

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2019

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of January 15, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of January 15, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 15, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of January 31, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement for MS-535

The Town received the agreement from Melanson Heath for the MS-535. The fees are the same as last year.

John motioned to sign the agreement for the MS-535, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Veterans Credit Application

The Town received an application for the All Veterans Tax Credit for the owner of Map 2 Lot 109. The application was originally for the elderly and the veterans but the resident called and said that she realized by looking at her assets that she wouldn't qualify for the elderly exemption so she just wanted to apply for the Veterans Credit. There were no questions. **John motioned to approve the All Veterans Tax Credit for Map 2 Lot 109, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Building Permits

Sara explained that the Select Board received two building permits. The attorney said that as long as they wouldn't be affected by the new zoning ordinance they could be approved. Sara sent them to Deb Johnson to see if she notices any reason, they shouldn't be approved based on the new zoning ordinance as the Select Board didn't see anything.

Deb sent an email back which stated the following:

As you know, I cannot speak for the planning board. My comment to the select board follows:

- *RSA 674:41 applies – this is a private road, therefore 674:41, I.(d) requirements should be met. This requirement is state mandated and has nothing to do with the proposed zoning ordinance.*
- *Far more importantly, they have frontage on Spectacle Pond where building is controlled by the state Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, (SWQPA) RSA 483-B: 1-22, as amended. They therefore may need permits from DES. This latter requirement has nothing to do with the proposed zoning ordinance.*

- *RSA 676:12, I(a)(b) applies – both lots are under 1 acre and are narrow, less than 80 feet wide and also not that long. Under the proposed zoning it is a non-conforming lot that can be built upon. However, they still need to meet set-back requirements, lot coverage and buffer requirements from the shoreline.*

The Selectmen decided that they want to table this so they can look into this a little more. **John motioned to table the building permits, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Casey Kuplin building permit

Sara explained that she emailed the packet that Casey brought in to the attorney for review. The attorney stated that the fact that the state issued a driveway permit for the private right of way to access the state road does not resolve the town's issues. The lot still lacks frontage on a Class V or better road. Therefore, he still requires ZBA relief under RSA 674:41, II to get a building permit. The driveway permit is something the ZBA can consider, but it does not change the need for the ZBA relief. If the engineer/attorney would like to provide an analysis of why they think this is no longer required, she would be happy to consider that analysis. The Select Board asked Sara to email Casey and explain that he can have his attorney or engineer provide an analysis as why they do not think it is required and she will review that.

Meeting with Sheriff's Department

Sara explained that she emailed the Sheriff's department with some questions that came up during the meeting about the future of the Police Department. They suggested to meet with the Select Board to discuss this. It appears it would have to be before the 13th as the Sheriff is not available from the 14th-22nd. Sara asked the Select Board if there are any days they could meet before the 13th. The Select Board asked Sara to see if they can meet on the February 12, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Library request to meet with Select Board

The library trustees were hoping to spend some Library funds adding electric work and lights to the park pavilion as well as a bench possibly two in memory of Pam Yinger. They wanted to discuss this with the Select Board and hopefully get the project rolling so they requested to meet. The next meeting is February 19, 2019. The Select Board said they could squeeze them in at 6:45pm. Sara will reach out to make sure this works.

Cemetery Trustee

Elizabeth resigned as a cemetery trustee. She has done a great job for the Town. This will not be on the ballot but is now a position that will need to be filled. If anyone is interested please contact Ruth or Sara.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- They have been very busy plowing and sanding.
- They had to buy more sand which puts us about 200 yards more than we have been using in the past.
- Bubba warned everyone to always be careful and drive safe but especially tonight and tomorrow with the temperature changing like it has been.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Road Committee

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

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

School Petition Warrant Article

Slim mentioned there is a school petition warrant article to let budget committee handle the default budget next year. Slim recommends to vote yes for this.

Having no other business to conduct, Ron motioned to adjourn at 7:43pm, John 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant