

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 2, 2018

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

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing follow up October 16, 2018

The Select Board wanted to thank everyone who came out to the Public Hearing last week. It was a great turnout and we are working diligently to get the answers to your questions. The follow up meeting to provide the answers will be October 16, 2018 during the Select Board meeting under Old business.

Anne Joyce had two questions regarding the building. The first question is if the floor of the salt shed is asphalt or concrete. Bubba thought it was asphalt but we can look into that. The second question was if the roof on the building was a shed roof or a gabled roof. It was explained that it is a shed roof. In the public hearing they did mention that this was changed and it is angled so the snow would fall to the back of the building where there are no doors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Town Meeting Warrant

A warrant is required for the Special Town Meeting just as it is for the annual Town Meeting. This warrant only has one article on it and references the Special Town Meeting date of October 23, 2018 at 7:00pm. This will be posted at the Town House and the Transfer Station. **John motioned to sign the special town meeting warrant, Kyle 2nd so voted.**

Special Town Meeting Budget

A warrant is required for the Special Town Meeting just as it is for the annual Town Meeting. This is the only item listed on the budget under special warrant articles and is also shown under revenues as proceeds from long term bonds and notes. This shows that for 2018 there is no money to be raised from taxation. This will be posted at the Town House and Transfer Station. **John motioned to sign the special town meeting budget, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Set up Trick or Treat hours

The Town needs to set up trick or treat hours. Last year we the trick or treating was October 31, 2017 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It was agreed to do the same this year. Sara will post this on the website.

Deputy EMD

The Town of Groton is looking for anyone interested in being the Deputy Emergency Management Director (EMD). This person will be working at the Town House and coordinating everything that is going on. Anyone interested should contact the Select Board Office. The next emergency management meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018 at 4:30pm.

Letter from Tax Collector

Ruth submitted a letter regarding a property in Town that has been deeded located at 559 North Groton Road. All notices were sent in accordance with the appropriate RSA's. There was a payment made on 9/6/16 that would need to be returned within 30 days of this request in the amount of \$228.88. Sara will create a check for this next week.

Kimball Hill Road email (informative)

The Select Board received a letter from a landowner on Province Road in Dorchester. Over the last several years they had been dealing with a road status issue on their driveway. The Town of Dorchester has recently looked into the issues with the driveway being labeled Kimball Hill Road and have agreed that it is NOT part of Kimball Hill Road and therefore is private. She attached the meeting minutes from 6-28-18 which shows where this was agreed upon. She wanted to pass this along because their property abuts our town line and they are trying to inform surrounding towns and residents who may have been misinformed over the years that their driveway is a public road.

She also passed along a thank you which the Select Board read. "Also thank you for the amazing work that your town is doing fixing Province Road. As landowners who also need to use your side of Province Road to access our property we are very grateful to you and sincerely appreciate it. Thank you again."

Groton Historical Society request

The Groton Historical Society requested to use the first floor of the Town House on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 1:00pm-4:30pm to host a program about Mary Baker Eddy and her connection to the Town. **John motioned to approve the Groton Historical Society request, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba provided the Town with the following updates:

- North Groton Road paving is done but it will need to be finished next year with 1 inch wearing course and edging.
- Mike Ethier is doing a great job on Province Road. The ditching is done. Bubba needs to double check to see when they will do culverts. There are 14 on that road that need to be replaced.
- Dave Leone will be helping with the culverts on Sculptured Rocks Road.
- The reclaiming on Sculptured Rocks Road will start on October 16th.
- The new sign is up on North Fletcher Road.
- The garage is cleaned up all around. He moved pipes, etc. and made a little berm to add an extra measure to protect the building.
- The older sander is fixed and is up and running using insurance money.

Slim thanked Bubba for putting the building permit sign back out on River Road.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Cemetery

Elizabeth shared that the DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) will be coming to Groton on October 13, 2018 at 1:00pm to help the cemetery do some stone cleaning at the North Groton Road Cemetery. The rain date will be October 14, 2018 at 1:00pm.

Collection Bins

Elizabeth explained that she is going to put out the collection bins for food and clothes so we can get a head start on the collections. Also it was encouraged to let the Select Board office know if you know of a family in need. It was agreed that we will once again collect donations to do turkey baskets as well.

Road Committee Meeting

Bubba wanted to share that the next road committee meeting is October 9th at 7:00pm. Sara explained that this is posted as well.

Conservation Commission clean-up

Slim explained that they did the Conservation Commission road clean-up last Saturday. There were 9 people and they collected 32 bags of trash. They still didn't finish cleaning all roads but they cleaned up Halls Brook Road, River Road, North Groton Road, Sculptured Rocks Road and out to Province Road. After the clean-up they met back up at the building and had lunch. The collection bags are donated from the state along with the vests. Slim wanted to thank everyone for their help.

Slim also stated that the Conservation Commission is working on updating the Maps for the Conservation land in town.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Bridge

Anne Joyce asked what is going on with the bridge. It was explained that they filed for an extension to November 6th as the top piece isn't ready.

School Budget concern

Anne asked if the Select Board would consider suing the school district with the other seven towns for the \$712,400.00. Kyle heard on the news that they did take it out of the budget. John said he was under the impression that they just moved the money out of budget and put it in the general fund but he does know that they overtaxed us \$1.5 million dollars so he will be at the deliberative hearing in February to amend their budget by \$1.5 million dollars. If it hasn't been taken out of the budget then the Select Board would be willing to discuss this with other towns.

Gates to the dump

The gates at the lower area of the dump have been left open and should be closed. Sara will let the Transfer Station know.

Rumor at dump

It was mentioned that the rumor at the dump is that if there is another flood the insurance will cancel. This is not the truth although it is always a possibility that they will cancel coverage at some point if you keep putting in claims or they could always increase our rates.

Dump

Bubba mentioned that the metal container was moved so the residents can throw their metal right into the container now.

Tax Deeds

Ann asked if the Town is taking any of the properties due to the tax deeds. It was explained that there were two properties but one paid and the other one will be deeded.

Having no other business to conduct, Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:27pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant