

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2018

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of April 17, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of April 17, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 17, 2018 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Perambulation (Miles Sinclair)

Miles Sinclair completed the perambulation for the Dorchester/Groton Town Line and the Orange/Groton Town Lines. He previously dropped off binders which outlined the entire process, had the RSA's, the narratives, the maps, etc. for the Select Board to review. Not all of the Select Board members have had a chance to review it but promised to before next week's Select Board meeting. Miles explained that if they accept what was submitted the Town has to file it with the Secretary of State's office but the only thing that has to be filed is the written narrative.

Miles explained that for Dorchester it is only his written narrative. For Orange, Scott Sanborn did a narrative as well which is on the lower left corner of one of the maps. Miles mentioned he would be willing to hand deliver the Orange one as he has great relationships with them.

Miles did reach out initially to Larry Walker in Dorchester then Sherman Hallock. At the time they said the entire board had quit and only one member was picked so they had to go through the court process to have a second appointed by the court. Also, the perambulation happened after the October flood which they were busy dealing with the damages of that. Sherman was up for the walk and he participated the first day but after that he didn't participate further because he didn't have the time with everything else going on. Miles did talk to Sherman and he saw the monument up by Bryant Pond and his picture is in the Dorchester perambulation. Miles had offered to show him the Groton, Dorchester, Rumney, Wentworth corner which is only about a five minute walk off 118 and he seemed interested but it never happened. One concern is that if you look at the pictures of that monument it is leaning and that is the one they chiseled the initials of the represented Towns on it. They have tried to prop it up but it is heavy but it needs to be reset or it will be lost. This was mentioned to Sherman as well. Miles would think we would have to get permission from all four towns to reset that and he wouldn't think the Towns would have a problem with it. Also, Miles would be willing to do this.

Miles gave a breakdown of what it cost for the perambulation for the total monies for hours, paint, paper, etc. The paint was \$317.70 which he thinks he has enough for the other lines. The report materials were \$154.78 which the bulk of that was ink. The walking of both lines was about 32 hours which was \$230.18. The work on the report was 35 hours which was a little over \$251.00. This is a grand total of \$954.60. If he does the next

two it would be less because he has paint left over. Also, while he was doing the research for the other perambulations and going through archived information, he did research for Rumney and Hebron while he was in there. Therefore this work is done already. **Christina motioned to approve Miles to do the Rumney and Hebron lines, John 2nd, so voted.**

Sara will work with Miles on the Rumney and Hebron perambulations as she did with the others. She will start by reaching out to Rumney and Hebron to let them know we will be doing this and see if they want to have a representative involved. She will also put together a list of the property abutters and send letters as we did for the others once we know when we will be doing these.

Miles met with the state archivist Brian Burford. He explained that the Town Clerks used to have all of the records and keep them in the Town. In the early 1900s the State decided that the New Hampshire Historical Society would take all of the records. They did this for a number of years but around 1967 they ran out of room and gave them back to the town. There is a mystery because what is known as volume #3 which covers the years 1817-1833 is not with our records. Brian said he had a post it note in his office that referenced Groton's volume 3 but he wasn't able to tell Miles what that meant and how long it had been there. He also said that all records should have been reduced to microfiche at the state library but he hasn't checked this out yet. Miles talked to Ruth and she couldn't explain what happened either. It has been said that we lost records in the flood and some of the records have been damaged so maybe this was lost in the flood but we are not sure.

Miles and the Select Board are asking that if anyone has any information on Groton's volume 3 that they contact the Select Board office.

When Scott Sanborn and Miles did the Groton/Orange perambulation he feels they got a much better perambulation. He was a great guy and with his expertise as a surveyor was beneficial. When they got to the end of this, to the Alexandria end he could see the surveyors tape had been left on branches for the Groton/Alexandria perambulation but he didn't see that any blazes had been cut like it was supposed to be. Sara had reached out to Alan Barnard a few times and he was supposed to go out and do this. Sara will follow up with Alan again. Also we are not sure if the narrative was sent to the Secretary of State for this so Sara will check on this as well. Miles learned while walking that blazes mean and if it wasn't done he needs to do it. Miles said the value of the perambulation has been reduced significantly by the fact we don't have a value of the boundaries. At this time he thinks there should be a refund of the amount agreed upon because we don't have a defined boundary. The Select Board would like Sara to tell Alan that he needs to get this done by June 30th. If it doesn't get done the Town will have to determine the amount that needs to be refunded. Miles said that is just his opinion but the Select Board agrees. If we have to have someone else do it then the Town would expect that Alan would have to pay for the person to re do it.

The Select Board thanked Miles for all his hard work. Miles said he enjoyed it but the walking certain areas could be very tough at times.

Citizens Planning Committee Meeting request for May 29th

The Citizens Planning Committee (CPC) would like to meet with the Select Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission and Planning Board on Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00pm. The Select Board is willing to meet with them.

Email from Mike Vignale regarding pole relocations

Mike Vignale sent over a plan from NHEC regarding pole relocations. He explained that we need to do this to allow the bridge construction. Christina mentioned that she thought there was a pole license that they would have to sign. Sara will ask Mike if there is another form and explain that we never got anything in the mail.

Sara will also ask Mike V if the strike is going to affect this. **Kyle motioned to sign the NHEC pole relocations, John 2nd, so voted.**

Abatement Application

The Select Board received a letter from the Tax Collector with a request to abate the interest for Map 2 Lot 115-1. The resident submitted proof that he mailed the payment in December but the Town never received it. He had proof he sent it in and came in and paid as soon as he was made aware. Sara created an abatement application to abate the interest in the amount of \$31.19. He has never been late before. **Christina motioned to approve the abatement request for Map 2 Lot 115-1, John 2nd, so voted.**

Current Use Application- Map 3 Lot 14, Map 3 Lot 16 and Map 4 Lot 001

The Select Board received a current use application and recommendations from Avitar for Map 3 Lot 14, Map 3 Lot 16 and Map 4 Lot 101. We have also received the updated requested information. Avitar recommends the Select Board approve the current use application. **John motioned to approve the current use application for Map 3 Lot 14, Map 3 Lot 16, and Map 4 Lot 001, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Current Use Application- Map 6 Lot 60

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a current use application that was submitted for Map 6 Lot 60. Avitar recommended that the accompanying map be revised and once this is received the Select Board can approve this. Sara drafted a letter explaining what is needed and attached a copy of the letter from Avitar. **Christina motioned to sign the current use letter for Map 6 Lot 60 requesting the map be revised, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Current Use Application- Map 2 Lot 69-3

At the last meeting the Select Board reviewed recommendations from Avitar on a current use application that was submitted for Map 2 Lot 69-3. Avitar recommended that the accompanying map be revised and once this is received the Select Board can approve this. The Select Board signed the letter requesting this information and Sara had sent it out. Since then, we have received the requested information back and Avitar suggested that once we received this back that they recommended the Select Board approve the current use application and send to Grafton County Registry of Deeds for recording. **Christina motioned to approve the current use application for Map 2 Lot 69-3, John 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 5 Lot 140-5

Avitar sent in a Land Use Change Tax for Map 5 Lot 140-5. This is a 20 acre parcel with 19.32 acres assessed in current use. As a result of construction of a new dwelling, an approximate 1.32 acre no longer qualifies to remain in current use which makes the owners subject to the Land Use Change Tax. Due to its configuration and the fact that the building site is already assessed out of current, the use of this 1.32 acre area is somewhat limited and should be assessed as backland. In this case, Avitar estimates the market value of this 1.32 acre area to be \$1,500.00, which makes the Land Use Change Tax \$150.00. **John motioned to sign the Land Use Change Tax for Map 5 Lot 140-5, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 3 Lot 6-3

Avitar sent in a Land Use Change Tax for Map 3 Lot 6-3. This is a 30 acre parcel assessed entirely in current use. As a result of construction of a new dwelling, an approximate .5 acre no longer qualifies to remain in current use which makes the owners subject to the Land Use Change Tax. Avitar estimates the market value of this .5 acre area to be \$21,000.00, which makes the Land Use Change Tax \$2,100.00. Avitar also recommends the owners be requested to provide a map depicting the area no longer in current use. **Christina motioned to sign the Land Use Change Tax for Map 3 Lot 6-3, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut – Map 9 Lot 1

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 1 for a 20 acre cut. There are no taxes owed on the property so a bond was not required and all information on the intent is correct. **Christina motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 1, John 2nd, so voted.**

Report of Cuts (3 reports)

The deadline to receive report of cuts was May 15, 2018. We received all but one and Sara did send the reminder letters and will send a follow up letter to the one that we haven't received.

- The first report of cut is for Map 2 Lots 27 & 41 on Old Rumney Road and Halls Brook Road for a cut of about 30 acres. The amount of the tax is \$1,176.35. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 2 Lots 27&41, John 2nd, so voted.**
- The second report of cut is Map 10 Lot 31 on Halls Brook Road for a cut of about 70 acres. The amount of the tax is \$2,028.70. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 10 Lot 31, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- The third report of cut is for Map 1 Lot 51 on Bailey Hill Road for a cut of about 48 acres. The amount of the tax is \$2,131.78. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 1 Lot 51, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Reports of excavated materials- 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Mr. Ethier submitted reports of excavated material for tax years of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. He will be submitting the rest in the next few weeks.

- 2009's report was for 900 cubic yards of gravel, 500 cubic yards of sand and 2000 cubic yards of fill totaling 3400 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$68.00. **Christina motioned to sign the excavation tax 2009, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- 2010's report was for 1250 cubic yards of gravel, 500 cubic yards of sand, 500 cubic yards of loam and 1000 cubic yards of fill totaling 3250 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$65.00. **John motioned to sign the excavation tax 2010, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- 2011's report was for 1500 cubic yards of gravel, 750 cubic yards of loam and 2000 cubic yards of fill totaling 4250 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$85.00. **Christina motioned to sign the excavation tax 2011, John 2nd, so voted.**
- 2012's report was for 1000 cubic yards of gravel, 1000 cubic yards of sand and 1500 cubic yards of fill totaling 3500 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$70.00. **John motioned to sign the excavation tax 2012, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- 2013's report was for 1750 cubic yards of gravel, 300 cubic yards of sand and 1250 cubic yards of fill totaling 3300 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$66.00. **John motioned to sign the excavation tax 2013, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**
- 2014's report was for 1250 cubic yards of gravel, 500 cubic yards of loam and 1785 cubic yards of fill totaling 3535 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$70.70. **Christina motioned to sign the excavation tax 2014, John 2nd, so voted.**

Release of Municipal Liability- Building permit

On March 20, 2018 the Select Board approved a building permit for Map 8 Lot 2-1 based upon satisfactory completion of the release of municipal liability road waiver that wasn't originally included with the permit. This was finally received back from the owners. **John motioned to sign the release of municipal liability for Map 8 Lot 2-1, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Email from Mark Stetson- Map 2 Lot 51

Mark sent an email over stating the following: *One of the inventory forms that you sent this morning is for the new house on Map 2, Lot 51, owned by Timothy and Pamela Crosby. They indicate that the new house is owned by Steve & Heather Santoro and are requesting that a separate tax card be created. While the BoS have the*

authority to do this, it is not required. To create a separate card for the new house could create a problem if at some point in the future the taxes were not paid, as the town would not want to take a tax deed for the building on someone else's land. There is a process whereby the Board could honor their request, but will require that the landowners get a copy of the billing and would have to be responsible for the taxes, should the building owner fail to pay. See RSA 73:16-a. Please bring this up to the Board and let me know their decision asap, as we have already entered the new house as card 2 on Map 2, Lot 51.

The Select Board would like to table this to view this the permit. They will keep it as it is now, on the same property card, to avoid any problems. Sara will let Mark know this. **Christina motioned to table the email from Mark Stetson until the next meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

July Select Board Meetings

Christina mentioned that she was looking ahead at the July schedule and the meetings would right now would fall on July 3rd and July 17th. A lot of Towns have fireworks on July 3rd so she thought we may want to change that meeting. Kyle said he will not be here anyway. The Select Board agreed to tentatively change the meetings to July 10th and July 17th but can revisit it in June if needed.

Christina's resignation

Christina explained that she submitted her resignation from the Select Board and all committees effective May 31, 2018. She has a lot going on which will not allow her time to Groton. She will complete any open items that she has with the Select Board, Road Committee and other committees.

Christina said if anyone is interested in serving as a Select Board Member to submit their interest within the next two weeks. It was explained that the person would serve until March and would have to put their name on the ballot in January. This would finish her term.

John and Kyle thanked Christina for her time and all of the knowledge she provided. She was a big asset and will be missed.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department Updates

- The Select Board told Bubba that they want to meet with him on the plans for roadwork on Tuesday May 15th at 5:00pm. This time does work for Bubba.
- Bubba has met with two companies for the North Groton Road Project and has another meeting on Friday. He hopes we will hear back from more companies and he will be making calls to some as well.
- Bubba talked to Mike Latulippe regarding the bridge project and he said that he was hoping the temporary bridge be in by end of month. Right now Bubba cannot work out on Province Road but will be able to once the temporary bridge is in as this will allow the weight limits of the big trucks that we need to go over it. No repair work can be done out there until then.

Police Updates

EJ explained that the Police Department has received some spam and frauds in email. He continues to caution the Town to be careful of these frauds.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Slim mentioned that the Conservation Commission had a successful road clean up on Earth Day, April 22nd, and it was in the local paper. However, there were not as many people as he hoped. They filled 14 bags but still have work to do.

Slim also mentioned that the next Conservation Commission meeting is Thursday April 10th and they will be finishing up items for the fishing derby. The date of the fishing Derby will be Saturday, June 2nd starting at 9am. Bubba explained that they have cleaned up by the pond. Slim thanked him for doing this. Slim said there will be 200 trout. 100 were donated by Fish and Game. Sara will reach out to the porta potty company to see if we can get a potty for that day.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Reports of Excavated Material

Slim asked if all intents to excavate were submitted before the reports were. The Select Board confirmed that they were, including 2018. He still has a few reports that he is going to submit soon. It was explained that even though he hauls a lot it doesn't mean it was all excavated there as it could have been hauled from another job. Mary Pinkham Langer from DES has been involved in the meetings on this and has confirmed this with the Town.

Kuplin Concern

Slim said that someone asked him the other day about Casey Kuplin hauling equipment in and out of his property. The Select Board said that they haven't seen this but he is allowed to access his property. The Town did send a letter to him with the steps he needs to follow for what he wants to do on his property.

Hike with the Nature Conservancy

Slim mentioned that John went on a hike with TNC. John talked about this and explained it was a nice hike. Slim didn't do the hike but he went to the meeting after. At that meeting, Mark from TNC handed out fliers which had updated information on the property. Slim thought the Town should know that they are only \$289,000.00 away from raising enough money to meet their million dollar goal.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:26pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant