

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
June 19, 2018

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

John called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Citizens Planning Committee recommendations

The Citizens Planning Committee asked that all boards and committees submit their recommendations for the new zoning to them as soon as possible.

Rural Residential District

Minimum Lot Size: If it is an established lot they should be grandfathered, new lots should be 4 acres

Frontage: 150ft (established lots should be grandfathered)

Setbacks: (no set back should be grandfathered); 20 feet from property lines (neighbors); 50ft from the road

Forestry and Conservation District

Minimum Lot Size: 75 acres- can't clear more than one acre (Clarification needed if conservation property is a buildable lot)

Frontage: 150ft (established lots should be grandfathered)

Setbacks: (no set back should be grandfathered); 20 feet from property lines (neighbors); 50ft from the road

Renewable Energy and Business District

Minimum Lot Size: 25 acres

Frontage: 150ft (established lots should be grandfathered)

Setbacks: (no set back should be grandfathered); 150 feet from property lines (neighbors); 150ft from the road

Note: the Select Board thinks there should be a lot of restrictions such as types of business. They feel we would not want toxic waste, anything with run off, etc.

Sara will send this information to the Citizens Planning Committee.

Select Board Member

Sara explained that no one else has approached her about the Select Board opening.

Memo

Sara submitted a Memo requesting the following time off:

- Thursday, July 5th- off all day
- Wednesday, August 1st- leave at 2:30pm
- Thursday, August 2nd- off all day

Also the state will be coming out to review the culverts with Bubba and Sara on the following date so the office will be closed as we will be working offsite:

- Wednesday, July 11th - office closing at 9:45am

The Select Board approved the time off and office closings.

Pump Stations

The Select Board met with Roger Thompson, Mike Ethier and Dave Leone regarding pump site locations. They all went out to visit the sites and Roger explained what needed be done there. Mike and Dave will submit quotes for the work.

Roger explained that there are two possible locations which are on Halls Brook Road where the bridge was washed out which is owned by Green Acre Woodlands and the other is on North Groton Road and is owned by Tim Pilcher. Roger has spoken to all owners and they are okay with having pump stations on their property.

The first site that was visited was Halls Brook Road. This would need to be a portable pump site to the left of the bridge. Right now there is a lot of debris, steel beams, etc from the storm which would need to be moved. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to Bob Berti to see when he is planning on putting the bridge back in and if it is okay to move the items out of the way. The plan would be to put about a 15x15 pad there which would need to have rocks on the bottom to support it and then dirt on the top. It was estimated that it would need about 20 loads. Also, we would need to look into DES permitting if we chose to move forward with this site because it will be closer than 50ft to the water. Mike Ethier said we would need to look into what we need to do for a fourth order brook and see what the set backs are for that. Sara will look into this. Also, in the winter this would need to be plowed out by the Town. There were also concerns that if we get another storm this pad could be washed out and we would have to put money into maintaining it.

The next site that was visited was Tim Pilcher's property on North Groton Road. There was not much water at the time. It was agreed that it would be better to put in a fire pond on this site. The best place would be away from the brook so that DES permitting isn't necessary. When you pull into the lot, the best place would be to the right, near the electric pole. It would probably need to be about 50x50 football shaped pond and about 10 feet deep, but there is no way to tell until we start digging. When Bubba gets back he should dig a test hole there to see. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to Tim to see if he is still okay with this as it was mentioned before that he wanted to do a pond. If this is the case, the Town should look into an easement for the Pond.

There is \$5,000.00 from Groton Wind to work on this. It was agreed that we should use this money to make one good site instead of trying to split it between two. It was also agreed that the pond on North Groton Road would be better for many reasons including but not limited to the location, more residents around, we already plow North Groton Road so it would be more feasible to plow this in the winter time, less chance of washing out, etc. Sara will start by reaching out to Tim Pilcher to make sure he is okay with the ideas and then move forward from there.

Logger Damage

The Select Board drove by the area on North Groton Road where the logger damage took place a few years ago and has not yet been fixed. They looked at the area and Sara took pictures. It was agreed that we should put some sealant or crack filing down on the areas that were damaged.

Mowing at the Transfer Station

It was brought to Kyle's attention that Frank Harris was asked to cut the swail at the Transfer Station. We will talk to Norm about this tonight at the Select Board meeting.

Fletcher Road

The Town received a request to change the name of Fletcher Road because there is already a Fletcher Road in Rumney and since we share a zip code with them there are concerns for many reasons but mainly for emergencies.

Sara reached out to NHMA to ask if the Select Board can change the name and the information they supplied was: *The governing body may change the name of any such street or highway at any time when in its judgment there is occasion for so doing. The governing body may change the name of a private street or highway when the name change is necessary to conform to the requirements of the enhanced 911 telecommunications system. In towns and village districts the governing body may at its discretion provide for public hearing and submit such names for approval at any meeting of the legislative body, and voters may submit a petitioned warrant article for such a name change under the procedure of RSA 39:3.*

It was agreed to reach out to Rumney and see how many people live on Fletcher Road in Rumney. If there is less than Groton, it may be worth asking them to change it. If not, then we will meet with the owners of Fletcher Road to explain what is going on and let them give ideas for a name change.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 6:17pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 6:30pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

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

Transfer Station Operations Plan

Sara will follow up with Norm to see where this stands. When he was hired the Select Board gave him the plan that Richard and Joe Koslow had written up for him to review and make changes to and we have not received it back.

On Call for Highway

It was agreed that since it isn't needed that often, that on call isn't needed. We can just continue the way it has been going. The winter is the time where it would happen the most and there is always a schedule so it was decided to keep things the way they have been working.

Christina

Sara will remove the codes for Christina for the building and the office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant