

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
July 2, 2019

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

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Tony motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of June 18, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Tony motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of June 18, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of June 25, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of June 25, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling

The Select Board explained to the Town that they have decided to eliminate recycling at this time. The Town is still recycling steel, electronics, tires, etc. Waste Management admitted they are not recycling our material and that they cannot provide us with the container we would need. The Town also was not doing a good job on separating Casella sent an estimate that it would cost over \$20,000.00 a year to recycle with them. Due to increased costs we are already at the budget for the year so it was decided to stop recycling until we know for sure what is going on and what is the best option for the Town. This doesn't mean we will not recycle in the future and we are looking at something to cover the bins.

Sara has contacted Waste Management and asked them to pick up their containers asap and explained we are no longer recycling with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Fire Pond/Hydrant

John stated that the current area we were hoping to do a fire pond doesn't seem to be working out as the owner hasn't been responding. John explained we have two other spots we are considering right now and we will be reaching out to the land owners.

Junkyard Reports

Ken Knowlton visited all the properties that either have junkyards or have junkyard concerns and submitted the reports to the Select Board for review.

- Case 1 - is compliant. Sara created the compliance letter.
- Case 2 - is in violation. Sara created the letter that states the property appears to be in violation and to schedule a site visit with the Select Board and Ken.
- Case 3, 4, 5 and 6-are on the inactive list

- Case 7- is in violation. Sara created the letter that states the property appears to be in violation and to schedule a site visit with the Select Board and Ken. It was agreed to move forward with the attorney on this property.
- Case 8 - is compliant and will stay on the yearly check list as it has a junkyard license. Sara created the compliance letter.
- Case 9 - is on the inactive list and can stay there.
- Case 10 - is compliant and will stay on the yearly check list as it has a junkyard license. Sara created the compliance letter.
- Case 11 - is compliant and will stay on the yearly check list as it has a junkyard license. Sara created the compliance letter.
- Case 12 - is compliant and will stay on the yearly check list as it has a junkyard license. Sara created the compliance letter.
- Case 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 - All cases are on the inactive list.
- Case 24 - is compliant but will stay on the yearly check. Sara created the compliance letter.
- Case 25 - is in violation. Sara created the letter that states the property appears to be in violation and to schedule a site visit with the Select Board and Ken.

John motioned to sign all of the junkyard letters, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Intent to cut- Map 5 Lot 162

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 5 Lot 162 for a 45-acre cut. There are no taxes owed on the property so a bond was not required and all information on the intent is correct. **John motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 5 Lot 162, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 5 Lot 8

The owner submitted a building permit for a 16x20 shed. They did submit the release of municipal liability form as well. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 5 Lot 8, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 36-1

The owners submitted a building permit a 16x18 carport at her property at 8 Bettys Lane. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 1 Lot 36-1, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Indemnification

Indemnification has come up at both Sara's welfare meeting and Bubba's road workshops. It is to protect the employees (Select Board, Road Agent, Transfer Station Supervisor, etc.) against anyone coming against them. The Town has to adopt this but it doesn't have to be at the annual Town meeting.

Sara sent this to Primex and they had no concerns with the wording but provided a few important considerations which were that a town electing to approve this indemnity may choose to purchase liability coverage to assist it in meeting its obligation per RSA 31:107. It's important to note, however, that liability coverage has policy terms, limits and exclusions which in some situations may result in coverage which is not coextensive with the relatively broad scope of indemnity set forth in RSA 31:105 and the adopting motion. To the extent a claim is not covered by the insurance/pool coverage, but is still within the scope of RSA 31:105, the Town not the insurance provider would be financially responsible. Sara reached out to Primex again to see what the additional cost would be and they explained it would be

John motioned that pursuant to RSA 31:105 the select board of the Town of Groton does hereby indemnify and save harmless for loss or damage occurring to any person employed by the Town of Groton and any member or officer of its governing board, administrative staff or agencies including but not limited to select board members, town administrator, administrative assistant, regional planning commissioners, town and city health officers, overseers of public welfare from personal

financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property if the indemnified person at the time of the accident resulting in the injury, damage, or destruction was acting in the scope of employment or office, Tony 2nd so voted.

Sara will put this on a policy/adoption form for the next meeting.

Disposal agreement- 84 Bailey Hill Road

Rick Belanger submitted a disposal agreement for his property at 84 Bailey Hill Road. **John motioned to approve the disposal agreement for 84 Bailey Hill Road, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Province Road Bids

The Select Board received four bids for the Province Road Project from M.E. Latulippe, Morrison Construction, LLC, Mike Ethier and D.A. White Excavating, LLC. Each bid was opened and reviewed. M.E. Latulippe submitted a bid of \$160,840.00, Morrison Construction submitted a bid of \$348,150.00, Mike Ethier submitted a bid of \$218,000.00, and D.A. White Excavating submitted a bid of \$421,168.00. The Select Board wanted to review these in more detail and have a work session next week to discuss these. **John motioned to table the Province Road Project bid decision and have a work session on Tuesday July 9, 2019 at 4:30pm to discuss these and make a decision, Tony 2nd so voted.**

Intent to cut- Map 9 Lot 2

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 2 for a 40-acre cut. There are no taxes owed on the property so a bond was not required and all information on the intent is correct. **John motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 9 Lot 2, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard License

James Rego at 1536 North Groton Road submitted a junkyard license renewal for his junkyard located at 1536 North Groton Road. We received the background check with no record to report. Ken Knowlton reported that he is in compliance and that the license can be renewed. **John motioned to approve the junkyard license renewal for 1536 North Groton Road, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 48

The owners submitted a building permit a 24x36 carport and a 6x8 garden shed at his property at 84 Bailey Hill Road. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 1 Lot 48, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- T.L.C. finished the cutting on North Fletcher Road and Edgar Albert Roads. It took longer than he expected but did it at no extra cost to the Town and the roads look good.
- They are going to be doing some ditching on Edgar Albert Road so Bubba needs people on Edgar Albert Road and MacDonald Lane to fill out disposal forms
- There were some trees hanging on Province Road so the Highway Department cleaned them up.
- Bryant Paving will be starting July 29th with the grading for both North Groton Road and Sculptured Rocks Road and they are thinking it will take four days. On Sculptured Rocks Road they will be doing a base coat from the beginning of where the grinding was done to Seven Kids Lane. They will also be

doing a shim from the Park to the beginning course so we can put the wear course all the way next year. On North Groton Road, they are going to be putting a wear course on last year's work and will put a leveling course from Halls Brook to almost Nedeau Lane. Then hopefully next year we can do another course.

- Bubba has been going to T2 programs and he made road scholar.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

NH Marathon Committee

Bob Watson attended the meeting and needs a DOT permit for the marathon and the Select Board Chair needs to sign off on it. The marathon is October 5th. They do have an insurance policy for the day of the marathon. Even though the runners sign a waiver the Town would be insured that day if anything happens. **John motioned to sign the NH Marathon Committee permit, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Minutes

Ann mentioned she turned in binders with minutes for Road Committee, Building Committee and Zoning Board. Sara explained that these binders are on the front table in her office until they decide where to put them.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:31pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant