

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
February 19, 2019

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

**Audience Members Present**

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of February 5, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Public Hearing minutes of February 5, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of February 5, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of February 12, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Contact Information for Mutual Aid Members*

The Town received the form for the contact information for Mutual Aid Members. Robert Ellis is the primary contact as the Public Works Director, Sara Smith is the second contact as the Administrative Assistant and John Rescigno is the third contact as the Select Board Chair. All three need to sign the form. **John motioned to sign the contact information for mutual Aid members, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Petition for junkyard issue*

The attorney sent the petition for one of the junkyard concerns on North Groton Road. Sara noted a change on it. John and Ron reviewed it and the rest looks good. Sara will email the attorney with the changes and explain once those changes are made it can be filed.

*Building permit concern*

There has been a lot of back and forth with the concern for the building permit for Casey Kuplin on Map 5 Lot 46. When Sara talked to Deb Johnson last, Deb stated that Casey needs to fill out a flood plain permit application which Sara has sent Casey. The Select Board asked the attorney to meet with the Select Board and review all documents that Mr. Kuplin has submitted and see if the building permit can be approved and if the flood plain permit application is necessary. The Select Board is trying to meet before the next Select Board Meeting on March 5, 2019.

Casey Kuplin was in attendance and he is looking to get this resolved. John explained that the Town understands his frustrations. John explained that this is not personal, the Select Board is doing everything we can to make sure this is being handled correctly.

Casey explained he isn't trying to do anything illegal. He is going to start building as soon as the permit is approved. He said he is following the letters of the law and are following the building permit guidelines. He said that other towns such as Hebron have handled landlocked lots. John explained that he cannot speak to other towns. Casey said there are lots on Hammerhead Lane that submitted building permits and didn't have

to go through all of this. It was explained that they did have to fill out the release of municipal liability forms in accordance with RSA 674:41.

Casey feels he has wasted time and money on this and it has taken 102 days. He feels that if the Zoning Ordinance goes through it will be even harder. John explained that in this case the new Zoning Ordinance will not affect this. Casey understood this.

Casey stated that now the flood plain permit application was emailed to him which is another thing he has to do that will cost money. Sara explained that when she talked to him on the phone on Tuesday, she told him that he doesn't need to fill this out right away. She explained the Planning Board said this needed to be done but we are waiting to hear from the attorney to see if he needs to fill this out or not so he can hold off until we get this confirmation.

Casey is already filling out the release in accordance with RSA 674:41 and it states that the Select Board is the governing board and can make the decision. John asked that Casey give the Select Board a few more weeks so they can meet with the attorney and we should have an answer then. Casey asked to be put in the Select Board meeting agenda for March 5<sup>th</sup> to follow up. The Select Board agreed to this.

Casey said that he feels that no one else thinks this is a priority. Sara explained that it is a priority and every time he sends something in, she sends it to the attorney for review and to the Selectmen but the research takes time. Sara explained that the Town has spent a lot of hours on this between research, communication with him, the Planning Board and the attorney. John explained that everyone is working to get this resolved correctly.

#### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

##### *Signature Cards*

The bank sent in signature cards to be signed which removes Kyle Andrews. **John motioned to sign the signature cards, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

##### *Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- People need to slow down especially with the bad weather.
- We have used a lot of sand this year. Bubba knows it has been a tough winter and the weather keeps changing making things icy but we need to make sure that the residents are not taking more sand than they should be. It has always been that each resident can take 3 five-gallon buckets (15 shovels full), not truck loads or filling sanders. Bubba asked the residents that if they see someone taking more sand than they should be to say something as this is their tax money too.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

##### *Road Committee*

The Road Committee will be meeting March 26, 2019 at 6:00pm.

##### *Building Committee*

The Building Committee will be meeting March 28, 2019 at 6:00pm.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

*911 signs*

The 911 signs are very important and we need more here in Groton. They are \$15.00 and the Hebron Fire Department installs them. They are beneficial in case of an emergency. It was recommended that this be mentioned at Town Meeting.

*All Hazard Mitigation Meetings*

The Town has been meeting once a month to update the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. We need to have a certain amount of people at these meetings to meet our match for the grant. The Select Board is asking residents to attend these meetings. The next meetings are taking place on March 19, 2019 at 4:00pm and April 16, 2019 at 4:00pm.

*Conservation Commission*

Slim mentioned that the next Conservation Commission meeting is Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm. He is hoping to have the Natural Resources inventory (NRI) for this meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant