

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
May 8, 2018

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

Christina called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Christina motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) at 5:05pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 5:35pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to seal the non-public minutes, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina's resignation

Christina explained that she has to resign as Bristol has become very busy and demanding. She is resigning from the board and all committees she is on. She is willing to stay through the end of the month so her effective date is 5/31/18. She knows she will not be able to attend meetings in June and knows she hasn't been here a lot and knows it is not fair and thinks the Town should get someone that can attend all meetings. She will tie up loose ends before she goes.

Kyle and John said they have appreciated her expertise and are sad to see her go but understand. Kyle would like to mention it at the meeting tonight so we can get it out there to see if anyone is interested. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. In the meantime we can move forward with just two Selectmen and if there is a tie we would have to find out what to do. Sara will look into this. Sara will also ask if they can deny anyone for any reason. Can it be a stale mate? What does this entail? Does this have to be discussed at Town Meeting?

Mike Ethier

Someone approached Kyle that Mike Ethier has piles of logs right on the bank. The storm pushed these logs and if there is another storm then it could wash them down the brook and cause problems. Amy Hudnor from DES would be the contact. Sara will reach out to her regarding this and explain we believe these have washed off someone's property and we are concerned about future problems.

Petition to Layout a Highway

The Select Board discussed the petition to layout a highway. They didn't feel comfortable setting up a hearing date at this time as they have some questions. The questions are below:

- Why does the Town have to do this and accept the petition? Why do we need to get involved?
- This Seems like a lot of work for the Town to do for something they are not involved in and that the Town voted to discontinue years ago?
- Isn't his more of a civil matter if they have a right to use the private road?
- What would the Town be laying it out as? What type of road?
- Is the Town required to pay for anything such as the appraiser?

Sara will send these questions to the attorney and then once this is clarified we will set up the notice of public hearing if that is what is recommended.

Road Work

John said there are a lot of roads that need road work and we need to figure out what the plan is. We need to make Province Road passable, work on Sculptured Rocks Road and other roads as well. Bubba is doing a good job but there is so much work that has to be done and he will be gone for most of June. Sara explained that Bubba does have some plans and is looking to contract work out. He did drop off some plans and estimates he received but Sara thinks we should meet with Bubba to discuss this. It was agreed to meet with Bubba at 5:00pm next Tuesday to discuss plans and contracting work out, etc. Sara and Christina looked and there is still over \$40,000.00 in the disaster relief fund that we can transfer over to use but we want to be careful doing that in case there are other storms.

Building Committee Meeting

In attendance: Christina Goodwin, John Rescigno, Kyle Andrews, Christina Goodwin, Robert Ellis, EJ Thompson, Miles Sinclair and Sara Smith (AA)

Christina explained that we met with Turnstone on April 17th because we were not sure if we should continue working with them or not. They were able to explain some of the changes on pricing, the building, etc. They will be coming back in July with a better plan. The Select Board did let them know that the price wasn't realistic. Miles asked what the price was that the Town told them. John said no more than one million. Sara read the minutes where it states that we said one million would still be a hard sell as we are thinking the Town is thinking around \$500,000.00.

John explained that the reason they turned it was due to the sand shed and that we told them that this isn't needed. Bubba said that they spend \$700.00 on the plastic every year so if we could look at a car port or something like that or a Quonset hut because the sand needs to be covered. John explained they also took out paving the entire area which also allows other options for septic, etc. Christina explained the apron would still be paved. Sara mentioned that they also asked for costs of other types of building such as wood to see if it is cheaper.

Kyle said we are going to meet again in July to see what they have come up with and if we should proceed with them. The Select Board does want the building committee to be there July 17th at 5:00pm so that we can have a full discussion on this. Sara will make sure Slim and Roger Thompson know knows about this meeting. Sara will be on vacation so Christina offered to take notes for this meeting and all meetings that night. The Select Board is okay with this.

Miles mentioned we might not have to use Turnstone or any company but can let a willing person head it up like Kenny Martell did for the Town House. Bubba explained that there were issues with this building and that there are so many codes and regulations for a building like this. John said that we need to hire a professional to make sure it is done correctly. Miles said we would use professional companies for excavations, for the building, etc. Miles thinks the Road Agent and Select Board could oversee it. Bubba said he doesn't have time and John said that they don't know enough to know if all codes are

being met. Bubba said that if the person running it isn't running the entire thing then it can be a mess between all of the different people. Bubba said commercial is harder and they don't do as quality of a job because there are so many people working in different areas and are trying to get it done quickly. If something goes wrong it is nice to have someone to hold accountable. They explained to Miles that there has to be drainage from the oil and stuff leaking off the trucks along with other codes to follow that we didn't have in place before because it was an older building. Miles says it seems to be getting ridiculous what they are expecting now.

Kyle said at this point all we can do is see what they come back with it and go from there. If they can't come down to where we need them to be then we may need to look at someone else.

John said that it would be nice if people stepped up to say they would do the excavation, cement, etc.

Christina informed the building committee that she is resigning from the Select Board and all committees. Everyone thanked Christiana for her hard work and she will be missed.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:00pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant