

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
June 2, 2020

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

John called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Email from Gary Easson

Gary went to look at the lights at the park as requested by the Select Board. He emailed that the main breakers were off and he always turn off all main breakers in public access's like this one. He confirmed that all lights work. However, he checked the Ground fault plugs at the pavilion, and they trip and reset as they should, but when plugging into them he didn't get any power. If he jiggled the leads on the meter just right, he could get a momentary 120 V. A.C. The dual GFCI outlet on the right side of the cabinet is in tack, undamaged, and works fine but the 8 (2 per corner post), have been vandalized. In his opinion by someone who has been briefed or is well acquainted with electrical devices, on what not to touch versus what to touch. He said it is the negative (white wire circuit) side on these 8 that seem to be damaged most. He suggested that we contact the Police Chief to let him know and filed a report and then replace these devices with new ones and at the same time come up with a strong metal enclosure that can be well attached over the existing enclosures, that will Not interfere with the operation of the GFCI's or the covers. This would also be pad lockable AND be somewhat vandal proof. He has built and installed such items before in years past.

The Select Board do not want the metal enclosure, they would just like him to fix what is damaged and no more than 2 hours on it. Sara will email him to let him know.

Letter from the Planning Board

Deb Johnson sent a letter on behalf of the Planning Board in response to the letter the Select Board sent dated April 9, 2020. Sara gave each Selectmen a copy. They will review this before the next meeting so they can discuss it then. **John motioned to table the letter from the Planning Board until the next meeting, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Meeting with Tony Tavares

Tony had requested to meet with the Select Board to discuss Election Day safety needs because of the Corona virus. Tony typed up a handout regarding the 2020 Emergency Election Support Meetings. They have been having remote meetings which can be found on you tube. Tony said they are going to come up with a recommendation and send to secretary of state to determine how to spend the 3.2 million dollars to provide a safe environment in the voting area as a result of the pandemic.

Tony thinks the Town should jump on this and get the material he knows we are going to need now. The items he went over were barriers for the Supervisors and Ballot Clerks, setting a limit on number of voters in the building at a time which may require a door-keeper at the entrance, a supply of face masks, face shields for election officials, hand sanitizer dispensers near the entry and exits for voting area, golf pencils (so we can give one to each person and dispose of it after), accessible voting unit will need cleaning or we could use a shrink wrap film to cover the equipment and replace it after each use, use orange duct tape to mark off 6 feet spacing along the entry area and tables, and paper towels for cleaning. It was also discussed that we shouldn't do the food table that is usually set up in the voting area.

Sara will ask Bill to see if he can get more PPE from the place for free. Tony said he thought they were still giving more away.

John told Tony they should look into building the frames.

Sara will look into ordering the other supplies.

Meeting with Bubba

Bubba met with the Select Board to discuss the following items:

- Sculptured Rocks Road culverts: Michie Corp would have been too long to wait for the culverts but Scituate Concrete can supply the 1st box approximately the 3rd week in July, the 2nd box about the 2nd week in August, and the 3rd box around the 3rd week of August. They should be able to get the boxes done by the completion date of September 30th.
- Sculptured Rocks Road Project- it will be a few weeks until Mike has the plans for this and then he will put it out to bid.
- North Groton Road: During the heavy rains, part of the road washed out from Old Rumney Road down to Halls Brook.
- North Groton Road Project: The shoulder gravel was done today and they will be back in the morning to finish it up
- Bubba will be looking to hire Dave Leone for ditching and reshaping on North Fletcher Road and Old Rumney Road.
- River Road needs work but will wait until we know there is no storms or extra costs for the Town.
- Bubba and Sara have been working with FEMA to get money for the 2019 storm work that was completed and the estimates for the rest of the work to be done.
- ME Latulippe has started the work on Province Road but hasn't put material down yet.
- The Truck should be ready by the end of July. Sara will reach back out about Truck grant.

Meeting with Chief Bagan

There has been some petty theft in Dorchester, Wentworth and Groton. The Chief has seen pictures of the vehicles so he has increased patrol. The State Police is investigating.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:59pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant