

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
January 8, 2019

**In Attendance: John Rescigno, Ron Madan and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)**

**Absent: Kyle Andrews**

**Audience Members Present**

John called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of December 18, 2018 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of December 18, 2018 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Upper Valley Humane Society Contract 2019*

The Select Board received the contract from Upper Valley Humane Society for 2019. The Police Chief used to take care of this contract but since we do not have one the Select Board needs to review this and sign it. **John motioned to sign the Upper Valley Humane Society Contract, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Update on junkyard concern*

This is regarding #24 on our junkyard list which is on North Groton Road. Our attorney had sent a letter giving the owner 30 days to clean up the property or to contact the Town and neither has happened. On December 12, 2018 Ken Knowlton went out to the property and reported no changes since he last went out. He said that the snow made it difficult to be sure of exact changes but it still no doubt that they are in violation. Sara reached out to the attorney to see what the next steps should be and she stated we would proceed like we did with the administrative warrant for the other property. John mentioned that we should start the process now. The Select Board asked Sara to reach back out to the attorney because we know the property is in violation so we don't need the administrative warrant so we need to know what the next step would be in this case since it is a little different than the other one.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

*Mapping*

We hadn't received a bill for 2018 from Avitar for Mapping so Sara reached out to them. There were no changes from the 2017 maps to the 2018 so that is why they didn't print the new maps or bill us the full amount. There will be a bill for \$500.00 coming and if we wanted new maps it would be an additional \$290.00. The Select Board doesn't think we should pay the \$290.00 since there were no changes and we can just use the maps that we have. Sara will contact Avitar and let them know.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

*Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- Bubba has met with Senator Giuda regarding Sculptured Rocks Road. The road gets travelled a lot due to the Sculptured Rocks State Park so Bubba was hoping they would help with some funding to repair the road. The Senator was quick to respond to Bubba and Sara and he reached out to the State DOT. Due to this, Bubba has a meeting with a state engineer on Friday, January 11, 2019 to see what they can do to help.
- Bubba thanked the residents for not parking in the roadway while they are plowing.
- Bubba explained it has been a rough season already and they have gone through a lot of sand and salt.
- They got dodge back and then there was already a recall on it that Bubba is looking into. When it was getting worked on, they said it needed brakes but Bubba didn't have them do it. He has since had Charlie Coursey look at it and do the brakes and he was able to save the Town a lot of money this way.
- The pins that were stuck in the backhoe have been pulled out and fixed. Charlie Coursey and his guys had a hard time but were able to get them out. Harley Putnam was able to save the town money by making the new pins for it.
- The Highway Department has been very busy with plowing and working hard to keep the roads safe.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

##### *Road Committee*

The Road Committee will be meeting February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm.

##### *Building Committee*

The Building Committee will be meeting Thursday January 17, 2019 at 6:00pm.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

##### *Warren/Wentworth Emergency Services*

Slim noticed at the last meeting that the Select Board received a proposal from Warren/Wentworth Emergency Services. Slim asked if the Town asked for that and if they were really considering it. John explained that the Town of Groton didn't reach out to them and didn't ask for it, they had just mailed it to us. This was the first time we had received this.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:24pm, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant