

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 17, 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

John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of September 5, 2017, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of September 19, 2017, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of October 3, 2017, Christina 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Christina motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of October 3, 2017, Kyle 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of October 3, 2017, Kyle 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board resignation

Elizabeth Jespersen submitted her resignation from the Planning Board effective immediately. This means there is an opening on the Planning Board. If interested please let the Select Board office know. It would only be to serve until elections.

Building Permit- Map 7 Lot 24

The owners submitted a building permit for a 19x19 steel building on their property on 102 Halls Brook Road. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 7 Lot 24, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Septic Plan- Map 1 Lot 51

Matt Barnard dropped off an updated Septic Plan and local approval for Map 1 Lot 51. The original was approved last meeting but there was a typo that has been corrected. All information submitted is correct.

Christina motioned to sign the local approval for Map 1 Lot 51, John 2nd, so voted.

Letter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding Map 6 lot 21

The Society for the Protection of NH Forests sent in a letter and a form for the Select Board to fill out regarding property located at Map 6 Lot 21 which is 204 acres on Rogers Road and is owned by John and Pamela McPherson Family Trust. The Form just states that the Town of Groton is not aware of any problems concerning solid or hazardous waste on the property. The letter states that this form does not hold the Town or the Selectmen responsible for the accuracy of the information provided. **Kyle motioned to sign the form from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for Map 6 Lot 21 stating the Town is not aware of any solid or hazardous waste on the property, John 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Forester inquiry

The new Forester Jordan King emailed the Town to see if the Town had any interest on doing any work on the Town owned properties. The Selectmen agreed to email him back and explain that it is a no for this year. IT was agreed that if any report of cuts come in this year he will review those.

Concern about Map 5 Lot 46

The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and the Department of Environmental Services (DES) had received some concerns about Map 5 Lot 46. It is an old inactive gravel pit on North Groton Road. They were concerned that they may be doing things without proper permitting but we are not sure what has been done yet. We were made aware that there is a new owner but we have not received the deed yet. It was agreed to reach out to the new property owner to see what their intent is as we have received concern. Sara will reach out by phone to see what the intent is and if any work has been done.

Open positions

- The Conservation Commission is still looking for members.
- There is still an opening for Trustee of Trust Fund.

Next Work Session

Currently there is a work session scheduled at 5:00pm. This was supposed to go over the Hazard Mitigation but then we had to schedule a building committee meeting. It was agreed that the Select Board will not be able to go to EJ's presentation as there are too many things they have to discuss that will have to be done once the building committee meeting is over such as the Hazard Mitigation, some drive bys that need to be done, etc.

Brock Lane

There was a concern about unregistered cars being parked and blocking the road on Brock Lane. Then it was emailed back that that they were registered but were not inspected. The Selectmen drove by and there was only one car and it wasn't a little in the road but they could get by. The Select Board has no authority to do anything about unregistered or uninspected vehicles. Also, since it is a private road it would be a civil issue and would have to involve the Police Department or work it out amongst neighbors.

Park

The electricity at the park was installed and the Select Board went by to check it out. There are a few concerns as it was discussed to put the panel further down but it is to the right on the pavilion. Also what it is built on is loose and not very sturdy. The conduit is not straight, it is at an angle. The pipes should be clean but there is stain on them and there is glue dripping down. It was agreed to email the concerns to Gary Eason and see what can be corrected. Sara will email Gary and he should fix it since he has already been paid.

Filing Cabinets

Christina explained that the Supervisors have a fire proof filing cabinet and the Planning Board is looking at ordering one. It was decided previously to put it in the corner of the library where the old desk is but the desk and boxes are still there. Elizabeth said this was discussed with her because she was told that this are of the floor is reinforced. She will clean out that corner so that Supervisors can put there cabinet there and the Sara will have Glen make sure that the corner is reinforced and if so then the Planning Board can put their cabinet there too. This will be a solution for now but we will have to come up with a better solution for when we have more cabinets. These cannot go into the basement because of the moisture, water, etc.

Elizabeth mentioned that she went to training on records and has some information that she would like to share with the Select Board. It was agreed to have her write it up and the Select Board will review it.

Flag light

The Select Board went outside and looked at the light at the flag pole. It was agreed that it needs to be moved out from the building a little bit because it lights up the roof of the building too much and should be pointed out a little bit more for when the flag is not at half mass.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Thanksgiving dinner

Ruth asked if there is any information about the Thanksgiving dinner yet. Christina explained that Alison Bagley hosts this but we haven't heard from her yet. Christina will message her to get more information.

Christmas

Ruth mentioned it would be nice if we started thinking about families in need now for Christmas so we are not waiting until the last minute. Christina usually is very involved with this but cannot be a part of it this year. Elizabeth said she will head it up if she has help. EJ may be able to give ideas of families in need. Ruth also mentioned that the snowmobile club in Rumney offered boxes in the past so we should get names for this as well.

Thank you

Elizabeth wanted to say a thank you for those involved in helping out an elderly person in Town. She wanted to thank EJ, Christina, Ruth, Sara, Donna, Paul Cole, Danny Goss, Bob, Linda Fischer, Alison York, Gina, and the Union Congregational Church.

Christina wanted to thank Elizabeth because she has been amazing with stepping up and organizing all of this.

Pavilion

After Old Home Day Slim went to the park and on the southwest side of the park, the post on the pavilion is not anchored anymore. Sara will have Glen look at this.

Coolidge Woods Road

Slim asked if anything else has been decided on Coolidge Woods Road. It was explained that this has not been decided yet but is on the list and will be talked about next week.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:03pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant