

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
October 23, 2018

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

John called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Ron Madan appointment form

Ron Madan had shown interest in being the third Selectman. The Select Board talked to him last week and he is still interested. Sara filled out an appointment form that the Select Board need to sign and then Ruth will be able to swear him in. **John motioned to sign the appointment form for Ron Madan, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Septic Plan- Map 2 Lot 90

Matt Barnard dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 2 Lot 90. All information submitted is correct. **John motioned to sign the local approval for Map 2 Lot 90, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

MS-60W

This is a waiver request for the locally elected audit that allows towns, under population of 700, to request permission to complete sections 1 and 2 only for the audit. **Kyle motioned to sign the MS-60W, John 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 7 Lots 10 and 21

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 7 Lots 10 and 21. There are no taxes owed on the property so a bond was not required and all information on the intent is correct. **John motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 7 Lots 10 and 21, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Police Cruiser

Last week it was agreed that the cruiser should be moved to the Transfer Station. Sara asked if she should ask Norm to move it or if the Select Board has talked to him. The Select Board agreed that Sara should ask Norm to move it but he needs to bring the keys back up here and they should stay at the Town House with all the other keys.

Reclaiming

Bubba was informed that the reclaiming on Sculptured Rocks Road has been delayed and is now expected to start Monday, November 5th, 2018.

Property

The 30 days for the property that was visited on October 6, 2018 is up November 6, 2018. Ken Knowlton is out of the country until November 2, 2018 and the hearing is scheduled to be November 7, 2018. We can have Ken try to inspect on the 6th or we can move to continue the hearing because it is cutting is so close.

Meeting with Bob Giuda

Special Town Meeting

Senator Bob Giuda met with the Select Board about the Special Town Meeting. He said if the vote goes through the Town should look at the CDFA "Community Development Finance Authority". They do loans that may have lower interest rates and no penalty for paying it off early. He also said that there are social service grants so if we were to put a food pantry in the building then it would help qualify for that. We can look this up on nh.gov.

Senator Giuda suggested reaching out to the USDA grants. We explained that we did a few months ago and he said that we should try again because of the new fiscal year. He also recommended contacting Jeanne Shaheen's office to see if there are any other grants we don't know about.

Other Concerns

Senator Giuda asked if there were any other concerns with the Town. John explained that North Groton Road is mostly a State maintained road. The Town used to maintain all of it, even the state section, but the state took their section of the road back over a few years ago. At first it was really bad and they do not understand that the weather is different here. They have gotten better but our trucks are out earlier and sometimes we have to plow or salt for the buses or our residents. We have had a school bus off the road a few times and a resident roll a vehicle over. Senator Giuda asked that we send his assistant Griffin an email on this issue and they will look into it. John pointed out again that they are getting better but there are still issues. When we did it we were aware of the school bus and made sure the road was taken care of before the buses. They are doing a good job but should coordinate better since the school bus is the most important thing or we should be reimbursed when we have to plow or use our salt/sand.

Sara explained that the Road Agent was downstairs and was also hoping to get some of the Senators time. John brought him down to the Road Agent and introduced them.

Meeting with the Attorney Laura Spector Morgan and Turnstone

Laura Spector Morgan and Stacy, Tony and David from Turnstone met with the Select Board briefly before the meeting.

John asked Turnstone if they were ever able to locate the RSA on the drainage system codes and requirements. They mentioned there is no RSA just that it is regulated by the ENV-Wq 402. It was explained that the engineer is required to provide an affidavit that the building is up to code so if this is not done the engineer will not sign off on it. This is the best practice to follow.

Turnstone also said that they were informed that it would cost about \$5,000.00 a year in heating oil or \$4,000 high efficiency gas a year to heat the building.

Sara also informed the attorney that there might be some legal questions because people didn't think that we were legally allowed to have the meeting so close to the hearing or without enough notice. Sara and the attorney said that the tentative date has been spoken about at meetings for over a month, has been posted online, at the Town House and Transfer Station, and in the newspapers. Sara explained some people received their mailings last week but some didn't get them until Monday, the day before the Special Town Meeting. The attorney said if this comes up she will explain that the mailing is not a

requirement and was something extra the Select Board decided to do but the postings were a requirement and were posted when they should have been.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 6:55pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant