

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
June 4, 2019

In attendance: John Rescigno, Ron Madan, Tony Albert and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant - AA)

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

Sara time off

Sara requested the following time off:

- Tuesday, June 18th- office closed from 11:30am-1:30pm for my dentist appointment
- Thursday, June 27, 2019-Monday July 1, 2019- closed to go to North Carolina to help my brother (new baby arriving). Sara had given the Select Board a heads up about this at the last meeting.
- Tuesday, July 9th- closing at 2:00pm for Caleb's dentist appointment

John motioned to approve Sara's time off, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Gary Easson

Gary Easson asked for to make a spare key to the padlocks at the park so he can do some work there on the lighting. He is planning on working there Thursday and wanted to make sure the Select Board was okay with this. Sara was only given one key which she has in the key box. She mentioned that we probably should make a copy of this. The Select Board agreed not to make a spare but to let him use the one that is in the Select Board office and then he can return it when he is done.

Kuplin concern

There was a concern about Casey Kuplin hauling dirt from his property. Sara received a call and she explained he has a building permit for a single-family home so it is probably from getting the land ready for this. The resident said Tony was hauling the dirt for him. Tony said he is hauling the dirt that was there. It was already mined and he is loading it out of there to make room for his house and his land. There is nothing he would need a permit for since he is not excavating, he is just hauling material out. The Select Board doesn't feel that he is doing anything different than anyone else who buys property and clears it for a house. Tony said that Casey did talk to the resident yesterday and he believes it is all okay now. Sara will contact 911 to get a number for his property.

Town Fire Pond

Sara mentioned that she reached out to Tim Pilcher reading the Fire pond at his property but hasn't heard back. She will message him again and will see if Bubba has a way to contact him. If not, we may need to look at another property. John said that we have to do something with it this year. Tony said the other option is to put a river hydrant or dry hydrant on Halls Brook Road near where the place burned.

Letter about Blanchette Lane

The Town of Groton received a letter regarding the work that has been done on Blanchette Lane. The resident said that rocks from his side of the wall have been moved or removed so now a channel runs onto his property. In addition, he states that his survey pins have been removed or destroyed to gain access to his property. He said he didn't give permission and the Town has no road maintenance right of way on his property. He has concerns about a neighbor's well and his sister's property as well. He expects that the Town will replace the rocks on his side of the wall and the survey pins in a timely manner.

Bubba mentioned that he went out and met with the resident and thought it had worked out. This has been an issue for awhile now. Bubba had Mike run a swale very gently to the wall. Bubba doesn't think they will let

us put the water where it was 25 years ago. Tony said that there is a pipe there that has been there forever. Tony said there is a prescriptive right of way which means we have a right to maintain where we always have maintained.

As far as the stone wall, Mike just took some stones that have fallen over and put them back. Mike Ethier was hired to work on the private section so there shouldn't be as much water as there was so this may not even be an issue. They put in water bars and three culverts that had been blown out.

Tony will go up and talk to them and will see where he can get with this. Bubba tried to talk to them to get a resolution so Tony will try.

The owner said it is three rods which is 49.5 feet, a rod is 16.5 feet. He did say there is a 16 foot right of way.

Sara will see if there is any information on Blanchette Lane in the files. Sara will also pull their deeds to see what they say. We will try this first and then may have to get the attorney involved if needed.

Meeting with Bubba

The Select Board met with Bubba to discuss the following:

- The land across from the Transfer Station that was purchased for the new Town Garage may have an issue with it as far as the logging road that goes through it. Sara pulled the deed so Bubba and her can look at it.
- Province Road bids will be in the paper on Thursday and the site visit will be Monday, June 17th. Bubba would like Sara to attend like she did the other road projects. The Select Board is okay with Sara closing the office that morning. The bids will be due July 1st to be opened at the Select Board meeting on July 2nd. The Select Board reviewed the bid specs and are okay with them as written.
- Dave Leone is going to work on Bailey Hill Road and will stay under the \$5,000.00. It has been a few years since work has been done out there.
- The Highway Department did some ditching on Edgar Albert Road since there was a wash out. There is a stone culvert there.
- The Highway Department have been working on Sculptured Rocks Road to get the windrows out of the road.
- The Highway Department did some work on Smith Road.
- The culvert give away didn't go well and they only got rid of two. They were a lot larger than people expected. Gary Easson will be going to look at them and whatever he doesn't take will be cut up. They got an overflow dumpster from Casella for this.
- The tree cutting is a little behind because the sides of the roads are still soft.
- Bubba reminded the Select Board that he is off next week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant