

Town of Groton  
Select Board Work Session Minutes  
June 11, 2019

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

**John called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.**

***North Groton Road Project Bids***

The Select Board met with Bubba and went over the bids for the North Groton Road Project that were opened during the last meeting. To recap there were bids received from GMI Asphalt, LLC, Bryant Paving, and R&D Paving Inc. Each bid was opened and reviewed. GMI Asphalt submitted a bid of \$105,195.40, Bryant Paving submitted a bid of \$95,717.00 and R&D Paving submitted a bid of 101,138.30. After the Select Board met with Bubba and looked over all bids, it was agreed that the project be awarded to Bryant Paving. We are pleased with the work that was done last year, they worked on this section already and they had the lowest bid. **John motioned to award Bryant Paving with the North Groton Road Project, Tony 2nd so voted.**

Bubba said that at Town meeting \$130,000.00 was approved for the North Groton Road Project. Since these bids are coming in lower than we put aside, we could use the extra money on the other section of North Groton Road. John asked if \$30,000.00 would cover leveling that section of the road. Bubba explained that they said it would. Tony said it would be good to do this and see how it wears and how it lasts which would help with other projects. It was agreed that since it is being used on North Groton Road that we should use this money since it was voted on.

***Sculptured Rocks Road Bid***

The Select Board met with Bubba and went over the bids that were opened during the last meeting. To recap there were bids received from Bryant Paving, and R&D Paving Inc. Each bid was opened and reviewed. Bryant Paving submitted a bid of \$104,227.70 and R&D Paving submitted a bid of 113,172.70. After the Select Board met with Bubba and looked over all bids, it was agreed that the project be awarded to **John motioned to award Bryant Paving with the Sculptured Rocks Road Project, Tony 2nd so voted.**

Bubba mentioned that Sculptured Rocks Road was also approved for \$130,000.00 so we could also use the extra money here towards other sections of Sculptured Rocks Road that need work. It was agreed that since it is being used on Sculptured Rocks Road that we should use this money since it was voted on.

***Letter about Blanchette Lane***

Tony went out with Bubba and met with the owners. Tony explained he thinks they put the fire out and things are okay right now. He explained to the owners that it is a prescriptive right of way so the Town has a right to maintain it since they always have. The owner is saying that the right of way was pushed back. Tony and Bubba told the owners that they would keep an eye on it and make sure it doesn't have any issues and they would check it after rain storms. Tony stated that Bubba is doing a great job and the work that was done is helping and even with the rain that we have gotten this past week isn't running into their property.

Tony and Bubba mentioned that this isn't a Town road so we are not sure why the Town ever started maintaining this road. They mentioned this to the owners too. Every list Sara has for Class V and Class VI roads doesn't have Blanchette Lane, it is listed as a private road everywhere and the Town doesn't maintain private roads. Tony said that this has been done for as long as he has been here. Sara will reach out to the attorney to see what we can do about this. There was rumor that a long time ago a Selectman lived at the end of the road.

### ***Updated Match Letter for Grant***

Sara explained the Select Board signed a match letter for the grant in October 16, 2018 but they need more information so she updated the letter. **John motioned to sign the updated match letter, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Sara explained they came back with four pages of information they need so she is working on that with Bubba. The grant contact with HSEM is coming out Monday to meet with Bubba and Sara and to go to the site so the office will need to be closed for longer. The Select Board is okay with this so Sara will post it.

### ***List of Tax Deeded Properties***

Ruth presented the Select Board with the list of properties to deed. She wanted to make sure the Select Board doesn't have any questions or concerns about any of them. The Select Board did not have any questions or concerns.

### ***Dog issues***

Ruth asked since we don't have a Police Officer who we should have take care of the dog issues. John said he will come in and make some calls.

### ***Police Chief applicants***

Sara mentioned the deadline for interested parties to apply for the Police Chief position is June 13th. We need to schedule a meeting to look these over. When should this be? Who should be there?

It was agreed to start with having Sara making copies when she receives all of the resumes for the Select Board to review.

### ***Stream Crossing***

Sara mentioned that Boyd Smith sent an email which said *"NH Fish and Game and the NH Geological Survey are doing comprehensive assessments of culverts in the Newfound watershed this summer. NLRA is working with Ben Nugent of Fish and Game to assist with our AmeriCorps program, and as Ben notes in his email below, the results of the surveys will be shared and can open up additional sources of funding to improve fish passage as well as culvert function and condition."*

*Ben is willing to provide an overview session of the program if folks are interested, which we could host at NLRA or in a local town hall. Please let me know if you would attend such a meeting, and a few dates and times that work for you over the coming weeks."*

Sara asked the Select Board if they would like to attend a meeting and if so what dates and times should she send to Boyd. The Select Board agreed that yes, they are interested and any day after 5pm would work. Sara will let Boyd know.

### ***1214 North Groton Road update***

Sara explained that Darlene MacPherson called about her property. She said she just received the letters because she is going through a divorce and wasn't getting the mail from the PO Box. She said she has a plan and will be emailing the Selectmen their plan.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 5:15pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant