

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2018

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 6, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of March 6, 2018 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 6, 2018 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of March 13, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of March 13, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Meeting Updates

Christina provided the following updates from the Town Meeting:

- The Select Board voted to cut the \$6,250.00 that was amended at the town meeting and is coming from the part time police line as recommended.
- The Select Board went over the board and committee assignments as follows:
Conservation Commission: There isn't a need for this
Old Home Day Committee: John and Christina
Highway Safety Committee/Road Committee: Christina
Planning Board Liaison: John
Select Board Chair: Christina will remain chair
- We are beginning the process to move forward with purchasing the new highway truck with the plow
- We are beginning the process of ordering the radios
- The Select Board will be meeting with Mike Vignale and Mike Latulippe so we can get started on the Atwell Orange Brook Bridge project
- The Select Board will be reaching out to Rumney to set up a meeting about our concerns. We are hoping for May.
- The Select Board will be scheduling a joint loss safety meeting to schedule training for employees
- It was agreed to wait to give The Nature Conservancy the money until July as we do with the Capital Reserve Funds.

Gary Easson missed the Town meeting and asked if there were any cuts because of the tax increase. Christina explained that the budget was cut \$6,250.00 as we just mentioned and the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund warrant article was cut from \$100,000.00 down to \$25,000.000. Christina did want to stress though that the tax increase was more from the school than anything else. John agreed and mentioned that the next school board meeting is Monday March 26th at 6:30pm. He recommended anyone who can attend should. There are a lot of questions on the budget and if the default budget was done correctly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing In Ceremony

Ruth performed the swearing in ceremony. The following were in attendance and were sworn in: Forest Blake, Dave Madden, Elizabeth Jespersen, John Rescigno and Ruth Millett. If anyone else needs to be sworn in they can contact Ruth.

Email from M.E. Latulippe- extension on permit to exceed

Due to the recent snowstorms, M.E. Latulippe and G.R. Hansen have not been able to take advantage of the permit to exceed weight restrictions on Bailey Hill Road and requested an extension of one week. Sara created a new permit with the extension in case the Select Board approved this. The Select Board said the conditions would stay the same and they agreed to grant the extension but not for an entire week, just through March 23rd by 8am. **John motioned to sign the permit to exceed extension through 3/23/18, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Building permit- Map 8 Lot 2-1

The owners of SBA Towers II LLC submitted a building permit for swapping out three antennas for new models and adding nine remote radio units to a pre-existing tower. Sara requested they submit the release of municipality form which should be here tomorrow. **Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Map 8 Lot 2-1 under the condition they submit the release of municipality form and the Select Board will come in and sign it once received, John 2nd, so voted.**

MS-232

The MS-232 is the Report of Appropriations Actually Voted from Town Meeting. **Christina motioned to sign the MS-232 and have it submitted to the Department of Revenue, John 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Deputy Warden Appointment Form

Roger Thompson submitted a form for Jeremy Haney to be a Deputy Forest Fire Warden for Groton. **Christina motioned to sign the Deputy Warden Appointment Form, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Inventory Meeting

The Select Board has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00pm, regarding RSA 74:10, for the public to provide comments on one's liability to be taxed. This meeting will be held at the Town House at 754 North Groton Road.

House Bill 1673 (HB 1673)

HB 1673 is an act relative to the interest charged on late and delinquent property tax payments. This bill is recommending cutting the interest rates on late taxes and lien taxes. The problems are that it will be a variable rate which can change every year, it is very confusing, the rates won't be set until September 1st so the lien process would have to be put back, if the rate is lower there is potential that more people will become delinquent, there is no consistency to this rule, and it will make it harder to track.

There was an email sent to Bob Giuda that Christina has and read. This bill is being heard at the Senate tomorrow. The Select Board agreed to send this email from Groton as well stating we are opposed to this bill.

ADM reporting from school

Sara received the ADM reporting from the school and sent it to the Select Board. Sara looked it over and for what she knows it looks accurate but she doesn't know every kid that attends the school. The Select Board will review it and let Sara know if it looks okay. Sara will look into if the school charges for homeschooled children.

Norm Willey

The Select Board asked that Sara reach out to Norm Willey with the following concerns:

- The trash at the Town House is not being picked up weekly and wasn't picked up last week before the Town Meeting.
- The gates at the Transfer Station should all be closed unless there is a storm but the one to enter was open the other day and the one below is always open.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department Updates

Bubba explained that we got the Dodge back today and they put the plow and sander back on it.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Radios

Gary Easson asked about the emergency radios that were on a warrant article. The Select Board explained that the Fire Chief who is also the Emergency Management Director recommended the purchase and knows what we need. Gary doesn't think we need the expensive radios. The Select Board recommended that he should talk to Roger Thompson if he has any questions on specifics as they are not 100% sure about the exact radios besides they are digital/analog and it is under the state contract. Gary said he can get information on other radios that he feels will save the Town money. Kyle told Gary to send the information to Sara and Sara will get the information to Roger and the Select Board for review. Gary said he doesn't think we need to be P25 compliant. Christina said the Police Department is so we would want it for Emergency situations. Gary needs to send this by the end of the week or we will move forward with Rogers's recommendation.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:54pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant