

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2019

In Attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Ron Madan

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of April 9, 2019 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of April 9, 2019 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 9, 2019 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property on Edgar Albert Road

A resident brought up a concern at the last meeting about a property on Edgar Albert Road and if it should be inspected when the other junkyard properties are being inspected. The Selectmen drove by the property and think this should be added to the list.

Jim Joyce shared some history on this. In summary, apparently, they were going to scrap the trailer which is why it was moved forward and they started to clean it out but it was never finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

All Veterans Credit

The Town received an application for the All Veterans Tax Credit along with the elderly exemption and disabled exemption for the owner of Map 1 Lot 7. They only submitted supporting documents for the all veterans credit so that can be approved but Sara drafted a letter requesting the supporting documents for the others before they can be approved. **John motioned to approve the All Veterans Tax Credit for Map 1 Lot 7 and table the rest until the supporting documents are received, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Conservation Commission Meeting request

The Conservation Commission asked to meet with the Select Board to talk about recycling. Sara asked when they would want to schedule this for. It was agreed to put them on the Select Board Meeting agenda for May 7, 2019. Sara will let them know.

Records Retention Meeting request

Ruth sent an email requesting a records retention meeting with the Department Heads, the Select Board and the Treasurer regarding some right to know laws that should be rehearsed in light of new attention

to open government. She was hoping to meet on Tuesday June 18th. It was agreed to meet June 18th at 6pm. Sara will reach out to department heads and committee chairs to let them know.

NETC Settlement Agreement

Avitar sent the settlement agreement for Northern New England Telephone Operations as agreed back in December of 2018. The Select Board had chosen option three: Accept full settlement ending all appeals for \$1,681.00 but this agreement only mentions the full settlement amount of \$1,481.00. Sara reached out and Chad Roberge confirmed that they got the price lowered to the \$1,481.00 and it does still mean ending all appeals. **John motioned to sign the NETC settlement agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Request to use the Park

The Town of Groton received a request from a resident to use the park for softball practices because the field they usually use is very wet. The resident understand the Town is not liable if anything is to happen and stated this in the letter. **John motioned to approve the use of the park, Tony 2nd so voted.**

1214 North Groton Road

A resident brought up a concern about the property at 1214 North Groton Road. It is getting worse and has since has more refrigerators and items brought to the property. This property is on the list to have an inspection done in June. However, a letter was sent in December stating the property needs to be cleaned up and nothing has happened since. The Select Board agreed to send another letter prior to the June inspections. **John motioned to come in and sign the letter once it is completed, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- Bubba is on still on vacation but wanted to thank Jeremy, Fred and Sara for taking care of everything while he was gone.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Town Garage

Slim mentioned that the Feds were down measuring the water at the garage. He wasn't sure of exactly which department but was happy to see them keeping an eye on it.

Fire

Jim Joyce asked what the cause of the Fire at Andy's was. Tony said they do not know but he said that Andy hadn't been there. John asked if there is concern of debris running into the river. Tony said there is not much left and the way the property is there is no concern.

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Administrative Assistant back up

Ruth mentioned that she has had two applications for the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Administrative Assistant back up. She is still accepting applications if anyone is interested.

Conservation Clean Up

Slim wanted to thank Ruth for putting the clean up in the newspaper. Sara explained that she put it on the website and the Groton-NH events Facebook page. Slim mentioned there will be a rain date the next day, May 5th. Sara will add this to the website and Ruth will put this in the article.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:29pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant