

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
September 17, 2019

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

Absent: Ron Madan

John called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Home inspection

The Select Board met the home owner at their address located at 1193 North Groton Road to complete a health inspection report. There was a health inspection form that the Select Board completed. The health inspection passed but the fire inspection could not be completed until she gets some more smoke detectors. The Fire Chief will go back out once these are installed. **John motioned to sign the home health inspection report form, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Quote for Transfer Station

The Transfer Station originally received a quote from Dead River for \$2,150.00 to remove and dispose of old heater at the Transfer Station, install new heater that comes with a 10 year warranty, safety inspection after installation, work will be done to meet State and Local Codes and they will obtain any state and local permits that are needed for the job. Installation is warranted for 1 year, parts and labor included. The Select Board had asked for two other quotes. Norm had reached out to other companies and they either don't handle propane, don't come to this area, or would need to have a contract as a customer. He did get a second quote from Pemi River Fuels for \$1,767.72. The Dead River quote was for a unit that is 20,700 BTU's and the Pemi River quote was for a unit that is 11,000 BTU's. The Select Board would like Norm to reach out to Dead River and give the room size and see if they need the 20,700 BTU's and if we can get a quote for a smaller unit. That way we can compare quotes that are for the same unit.

Building Permit Information from Deb and the Planning Board

Deb sent the building permit with the changes. The Select Board agreed to ask Deb to put a modified date on this form. Also, Sara had asked Deb if she wanted to update the guidelines or if she wanted Sara to. She said that she will work on it and then send it to Sara for review before it is sent to the Select Board. The Select Board decided to wait until the guidelines are done to approve both the permit and guidelines together.

Mike Ethier Update

The attorney sent a letter to Mike on September 9, 2019 similar to the letter the Town sent stating that all work needs to cease and that the permit needs to be submitted. John left some messages for Mike Ethier and spoke to him on September 11, 2019 and Mike said he is working on the permits for the flood plain.

1214 North Groton Road Update

The attorney filed a petition with the court on September 12, 2019. On Monday, September 16, 2019 the attorney mailed the summons and requested the Sheriff's Department serve the owner by no later than October 21, 2019.

Dry Hydrant Update

Tony, Bubba and Sara worked together on the wetlands permit by notification (PBN) for the dry hydrant near the cemetery. Sara mailed this in on August 28, 2019. We received a letter back that they needed a few more things. Sara completed these items and mailed this back on Monday September 16, 2019 so we should be hearing if the PBN is approved or not very soon.

It was agreed that once we start the project, we need to take pictures during and after and send a thank you to Groton Wind.

Building Grant- letter of intent

Sara explained that HSEM called her and the grant cannot be for a new building but could be for if we moved the current building to a new location. Sara explained that it is an older building that has been through many floods so it isn't as sturdy and has some mold concerns. The Select Board agreed that Sara should email them to see if the building was to be moved if the grant covers anything else such as any damage experienced during the move, adding more support, or adding an addition, mold removal, new roof, etc.

Card for Ron

Sara explained that since Ron has broken his leg and they do not know how long he will be out for; she got a get well soon card that she would like the Select Board and town employees to sign so they can send it to him.

FEMA

Sara and Bubba had the exploratory call yesterday. The next step is the recovery scoping meeting and the site visits. These are both scheduled for the same day, Tuesday, October 1, 2019 starting at 9:00am. Sara will post the office as closed this day. It may not take the entire day but we are not sure how long it will take.

Emergency Management

The Select Board asked Sara to set up Bill and Patti Oakley to have access to the building since they are Emergency Management. She will reach out to them to set up the codes. The Select Board also agreed that they should look at stipends when they are doing the emergency budget this year.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) at 6:40pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 6:49pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to seal the non-public minutes, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Having no other business to conduct, Tony motioned to adjourn at 6:50pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant