

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 15, 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 May 7, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Christina abstained.

Christina motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of May 8, 2018 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session minutes of May 8, 2018 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 8, 2018 as written, John 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Email from Mark Stetson- Map 2 Lot 51

Last week the Select Board reviewed an email that Mark sent an email over regarding Map 2 Lot 51. This was tabled to allow the Select Board to view the permit. Sara did reach out to Mark to let him know that they wanted to keep it on one card for now. Sara did pull the building permit. The building permit indicates it is a seasonal camp and doesn't mention it was someone else's property. The Select Board agreed to leave it as one property and one property card. Sara will send a letter on behalf of the Select Board to the owner stating that there will not be a change and if they have any concerns that they can reach out to the Select Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Perambulation (Miles Sinclair)

The Select Board reviewed the perambulations that Miles did for Orange and Dorchester. It was agreed that the Select Board will accept both the perambulations as written. Sara will send the narratives to the Secretary of the State and will also make sure Alexandria's is there. **Christina motioned to approve the perambulations for Orange and Dorchester and submit to the State, John 2nd, so voted.**

Sara provided an update that she contacted Alan Barnard and he will be out by June 30th to finish the blazes on the Alexandria perambulation lines.

Junkyard Inspection letters

Ken Knowlton contacted the Select Board and informed them that he would be coming out on Monday, June 11, 2018 for the visits. Sara drafted the letters to all that would be visited as previously determined by the Board. **Christina motioned to sign the Junkyard inspection letters, John 2nd, so voted.**

Class VI Road letters

Sara drafted letters to those that have previously maintained Class VI Roads to remind them to submit their changes to the Board for approval. **Christina motioned to sign the Class VI Road improvements letter, John 2nd, so voted.**

NHEC Petition and Pole License

NHEC sent in the petition and pole license for the Select Board to sign for the poles near the Atwell Orange Brook Bridge. They provided three copies for the Select Board to sign. **Kyle motioned to sign the petition and pole license, John 2nd, so voted.**

Request from Groton Historical Society

The Groton Historical Society submitted a letter requesting use of the Town Office building including the Community Room on Memorial Day, May 28th. They plan to start around 11:00am followed by refreshments. Usually a Select Board member attends every year but there was no request this time. Sara will reach out to see if they want a Select Board member there. **Christina motioned to approve the Groton Historical Society to use the Town Office building, John 2nd, so noted.**

Thank you card signing

Sara created a thank you card for Gordon Coursey and Son for all of their help. This Select Board signed this. Once Bubba signs it Sara will mail it out.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Letter from Edward Snow

Edward Snow wrote a letter to the Select Board regarding the Rolfe Cemetery behind the Town House. He visited shortly after the snow melted and the cemetery was a mess due to the rough winter. He went back on May 5th ready to clean up around the lots of his family members and was pleasantly surprised when he noticed the cemetery was cleaned up and looked like a total different cemetery. He also read in the Record Enterprise dated May 10th that talked about work going on to spruce up the cemeteries by Elizabeth Jespersen and volunteers that stepped up. He requested that the Select Board extend his sincere thanks to all involved for a job very well done.

Elizabeth stated they had eight bags of leaves and the mower broke so they still have work to do.

Warrant

The warrant was run for the taxes. The taxes are for the first bill are always half of the last year's tax rate. Due to rounding, these bills are based on \$7.83 and are due July 1st. **Christina motioned to sign the tax warrant, John 2nd so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department Updates

- Bubba was thinking of putting Mulch out instead of seed at the Town House in front of the fence to the cemetery. Every year because of the plowing the grass doesn't grow and it seems to be a waste of money to put seed down. There was a concern that the mulch may run into the cemetery. It was agreed that it is best to just level it off and leave it.
- Bubba will put the buntings up on the Town House tomorrow, Wednesday May 16, 2018.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

Ruth explained that there were two house bills that went through. The first one is regarding to interest on late taxes. It lowered the interest rate from 12% to 9%. The other is the one regarding changes to Tractor Trailers.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Elizabeth mentioned that the Conservation Commission will be holding another road cleanup on June 30th at 10:00am. Anyone interested in helping out can meet at Town Hall at 10:00am. They will provide lunch when the cleanup is done. Sara will post this.

Cemetery

The Cemetery will be doing a stone cleaning in July. There is no set date yet. They will also have the flags in the cemetery, clean the bench out front and put the board on the fence before Memorial Day.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Christina

This was Christina's last Select Board Meeting. The Town residents and employees presented her with cards and flowers and thanked her for her time and dedication to the Town.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:35pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant