

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
March 21, 2017

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 7, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted. John abstained.**

**Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of March 7, 2017 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted. John abstained.**

**Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 7, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted. John abstained.**

For the Work Session Minutes of March 14, 2017 the date needs to be corrected and the minutes stated John was absent but he was not. **Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 14, 2017 as amended, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of March 14, 2017 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Town Meeting Updates*

Christina provided the following updates from the Town Meeting – some items required meetings to be scheduled or next steps planned:

- At Town Meeting the merit increases were presented as 1-3% increases but it is actually an average of 3% across the board for all employees.
- An inquiry was made about the Board considering installing a portable restroom at Spectacle Pond. Sara will pull the minutes from the past discussion. It was believed that the Board decided not to put one there because of room, budget and location. We will discuss this again at a later meeting. Any portable restroom would have to be 33 feet away from the water.
- Health Stipend – The Board agreed to a monthly stipend.
- Full Time Police Officer failed, so the Cops Grant needs to be declined by the end of the month. EJ will respond.
- The Select Board and EJ need to set up a meeting to discuss Police Officer pay and hours, etc. This would need to be a non-public meeting. He is currently in the Police Academy until April 21. The Board agreed to have a decision before he graduates. A meeting was scheduled for April 18 at 5:30 pm.

- Atwell Orange Brook Bridge – The Board agreed to have Mike Vignale contacted to advise that the money for the bridge replacement passed at Town meeting and to determine if a meeting needs to be scheduled or what the next step should be.
- Perambulation will be discussed at the Work Session on April 4. The Board will review liability and legal opinions to make a final decision.
- Town House Capital Reserve Fund – The Board agreed to consider repair/replacement of the buildings air conditioning and asked Sara to reach out to Mr. Monroe and other companies to get quotes.
- Tax Deeded Property – The Board would like to schedule a meeting with a realtor for this property. Sara sent an email to the attorney to see if there are any restrictions since it is landlocked. Once this is determined, then the Board will pick a realtor.
- New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) – The Board agreed to have John or Sara reach out to the co-op to let them know that the warrant failed about amending the spraying ban.

Slim Spafford mentioned that he talked to Christina after the Town Meeting regarding the Board considering making the Holden lot a Town Forest. Evan Beever was a previous Planning Board Chair and had recommended that the Town consider this a few years back. This property is located off of a class VI road, Old Rumney Road and it is not landlocked. Slim's idea is to make it a Town Forest as Evan wanted to do this when he was alive. The Board will need to think about this as the property previously wasn't able to be traded because of a title issue. Kyle thinks we should look into logging the property as well.

#### *MS-232*

The MS-232 is the Report of Appropriations Actually Voted from Town Meeting. **Kyle motioned to sign the MS-232, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

##### *Select Board Meetings*

The Select Board agreed that holding meetings every other week was confusing. Therefore, the Board agreed to hold meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

##### *Transfer Station Supervisor*

Joe Koslow submitted his resignation effective April 13, 2017. The Select Board hasn't decided what they are doing with the position yet but will keep everyone posted and thank Joe for his service.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

##### *Building Committee*

The Building Committee met earlier this evening and members will review the two proposals submitted for the project. The Committee will meet again on June 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

##### *Retention Committee*

The Retention Committee met and will be meeting again April 4, 2017 at 3:00 pm to discuss more specific Department recommendations for the Retention Policy. The Committee should be submitting something for the Board to review in May.

Slim asked what is being retained. It was explained it is for any records the Town receives/creates/sends, etc to create a policy for how long things are kept and what manner they should be disposed of.

*Old Home Day Committee*

Christina will submit a request for Old Home Day to Groton Wind for Community Support in the same amount as last year's event.

**Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:34 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant