

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
July 9, 2019

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

John called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Indemnification Policy

Last week at the Select Board meeting the Selectmen motioned to adopt the indemnification policy. Sara created the adoption form for them to sign. **John motioned to sign the adoption form for the indemnification policy, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Letter for 1214 North Groton Road

The attorney created a letter for 1214 North Groton Road that she wanted the Select Board to review before it is sent. Sara will explain to the attorney that the resident sent an updated address so that will need to be changed. The Select Board didn't have any other changes so they are okay with her sending this.

Police Recruitment Items

Sara explained that she reached out to the Grafton County Sheriff's Department and to Primex about a rating sheet and questions for the oral board to ask. The Sheriff sent their rating sheet and Primex sent a rating sheet and a list of questions. Sara explained that she made copies for each of the Selectmen and asked that they review it and get it back to her asap so she can use this to make our own.

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund

Sara created a Memo to the Trustees requesting to transfer the money to the Capital Reserve Funds that was voted on at the Town meeting. **John motioned to sign the memo to transfer to Capital Reserve Funds per warrant article 6, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Meeting with Mike Ethier

The Select Board met with Mike Ethier on Beaver Pond Road to discuss their concerns with the work being done in the Flood Plain. The Select Board explained there are concerns with cutting trees, dumping fill and piling stumps in the flood plain along with other work being done in the flood plain. Mike explained that he is only doing work on the areas he has always been allowed to and there is no work being done in a wetland.

Mike allowed the Select Board to walk the entire road where the work is taking place. He answered all questions the Board had. He showed all plans he had which included subdivision plans, a NHWSPCC approval 35626 plan, a site management plan #564, a land management proposal form #569, etc. He said he had originally received a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. Mike has all the plans for the road and is the only one on that road that puts money into it and does all maintenance including winter maintenance. He explained that the Town used to have a plan but it must have been lost in the Flood. Alan Barnard may have a print of the bridge.

Mike explained he is working on the road to still fix the damage that was caused by the October 2017 storm and he showed the road damage to the Select Board. He did talk to Paul Hatch from HSEM when the storm happened and he talked to FEMA. He was told to go ahead and repair the road but did not receive any FEMA funds and no one else on the road is pitching in so all of the work that is being done to repair those damages are coming out of his pocket which is why he is still working on it and couldn't do it all at once. He is adding

material to the road and to the sides of the road where it washed out, he is installing 13-14 more culverts, and needs to do more but it costs a lot of money. He said the work he is doing is not in the water so it will not affect the water or the way the water is currently running. He said DES has even been out there and has no concerns.

As far as what the Select Board can see, it doesn't look like he is raising the road and if he is, it doesn't appear to be a significant amount. It also doesn't appear he is widening it as the plan says 50ft and it appears to be around the 50ft wide still, maybe a little more. All work being done appears to be to correct the storm damage and is on the existing road. The Select Board doesn't see any issues with what is being done but they are not 100% knowledgeable about all of the regulations and such.

Since the Select Board is not 100% knowledgeable about what can and cannot be done, and since everything looks okay to them, the Select Board Chair, John Rescigno, asked Sara to email Jennifer Gilbert to see if she or someone from her department or DES or anywhere else that would be more knowledgeable, could come out and meet with Mr. Ethier, the Select Board and maybe the Town's attorney at the site in question. This way we are all on the same page and can see the work that is being done, discuss it together and let Mike and the Town know if this is okay or what needs to be done.

Province Road Bids

The Select Board received four bids for the Province Road Project from M.E. Latulippe, Morrison Construction, LLC, Mike Ethier and D.A. White Excavating, LLC. Each bid was opened and reviewed. M.E. Latulippe submitted a bid of \$160,840.00, Morrison Construction submitted a bid of \$348,150.00, Mike Ethier submitted a bid of \$218,000.00, and D.A. White Excavating submitted a bid of \$421,168.00. **John motioned to award the Province Road Project to M.E. Latulippe, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Sara will reach out to all who submitted bids and let them know.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 5:50pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant