

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 3, 2017

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

Absent: John Rescigno

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to table the Work Session minutes of September 5, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to table the Work Session minutes of September 19, 2017 until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of September 19, 2017, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 19, 2017, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Kimball Hill Purchase

The Town received a letter from the Nature Conservancy stating they had been awarded the bid on the Kimball Hill property. There is a purchase and sales agreement in place and they are scheduled to close in late October. After the purchase is complete they would like to meet with the Select Board to discuss future plans for the property.

Updated Forester agreement

At the last Select Board meeting the Select Board signed two agreements, one for 2017 and one for 2018, with Jordan King who is a licensed Forester. The address information was listed incorrectly so Sara corrected the address and printed new agreements to be signed. **Christina motioned to sign the 2017 and 2018 forester agreements with Jordan King, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit - Map 5 lot 135

The owners submitted a building permit for a 16x24 sugarhouse on a slab on their property on Hammerhead Road. **Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Map 5 Lot 135, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 6 lot 92

The owners submitted a building permit for a 24x40 garage on their property at 61 Dodge Road. They did submit a release of municipal liability and responsibility form. **Christina motioned to sign the building permit for Map 6 Lot 92, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 2 Lot 115-2

The owners submitted a building permit for a 576 square foot, two car garage with a great room above it on their property at 239 River Road. **Christina motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 115-2, Kyle 2nd,**

so voted. Sara will have Roger Thompson review the application since it is propane heat and to see if there are any other stipulations from Fire.

Building Permit - Map 2 Lot 81-3

The owners submitted a building permit for a 12x27 three sided carport on their property at 116 Brock Lane. **Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 81-3, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 1 lot 51

The owners submitted a building permit for a 1230 square foot, one floor modular home on their property at 306 Bailey Hill Road. **Christina motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 51 conditional upon septic approval, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Septic Plan Map 1 Lot 51

Matt Barnard dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 1 Lot 51 at 306 Bailey Hill Rd. All information submitted is correct. **Kyle motioned to sign the local approval for Map 1 Lot 51, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Septic Plan Map 3 Lot 6-3

David Leone dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 3 Lot 6-3. All information submitted is correct. **Christina motioned to sign the local approval for Map 3 Lot 6-3, Kyle 2nd, so voted**

Septic Plan Map 5 Lot 129

Matt Barnard dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 5 Lot 129. All information submitted is correct. **Christina motioned to sign the local approval for Map 5 Lot 129, Kyle 2nd, so voted**

Report of Cut Map 1 Lots 53-1 thru 53-6

The Report of Cut is for Map 1 Lots 53-1 thru 53-6 on North Groton Road for a cut of about 12 acres. The amount of the tax is \$426.12. **Kyle motioned to sign the Yield Certificate and Tax Levy for Map 1 Lots 53-1 thru 53-6, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Question on Map 10 Lot 37

There is a property located on Halls Brook Road that Ernest Botellio bought from the Town of Groton in 2002. It is .34 acres. The owner is selling the property and reported that he received a letter from the Town previously that stated that the lot was a buildable lot. Mr. Botellio wants another letter stating that it is buildable. Sara has done research and has been working with Deb on the Planning Board on this, but there isn't definitive information. Kyle would like to see who was on the Select Board and see if they remember. Sara will look into this.

Set up Trick or Treat hours

The Town needs to set up trick or treat hours. Last year we didn't post it early enough so we wanted to do so this year. EJ was contacted and already set this up. The trick or treating will be October 31, 2017 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Sara will post this on the website.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Wood update

Christina has gotten one load of wood from across from the Transfer Station. There is one load left which will be out by the end of the month.

Vehicles

Christina wanted the Town to know that she currently has two unregistered vehicles in her driveway. She has been working with the court and cannot do anything until court has finalized probate, which she believes will be finalized by the end of the month.

Trustee of Trust Fund

Christina explained that the Town is looking for someone to fill the remainder of Elizabeth Jespersen's term as a Trustee of Trust Fund. If you are interested, please submit your name to the Select Board office.

Conservation Commission

The Groton Conservation Commission is looking for interested parties to join the commission. If you are interested, please submit your name to the Select Board office.

Memo from Sara

Sara submitted a Memo with the dates the office will be closed for the NHMA Annual Conference. The office will be closed Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th as the conference is in Manchester. **Christina motioned to approve the office being closed on November 15th and November 16th for Sara to attend the NHMA Annual Conference, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Memo on Warrant Articles

Sara submitted a Memo with the date the Warrant Articles will be due, which is January 4th, 2018. The Select Board is okay with the due date. Sara will get the Memo out to Department Heads by the end of the week.

Police Department Informational Meeting

EJ explained that he will be hosting an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 24th from 6:00pm to about 7:30pm. This informational meeting is called "Making Groton, our Town, a Safe Community" and is about keeping Groton safe and reducing potential crime. Light refreshments will be served.

The Select Board agreed to move their Work Session that day from 6:00pm to 5:00pm so that they can attend this meeting afterward.

Upcoming Work Sessions

Christina wanted to give Kyle a heads up that she thinks we should schedule site visits for some of the properties that we need to follow up on. Kyle agreed and said we can look at dates for this when we meet on the 17th.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) closed October 6 - October 10

Ruth Millett advised the public that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will not be able to process any DMV business starting Friday, October 6th through Tuesday, October 10th as the DMV is implementing a new computer system and the registration system will be down. Sara will post on the website.

House Bill 579

Ruth mentioned that New Hampshire House Bill 579 is relative to registrations for semi-trailers. It is pushing to have multi-year semi-trailer registrations and offers discounts for fees on semi-trailer registrations. It also allows registrations through the agents by non-residents for semi-trailers not garaged exclusively in this State. Some states already do this but currently NH does not and it is in the works. Ruth has more information on this and recommends that if you have concerns to contact your State Representative. She doesn't think this would

be beneficial to the State or to the Town of Groton.

Cows at the Town House

Ann asked whose cows were in the yard of the Town House on Monday. We do not know for sure but are assuming it was the neighbors.

Public Works Building

Bubba asked if there was anything new on the progress of the Public Works Building. Turnstone had reached out back in August and stated that they did the survey and there are no wetlands on site and they were working on the first schematics and would reach out when they have information to share. We have not heard back from them, but Sara will reach out to them for an update.

Beards for Bucks

EJ explained that it is October so it is once again time for the Beards for Bucks campaign. He will be growing out his facial hair along with many other law enforcement officers in New Hampshire. This is to raise fund to support kids receiving care at Child Advocacy Centers across New Hampshire. Groton has had to use the child advocacy centers in the past and will most likely have to use them again. You can make a donation on the Beards for Bucks website and put in EJ's name or on the Groton Police Department's Facebook page there is a link for EJ's personal 2017 Beards for Bucks.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant