

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 4, 2017

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 21, 2017 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non Public Work Session minutes of March 21, 2017 as written, Kyle 2nd so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 21, 2017 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

PUBLIC HEARING RSA 74:10- REGARDING ONE'S LIABILITY TO BE TAXED:

Christina motioned to open the public hearing at 7:10pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina explained that RSA 74:10 indicates, that Towns who use the inventory form, must hold a public hearing to discuss one's liability to be taxed, but there are no guidelines on discussion other than this. Christina asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding this.

Christina reminded everyone that the inventories are due April 15th.

Ruth asked if it is true that other Towns do not do the inventories. Christina confirmed that this is true. Ruth asked why Groton chooses to do them. Christina explained that it allows the property owner another opportunity to inform the Town and the Assessors of any changes to their properties, it allows the Town to compare the building permits to the inventories, etc.

Hearing no other comments or questions, Kyle motioned to close the public hearing at 7:14pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Response deadlines for letters

Mr. Coutu had until March 31, 2017 to clean up his property. With the weather we cannot inspect the property and the Select Board assumes that Mr. Coutu probably has not had the time to do any of the requested clean up. The Select Board agrees to send a letter extending the deadline to May 31, 2017. This will be sent by Sara on behalf of the Select Board. The Select Board asked Sara to include "if you feel as though you will have difficulty meeting this deadline, please contact the Select Board office".

NEW BUSINESS:

PA-29 Two Veterans Credit Applications

The Town received two applications for veteran's credits. They are both for the new All Veterans Credit.

- The first one is for Map 6 Lot 2. There were no questions. **John motioned to approve the all veterans credit for Map 6 Lot 2, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- The second one is for Map 2 Lot 84. There were no questions. **John motioned to approve the all veterans credit Map 2 Lot 84, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

PA-29 Two Disabled Exemption Applications

The Town received two applications for disabled exemptions.

- The first one is for Map 5 Lot 155. There were no questions. **Christina motioned to approve the disabled exemption for Map 5 Lot 155, John 2nd, so voted.**
- The second one is for Bliss Lane. There were no questions. **Christina motioned to approve the disabled exemption for Map 2 Lot 84, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

PA-29 One Elderly Exemption Application

The Town received one application for an elderly exemption for Kelley Lane. It was explained that due to the asset limits and there is a simple IRA that puts him over the limit. The Select Board would like Sara to reach out to him and ask for printed bank statements and a statement on the IRA. Sara will reach out to get clarification on this. **Christina motioned to table the PA 29 for Kelley Lane, John 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard Contract

This is the contract that Municipal Resources Inc sends us every year. There have not been any changes. **John motioned to sign the junkyard contract with MRI, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Sara will have the junkyard excel spreadsheet for the next meeting for the Select Board to discuss.

Intent to cut- Map 7 Lot 28

Bob Clay submitted two intents to cut for Map 7 Lot 28. One is for last cutting year which ends on March 31, 2017 and the other for this cutting year. **Kyle motioned to sign the two Intents to Cut for Map 7 Lot 28, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Sara will remind him that he needs to file a report of cut for the first one by May 15th.

Notice of Property Lien

This is a property lien for a welfare applicant. This is normal procedure. **Christina motioned to sign the property lien, John 2nd, so voted. Ruth notarized the lien.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Road Postings

Kyle asked if there is a time limit on a road ban as he thought it was six weeks. Sara will look into this to see when ours needs to be lifted.

New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) cutting update

John updated the Town that he talked to Scott Knapp from NHEC. John asked Scott when the powerlines would be trimmed. Scott explained that the three phase powerline that runs from North Groton Road up Edgar Albert Road will be cut this year. The contractor started the project last week so they have started the process.

Tax Deeded Property

There was a person that approached the Town about a tax deeded property in Groton. Christina has been working with them for both here and in Bristol. They had asked for proof that she inherited the property and when, do a trustee certification, etc. This has been done. Christina will bring something to the Town on April 18th with an amount that they could purchase the property back.

Select board office hours

Christina explained that the Select Board office hours will changing as of May 1st. Sara will be working 7:15am-5:15pm Mon-Thurs but the office will only be open to the Public from 8:00am-4:00pm these days. The office will be closed on Fridays.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Retention Committee

The Retention Committee met today and fine-tuned the policy. There are still some things to follow up on so they will be having another meeting on May 9th and will have something to the board after that.

Select Board Committee appointments

- Select Board chair: **John motioned to nominate Christina Goodwin to be the Select Board Chair, Kyle 2nd so voted.**
- Planning Board Liaison: **Christina motioned to nominate Kyle Andrews to be the Planning Board Liaison, John 2nd, so voted.**
- Road Committee, Retention Committee and Highway Safety Committee: **John motioned to nominate Christina Goodwin to be on the Road Committee, Retention Committee and Highway Safety Committee, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- Old Home Day Committee: **Kyle motioned to nominate John Rescigno and Christina Goodwin to remain on the Old Home Day Committee, John and Christina 2nd, so voted.**
- Conservation Commission- **Christina motioned to nominate John Rescigno to be on the Conservation Commission, Kyle 2nd so voted.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant