

Town of Groton  
Select Board Work Session Minutes  
September 18, 2018

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

**John called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.**

***Public Hearing/Special Town Meeting***

Sara reached out to the attorney to see what exactly the Select Board needs to discuss at the Public Hearing on September 25, 2018 and what type of vote it will be. She explained that the Select Board will discuss the project, what it is, why the town needs it, just as we would at any budget/bond hearing for a regular town meeting; as well as why the town is seeking to bond it now. The vote will be a ballot vote, and because the bond is over \$100,000, the polls will need to remain open for at least an hour.

Also, she mentioned that she has not yet filed the petition with the court, so we can change the date of the meeting, but the selectmen would need to revote to do that. However, she can get the petition filed this week if we do not change the date. The Select Board agreed to not change the date of the meeting since it has already been posted at the Transfer Station, the Town House and online for that date.

As far as the attorney attending the meetings she will definitely attend the Special Town meeting if we want her to be there and she can attend the public hearing but doesn't feel there is a need for her to attend the public hearing. The Select Board agreed to just have her attend the Special Town Meeting.

Sara asked the Select Board what she should have copies of for the Towns people. She has been handing out a copy of the plan and the breakdown of costs to those that have been asking so far. Also a few have asked for the time line. Sara has printed all meeting minutes where the building was discussed and made a list of the dates so that if the public wants to go back and review minutes they can. It was agreed to ask Turnstone for an updated plan and an updated estimate of costs with a breakdown that explains what each category is since we are getting asked that a lot.

Sara will also reach back out to the attorney to make sure that since it is a ballot vote that we need to have the moderator, ballot clerks and supervisors of the checklist there.

***Bubbas 6 month evaluation and increase***

Sara just reviewed Bubba's offer letter and it said that there will be a 6 month evaluation done with a potential increase at that time. Sara reminded the Select Board of this. She will send them a review form to fill out and have them think about an increase for the next meeting.

***Dave Leone email- Pond***

Dave Leone sent an email about the Pond. He asked the following:

- Is there a slope to the pond walls(I don't need this to give a bid)
- The 8" schedule 40 pipe and fittings to make up the hydrant, to be installed in the spring is this part of the same bid

- Is there going to be a second driveway to access the hydrant, if so is there a min. Of 400' of rd. frontage and will the driveway need 1.5" crushed gravel on it how long and wide

Sara didn't know how to answer these and wasn't sure if she should just have him call Roger or what the Select Board thinks. Sara will ask the Fire Department these questions.

***Laura Spector email- land issues/concerns***

Frank Harris had come in a few months back about some land concerns regarding property that he and Mrs. Barrett own. The Select Board reached out to our attorney at the time and she said that it is a civil issue and the Town should stay out of it.

Most recently Mrs. Barrett has come in and provided some deeds and other paperwork that her attorney has pulled up. Sara explained to her that the Town was instructed to stay out of it and that we cannot make any changes to the property based on old deeds. Sara reached back out to the attorney for some guidance on what we would need from the residents to make the changes if it warrants it. She explained that we would need a survey or a court order to change the properties.

Sara wanted to see if the Select Board is okay with Sara telling Mrs. Barrett this. The Select Board agrees that we should stay out of it until we have a survey or court order telling us that we need to make that change.

***Ron Aguiar- Giovanna Lane***

Ron Aguiar came into the Select Boards office today upset and wanted me to let the Select Board know. He said that the sign on Giovanna Road is on his property. He said he owns that section. He said the sign was moved recently and I explained that I do not believe it has been moved. He wants it moved off his property. I explained to him that since it is a private road it is a civil matter which he would have to deal with the owners of Giovanna Road for. Sara wanted to let the Select Board know since he asked her to and make sure that they agree. The Select Board agreed that since it is a private road that we cannot do anything about this.

***Citizens Planning Committee Request***

Pam Hamel emailed Sara and asked that the Select Board review some documents and provide their comment by October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Sara printed all the documents for the Select Board to review and asked that they have their comments back by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 5:50pm, John 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant