

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 5, 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 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to table the Work Session minutes of August 15, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to table the Non-Public Work Session minutes of August 15, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to table the Select Board Meeting minutes of August 15, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO RSA 31:95-b FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF UNANTICIPATED MONEYS REGARDING SB 38 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

John motioned to open the public hearing at 7:05pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John mentioned that RSA 31:95-b states the following:

III. (a) For unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$10,000 or more, the selectmen or board of commissioners shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant municipality at least 7 days before the hearing is held.

The acceptance of unanticipated moneys shall be made in a public session of any regular board of selectmen meeting so that is what the public hearing is on today.

John explained that the Town received the SB-38 highway block grant funds in the amount of \$22,365.19 from the State of New Hampshire for road improvements. He explained it can be used for the following:

- to do additional paving beyond what has approved funding
- for portions of local highways such as sidewalks, drainage, pavement markings, traffic signals, guardrails, bridges, etc.
- as the match for municipal bridge projects or phases of projects that do not have local funding already approved
- for equipment necessary and totally dedicated to maintenance of local highways

John also explained that the funding cannot be used towards projects that already have local funding approved and cannot be used for municipal needs other than highways. He explained that the funds can be carried over to the following fiscal year to be used under the same conditions that he just explained.

Forest Blake asked if it can it be used to pave the dump. It was explained that it cannot be used for this as this is not related to highways.

Slim mentioned that in a previous meeting Christina suggested that it be used to reclaim the rest of the section on North Groton Road. Slim said that the road is very washboard and if the rest of the road is going to be like this then he is against it. He asked what caused the washboard. John mentioned that Glen said this is because of it being travelled a lot and at high speeds. He mentioned Glen is looking at posting a reduced speed limit for this section of the road and was going to talk to the Police Chief about it.

Elizabeth asked if any other this money could be used for the ditching on River Road. John explained that we are currently working with the snowmobile club on River Road to fix the issues there. Sara will follow up with Glen on this tomorrow.

John motioned to accept the \$22,365.19 from the State of New Hampshire for SB 38 additional appropriation of highway block grant funds, Kyle 2nd so voted.

Hearing no other comments or questions, John motioned to close the public hearing at 7:12pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hazard Mitigation Plan

At the last meeting the Select Board tabled this so they could review table 9.1 action items and provide steps to mitigate the action items including the deadlines and the Board is supposed to state if they were completed or not. Sara had also reached out to June to see how we can proceed if we cannot make changes. Christina isn't here so it was agreed to table this until the next meeting. **John motioned to table the Hazard Mitigation Plan concurrence until the next meeting when all members are here, Kyle 2nd so voted.**

Release of Municipal Liability- Map 5 Lot 48-1

At the last Select Board meeting the owners submitted a building permit with all the information needed. The address is listed in Avitar as off Sculptured Rocks Road but after looking at the building plan it is actually going to be off Beaver Pond Road so a Class VI Road waiver which is a release of municipal liability needed to be signed. The Select Board approved the building permit with the condition this form be filled out and signed. **John motioned to sign the release of municipal liability for Map 5 Lot 48-1, Kyle 2nd.**

Coolidge Woods Road

The Select Board had asked that Sara pull the deeds of all property owners that abut Coolidge Woods Road. Sara did pull this information and had it available. **John motioned to table the discussion on Coolidge Woods Road until the next meeting when all members are here, Kyle 2nd so voted.**

Update on pump stations

Sara had called Roger Thompson and left messages on 8/24 and again today to get an update on the pump stations and she has not heard back. Roger is not here so we do not have an update on this. **John motioned to table the discussion of the update on pump stations until the next meeting when all members are here, Kyle 2nd so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 43

The owners submitted a building permit for a 12x24 deck on their property at 1758 North Groton Road. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 43, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 6 Lot 22-5

The owners submitted a building permit for a 28x42 garage on their property at 52 Rogers Road. They do have a release of municipal liability on file from the building permit for the house. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 6 Lot 22-5, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut – Map 2 Lots 109-1 and 114

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 2 Lots 109-1 and 114. There are no taxes owed on the property so a bond was not required and all information on the intent is correct. **John motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 2 Lots 109-1 and 114, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Septic Plan- Map 1 Lot 54-3

Matt Barnard dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 1 Lot 54-3. This had been previously signed but there was just one minor change. **John motioned to sign the local approval for Map 1 Lot 54-3, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Septic Plan- Map 5 Lot 69

Daniel Ward dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 5 Lot 69. This is located at 220 North Groton Road. **John motioned to sign the local approval for Map 5 Lot 69, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Cemetery Trustee update

Elizabeth shared that a tombstone went missing from the cemetery for a Margaret Smith. She contacted the Crematorium in Manchester and they think that the son may have taken it to get it engraved. They didn't notify anyone that they were taking it. Elizabeth asked if this is something the Select Board would handle. Kyle said that it would be up to the Cemetery Trustees to handle and he asked if they have reached out to the son. Elizabeth explained that she is waiting for information from the crematorium and will contact him once she receives it. She explained that EJ has been made aware and she wanted to make the Select Board aware.

The rules state that a monument company has to place and remove stones. She explained they should have been informed. She will wait to get the information and will reach out to the son at that point and then take it from there.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Orange Road

Slim mentioned that there was a class VI road maintenance letter that was signed for Orange Road and it mentioned that eventually a timber harvest will be done on the property abutting Orange Brook Road. Slim asked how they are going to take the wood over the bridge as a few years ago there was an issue. Kyle explained that there are no restrictions on this bridge and the issue a few years ago was that the company was trying to take more than 80,000 pounds across and that is over the weight limit. As long as they stay within the

weight limits there will not be any issues. Kyle asked Sara to have Glen contact them and explain they cannot go over the weight limit restrictions.

Porta Potty at Spectacle Pond

Forest Blake asked if the Town received an email recently about putting a porta potty at Spec Pond. It was explained that there has been some discussion but that it was recommended that since this is a boat launch and not a swimming hole that it should be posted as no swimming. The townspeople are afraid that people will get upset about this being posted as no swimming. The Selectmen are looking into this. If it is agreed that they shouldn't post it as no swimming then they will look at putting a porta potty up.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:28pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant