

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
March 5, 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 19, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of February 19, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of February 19, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**CANDIDATE NIGHT:**

John explained that each candidate has the opportunity to speak if they wish and answer any questions that may come from the public.

- **SELECT PERSON:**
  - 1 position for 3 years- Ron Madan. Ron introduced himself and mentioned that he has filled in a few times and is filling in now. He wanted to go for the three-year term because he sees a lot of good changes in the Town. He would appreciate the vote.
  - 1 position for 1 year- Tony Albert. Tony mentioned that he is currently the moderator and ran for the moderator again but noticed that no one else went for Select Board so he decided to on the last day. He felt he should step up to the plate. He is a lifelong resident and has an interest in the Town and wants to see it move forward in a positive way. He will remain Moderator for this Town Meeting. He asked the residents to vote for him.
- **PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:**
  - 2 positions for 3 years- Kristina Brodie, Glen Hansen and Dave Madden
- **CEMETERY TRUSTEE:**
  - 1 position for 3 years- open
- **LOCAL AUDITOR:**
  - 1 position for 1 year- Ann Joyce. Ann explained that she is running for the local auditor and the Zoning Board as well.
- **MODERATOR:**
  - 1 position for 2 years- Tony Albert. Bubba mentioned that he talked to Tony Tavares and he said that if people write him in, he would be okay with being the moderator.
- **LIBRARY TRUSTEE:**
  - 1 position for 1 year- open
  - 1 position for 3 years- open
- **ZONING BOARD:**
  - 1 position for 1 year- Ann Joyce.
  - 2 positions for 2 years- open. Ann mentioned that both Peter Smith and Gary Easson mentioned they would like to be a write in for the Zoning Board.
  - 2 positions for 3 years- Glen Hansen

If anyone is interested in any open position, they can put sign outs the day of the election requesting to be a write-in. John reminded the townspeople that there were a lot of open spots and if you know of anyone interested please encourage them run.

John thanked the candidates for coming out and mentioned that it would be nice to see more people stepping forward.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### *Kuplin Building Permit*

The Select Board met with the attorney on Casey Kuplin's building permit prior to this meeting tonight and wanted to provide an update on the status of this. The Select Board explained that they have decided to consider the driveway/access a private road since it has been a right of way for so long and there have not been any issues with it in the past. The attorney said they could do this. It was explained to Casey that this means the appeal is no longer required, just the release of municipal liability (RSA 674:41) that he already filled out is still needed and will cover this.

It was also explained that since he has proven that the house and septic are not in the actual flood plain, the attorney said that the flood plain permit is not required.

John explained that this still has to go to the Planning Board to review the frontage concern which should be reviewed at their next meeting which is March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Select Board should receive their feedback prior to the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so they should be able to make a decision on the permit on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Casey appreciate this information and is happy that we have received some answers and are moving forward. He wanted to make a statement that this lot was subdivided in 1935 prior to any Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, or State laws so he felt it should have been a grandfathered lot. He felt that when this was done, if they would have known the aggravation that would be caused, they probably would have kept that land. He said it would be a shame to take away a 57-acre building lot because all it has is a 40 foot right of way.

Casey confirmed that they are all set with this part of the process. John confirmed that is correct and they will have the information back from the Planning Board and will make a decision on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Casey asked if he should attend the Planning Board meeting. John mentioned he is the liaison so he will be there. It was explained that Casey can attend but he does not need to.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### *Intent to Excavate- Map 5 Lot 47*

Mike Ethier submitted an intent to excavate for the tax year of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 for his property on Map 5 Lot 47. He submitted payment for the \$100.00 fee. The intent of for 4000 cubic yards of gravel, 500 cubic yards of loam and 2500 cubic yards of fill totaling 7000 cubic yards. **John motioned to sign the intent to excavate for Map 5 Lot 47, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Report of Excavated Material- Map 5 Lot 47*

Mr. Ethier submitted his report of excavated material for tax years April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. This report was for 520 cubic yards of gravel, 378 cubic yards of loam and 1176 cubic yards of fill totaling 2074 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$41.48. **John motioned to sign the excavation tax for Map 5 Lot 47, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

### *April Meetings*

The Select Board changed the first meeting in April since John will not be here. They will be meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and will still meet on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

#### *Election Day*

The Select Board reminded residents that voting will take place here at the Town House on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-7:00pm.

#### *Town Meeting*

Town Meeting is Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. If you would like to bring in food that would be greatly appreciated and if you could spread that word that would be great.

### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

#### *Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- They are still plowing and keeping the roads safe
- Bubba has been working on getting questions/bids on roadwork for Town Meeting

### **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:**

#### *Questions from past meetings*

Miles was reviewing some past meeting meetings and had some questions.

- Miles mentioned he saw that there was an M16 that Groton had and the State Police came to inventory but it wasn't here so they had to contact EJ. He wanted to know what the outcome was. John explained that we did find out that Hill had the weapon and the paperwork was done but it was never entered into the system and the Select Board wasn't aware it was transferred to Hill and was done under the proper channels. There is a program where you can get many things to assist the community such as weapons, vehicles, etc. It has to be for law enforcement and you have to use it under the program for a year and then it can be turned over to the Town to do what they want with it. They can transfer it, sell it, etc. The member of State Police that was here explained he would get back to us if there were any issues and we have not heard back so it must have been accounted for.
- Miles stated that he saw that Deb Johnson and the Planning Board brought up a concern on a notch on the Groton/Plymouth town line and there was concern that it isn't on some maps and should be. John did a quick sketch to show where the notch was. John explained that we reached out to Avitar and they said they could look into it further but the Select Board put it on hold until after Town Meeting. Miles said he didn't see it on the tax maps. It was explained that it isn't on the maps and the Planning Board feels it should be. Miles mentioned that he wasn't involved but was under the impression that

the reason they did the perambulation in 1998 was because there was a discrepancy with where the boundaries are and where they were supposed to be. It actually went to town vote, for both towns, and the Selectmen got together and came up with an agreement and it was decided to go to the old historical monuments to see what was defining where the lines should be. Miles said if someone is looking into this, they may find the answer within the binder for that perambulation which Sara knows where this is.

- Miles read that the Library Trustees wanted to do some changes to the park in memory of Pam Yinger. John confirmed that this is true and this will include some electrical work, lighting and staining. Miles said this is a nice thing but his concern is that he didn't think they could use this money on anything but library purposes and this work has nothing to do with the library. John mentioned the Select Board brought this up to the Library Trustees and Elizabeth looked into and was told it was okay since it is not coming out of their budget, it is coming out of a separate library account that she said they can use on this.

**Having no other business to conduct, Ron motioned to adjourn at 7:20pm, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant