

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
April 19, 2022

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

Absent: Tony Albert

John called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (d) at 6:01pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 6:06pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

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

NLRA email- Atwell Orange Brook Project

Rebecca Hanson from NLRA emailed to let us know that they just completed the request for qualification process for an engineering firm for the Atwell Brook site. They only had one firm submit a statement of qualifications, and they have selected them to move forward. As they start working with the consultant, they wanted to check with Groton on a few things which are as follows:

- They wanted to know if there is anyone in Groton that would like to be a part of the planning and discussion. The Select Board would like to be involved and go to a site visit and agreed that one of them should be a part of it.
- They are working on setting up a kick off meeting with NLRA, NH F&G, and the Town of Groton. Is Sara the best contact for the Town to set this up? Yes, she is.
- Are Groton reps okay with a video conference meeting? Or is an in-person meeting better? In person is better.
- She knows there's a private landowner up the road from the site. They are curious to know what the select board knows about this property owner and how involved they might like to be in this project. No, they do not think the landowner needs to be involved.

Email from Deb Johnson- 50 Blood Road

Deb Johnson sent an email regarding 50 Blood Road. She has asked that it be looked into since it was sold and the new owners were renovating for full time live-in and indicated they have no septic system or outhouse. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to NHMA and explain the situation that this was a camp and may now be a year-round residence which doesn't have septic and ask what the Town should do to get clarification if this is year-round.

Assessing Mini Course

There is an assessing mini course in Bristol on Thursday, May 5th from 9am to 12pm. The Select Board approved Sara to attend and to close the office during that time.

Fire Warden Update

Per Tony's request, Sara had emailed Steve Sherman regarding our Fire Warden. We were told by a ranger that the fire warden is supposed to be re-appointed every three years and we do not know when the last time a re-appointment was done in Groton. The Select Board does not have anything on file and know they haven't signed anything. Steve did look into this and confirmed that it is every three years. He

checked with his office and they did not receive the last one back. He is working on this and will have some information for us soon as to how we can proceed.

Meeting with Chief

The Select Board met with Chief Bagan for his quarterly meeting to discuss the following:

- The Chief went over some activity that has been happening in Town.
- There is a case that may change his schedule some.

Meeting with Bubba

The Select Board met with Bubba to discuss the following:

- Bubba is going to look into the mower rental. It did go up. Last year we hired someone so he is looking to see what options we have. We need to also do some cutting on Province Road.
- Flagpole update: Bubba is working on the flagpole; he thinks he can fix it; he has about \$50 into it. The Select Board thinks to be safe we should get a new one because it is just a band aid and there could be issues later. It may have been leaning but it wasn't going anywhere. Sara will reach out to flag companies to get quotes on a new pole and installation. The Town will pay half.
- VT Recreational provided an updated quote for the basketball court. It still falls within what was approved at Town Meeting. Bubba asked them to put us on the schedule. He said it would be late summer.
- The newest HMGP Grant is for 90%. Sara and Bubba will be attending a webinar on this on 4/25/22 and are thinking about applying for this for the culvert near the cemetery on North Groton Road. We were told to attend a webinar and after that we can work on the letter of interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant