

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
September 28, 2020

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

John called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Junkyard inspection- Bailey Hill Road

The Select Board met Gardner Warr from DES, Ken Knowlton from MRI, Rumney Fire Chief Dave Coursey and Groton Police Chief Michael Bagan at the Town House regarding the concerns with the junkyard on Bailey Hill Road. Gardner explained that he has worked closed with the owner for State items in the past and is willing to talk to him as well and will offer any advice or guidance to the Town from what he sees that would be a concern for DES. It was agreed to go to Bailey Hill to do the inspection and then to move forward from there.

When everyone arrived at the junkyard on Bailey Hill it was immediately noticed that there was now a closed gate with a no trespassing posting on it and fencing on the sides of the gate. Ken stated that this was not there at his last inspection so he did not know about this. Since the owner was not there and there was no way to get in, it was agreed that the inspection would not take place today.

Chief Coursey stated that he has also had to work with the owner for Fire/EMT issues so he has his contact information and will call him today. He will try to set up a meeting/inspection and it was agreed that not as many people would need to be there for that. They will try to start with the meeting/inspection with just the Fire Chief and Tony Albert, as the Towns Health Officer. This will allow them to talk to him and hopefully do an inspection to see what is needed to be done.

Everyone agreed that we do not want to get the attorney involved if it isn't needed as it costs a lot for everyone but will do so if needed. The Town has sent the owner a few letters about the junkyard not being in compliance and he has not responded. It also doesn't appear that he has made any changes from what could be seen from the road. His junkyard license expired as of July 1, 2020 and will not be renewed because he is not in compliance. Therefore, he does not have a valid junkyard license at this time and he needs to work with the Town to come into compliance to have this renewed.

Gardner told Chief Coursey to let him know if they need him to contact the owner as well. He is willing to do whatever is needed to help.

Chief Coursey will keep Tony and Sara informed of how the conversation goes and if he is able to set up a meeting/inspection. If he does not work with them then the attorney will have to get involved.

John thanked everyone for coming out even though the inspection couldn't take place. It was good for everyone to meet and know who each other is and work together.

Sculptured Rocks Road Project

The Select Board met Bubba and Mike Vignale at Sculptured Rocks Road near Belgian Lane. There were concerns about the ditching and culverts that were being put in. The residents work hard on their yard and were not happy with some of the work that was happening.

Bubba had the plans out which did show the culverts and drainage on the plans. Tony has lived there his entire life and they have never had any water issues there. There was already one culvert there that drained into the

field which has always worked. It was agreed to not do anymore digging, ditching or culverts there besides what has already been done as it is not necessary.

Mike explained that as the engineer he puts these in the plans but the Town can take them out. This was done on the plans because the way the road is now there is no ditching so if there is a lot of water, they do not want the water sitting at the side of the road and breaking up the asphalt. If there hasn't been issue of that in the past then it was agreed that was not needed.

It was agreed to put a catch basin in where the work was done on the corner of Belgian Lane.

The next section that was reviewed discussed was near the Park. It was agreed to do the work there because it will be beneficial and the Town owns that property but it is not needed past there as there.

Mike Vignale will talk to the contractor and let him know what was discussed and the changes that were agreed on.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 3:30pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant