when a concern is raised the results of that investigation will not always be publicized.

John stated that there are proper channels that need to be followed and Facebook, texts, etc are not the right way. The best way is to call the Police Department or the Select Board Office. He also stated that you should never exaggerate the issue.

Christina reiterated that if there is a true complaint that it needs to be filed with the Police Department. If there is no complaint on file then the Police Department is not able to do much.

John mentioned that the Select Board is always here if there is a real issue but if there is a personal vendetta or personal issue do not get the Select Board involved.

QUESTION AND COMMENTS:

Police Department Items

Chief Thompson is working with Hebron on a CPR/AED class for the public. This will take place next Tuesday, February 21st from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the Hebron Fire Department. If anyone is interested they should contact Chief Thompson. There will be a cost but it depends on how many people attend.

Chief Thompson also mentioned that he had previously held a scam information class and will be doing another one on March 2nd from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm here at the Town House. He will be visiting or calling the senior citizens in the area to invite them. Recently there was a resident that was scammed for \$3,000.00, but they did end up getting their money back. The Senior Citizens are being targeted and Chief Thompson would like to go over the latest scams and go over the questions that the target could ask the scammers. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant