

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
September 7, 2021

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

John called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) at 4:34pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 4:50pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to seal the non-public minutes, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Facility

Tony talked to the Select Board about the issue of the sale of the Laconia State School property, which would affect the Lake Region Mutual Fire Aid. The more problematic part is if they were to be forced to relocate, obtaining, and building a new building to meet their needs would be astronomical in cost. Jonathan Goldman had sent an email and had asked if each Board of Selectman/City Council could send letters, and contact their State Representatives, Senators, and the Governor's office directly and they attached an email list that should have each elected official representing a community in the district. He also asked if we do send a letter, and they hope we do as it is imperative to speak in volumes, that we would send a copy to him so he can keep it in the file in case he ever needs to speak publicly to the issue. The Select Board agreed to write a letter and asked Sara to draft this and send it them for review. **John motioned to come in and sign the letter when it is ready, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Meeting with Scott LaCriox

This meeting had to be rescheduled.

Transfer Station Attendant

Norm submitted a letter that Richard will be working Wednesday with George or Norm. He does have a doctor's note. Also, we received a letter from DES that Richards certification has expired so he will need to renew this. Sara mentioned that we should check with Norm to see if he still wants to advertise for a part time back attendant or if they are all set now that Richard is back. They also want to make sure that Richard is able to do all job duties besides the lifting limit that is listed on the note.

Welfare Training 9/16/21

The Select Board approved Sara to attend the Welfare Training in Person on 9/16/21. The training has been moved to virtual only so Sara will be in the office longer but will still have the office as closed, it just won't have to close until 11:00am since she is attending the training still but won't have to drive there for the first part and hopefully won't be interrupted.

Junkyard Inspection 5pm

The Select Board had to complete the second inspection at one property in Town. The owner was not at the property at the time of the inspection and never responded to the letters so he hasn't requested a junkyard license that was mentioned in the letter sent to him. There are still about 20 vehicles that are not registered, the wood is still in the right of way and now there is new equipment moved into the right of way. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to the attorney to let them know this is still in violation and the last letter mentioned that if it was not cleaned up, they would be charged \$50 a day so we will see when this starts and what the next step should be.

Closings on Town Properties

The Select Board met with the realtors and buyers to do the closings for the properties located at Map 1 Lot 91 and Map 7 Lot 36.

For Map 1 Lot 91 they were not able to insure the title at this time so the title company wouldn't do the closing. Mr. Finnell, the buyer, will be requesting an attorney to assist with this. This will postpone the closing until September 21, 2021 at 5:30pm; The Select Board agreed to sign an addendum to change the date of the closing and the addendum that anything that is over the original amount will go back to the buyer. **John motioned to sign the addendums, Tony 2nd so voted.**

For Map 7 Lot 36, Kevin Maas was in attendance and had the paperwork for the closing. Ruth was requested to notarize the deed. **John motioned to sign the closing paperwork including the deed, the 1099-S, and the settlement statement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Meeting with Deb- Building Permit updates/changes

Deb Johnson called and had to reschedule. This has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Meeting with Bubba

Bubba met with the Select Board to go over the following:

- Bubba asked the Select Board if they would like to put the old sander out to bid. It needs a new battery and solenoid. It is worth between \$600.00 and \$800.00. The Select Board agreed to put it out for bid with the minimum bid starting at \$600.00. Sara will work with Bubba to get some information and will put it this in the paper.
- Bubba mentioned that Fred is off this week so they will clean up Edgar Albert Road next week. The water is going where it should be. Tony suggested putting an apron on that road next year. Bubba said he would like to look at this for other roads too.
- Mold remediation started today at the Town Garage. ServPro is the one doing the work.
- They started sanding and painting the body of the big international with black paint to cover the rust. They don't think they will be able to do the orange.
- The Ford is still at Ford. It went in for service and a sticker and there was something to do with the brakes and they weren't using the emergency brake enough and some springs broke so they are being replaced. Some of the work is covered under warranty and some isn't.
- Paving for River Road is scheduled for Thursday September 23, 2021. He will check with Bryant on the 20th to make sure and to do some work on the culverts before paving,
- There is enough money in his budget lines to put an inch shim over Smith Road. This would be the last road to get paved. Bryant gave a quote and R&D Paving looked at it but wouldn't give a quote. Since it is such a short road not a lot of other people will come out and Bryant is already in Town for another project. The Select Board is okay with moving forward with this project.
- Bubba asked if we heard back about the clean-up of the property on North Groton Road. Sara sent an email last week and will send another one explaining we would like to clean this up before winter.
- All of the 2019 FEMA work has been completed and we are close to closing this out. Sara will send the invoices and proof of payments to HSEM and start the refund and closeout process.
- They have been scraping and sanding plow frames.
- The bridge to the pond will be started within the next few weeks.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:56pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant