

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 17, 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 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 3, 2019 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 3, 2019 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Orange Road- update

The Town of Groton emailed our legal advice at New Hampshire Municipal Authority (NHMA) to make sure everything the Town and State have told Bill Jolly so far is correct. NHMA emailed back that the Town cannot put any money into a class VI Road unless they chose to declare it an emergency lane or re-classify the road as a class V road and went over the options for an emergency lane, Class V road or discontinuing the road and gave information and RSA's pertaining to each of these.

They mentioned that the challenge in emergency lane declarations is always ensuring that the municipality is adhering to its first mandate to not expend public money for private benefit. That's what RSA 231:59-a appears to be attempting to capture in the bolded section. The public welfare or safety interest must outweigh or differ from the private benefit. It is likely easier to tip the scales towards the public interest when there are multiple houses, the road serves as a cut-through, or the road has some dual purpose (accessing the pond which the fire department uses for water). In the case of only one house being served, it is entirely possible that a select board looking at the facts may decide that the private interest outweighs the public, but that is entirely fact-dependent.

Since the Town is not the one that is interested in making it an emergency lane or a class V road, Bill Jolly would have to be the one to submit a petition warrant article regarding this.

Also, John explained that FEMA only gets involved for private entities if 50 or more homes are destroyed and there was not anywhere close to 50 homes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit Map 1 Lot 93

The owner submitted a building permit for a 32x18 car port made of wood. This will not be heated or cooled.

John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 93, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit Map 6 Lot 18

The owner submitted a building permit for the installation of an array of 462 square feet of solar panels. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 6 Lot 18, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Grafton Regional Development Corporation annual meeting

The Grafton Regional Development Corporation (GRDC) annual meeting is Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5:00pm at the River Valley Community College in downtown Lebanon. There is a form that the Select Board have to fill out to let them know if they will be attending or not. **John motioned that the Select Board will not be attending and to sign the proxy, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Disaster Management for Public Service

There is a disaster management class for public service on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 and Thursday November 7, 2019 from 8:00am-4:30pm in Dover. The Select Board discussed if anyone should attend this class. It was agreed that Sara and Bubba will attend if the weather allows. Sara did send this to Bill and Patti.

Pistol/revolver License

The Town of Groton received a pistol/revolver license renewal application. Sara sent them to the State Police to get the background check done and to get their approval which came back that the record was negative and the license could be issued. **John motioned to sign the pistol/revolver licenses, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Memo to Transfer Funds from Capital Reserve Funds

Mike Ethier has been working on clearing the land that was purchased to be the new location of the town garage across from the Transfer Station. The Select Board agreed that this would be paid out of the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund since it is clearing for the new building site. **John motioned to sign the memo to the trustees of the trust fund requesting to transfer \$4,975.00 from the Public Works Capital Relief Fund to Meredith Village Savings Bank, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Signs for Town Pound

John mentioned that the Groton Historical Society needs to order the signs so they can be paid out of this year's budget. Slim wasn't at the meeting but when we see him, we will let him know.

Ron Madan

Ron Madan broke his leg pretty severely and will be in rehabilitation for a while. This is why he is not here tonight and will probably not be at the meetings for a while. The Town is wishing him a speedy recovery.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- M.E. Latulippe is almost done grading Sculptured Rocks Road. They should finish tomorrow. Then this will be paved next Wednesday/Thursday. The paving will be stopping about 1200 feet from end because of the damaged culvert down there that needs to be replaced.
- Edgar Albert Road will be completed by M.E. Latulippe once they are done with Sculptured Rocks Road. This will bring the road back to pre-storm condition if not better.
- Around the week of October 7th, M.E. Latulippe will be starting Province Road repairs.
- The Highway Department is still working on getting the plows and everything ready for winter. Sand will be delivered in the next few weeks.

- There was a lot of work done on clearing the land across from the Transfer Station. Bubba wanted to thank Mike Ethier and his worker Dan along with Norm and Fred for all of their hard work. There was a lot of work done for a low price. It is wet on lower end of the lot behind the pound. There are some thoughts are that we may be able to put a fire pond in down there and then water can be filtered towards that.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Road Committee

Bubba mentioned that the next Road Committee Meeting will be Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Building Committee

Bubba mentioned that the next Building Committee Meeting will be Thursday September 26, 2019 at 6:00pm.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:25pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant