

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
May 3, 2022

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

John called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (d) at 5:31pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 5:40pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

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

Meeting with Dave Coursey

The Select Board met with Dave Coursey to see if he still wants to do the fire inspections for Groton even though he isn't the Fire Chief for Rumney anymore. He would still like to do these inspections and oil permits. The amount that was agreed on at the previous meeting is fair along with mileage. He does have the W4 and I9 filled out that he will drop off. He also has some money for oil permits to drop off. Sara printed the most recent permits that will need inspections.

Tony asked him if he was interested in doing the health inspections. He said he would be willing to take these on. It was explained that it would be \$1250 a year which is paid monthly. Tony doesn't want to do these anymore because he is a selectman and thinks it should be a separate person but he is willing to help Dave. **John motioned to appoint Dave Coursey as the health officer for \$1250/yr., Tony 2nd so voted.** Sara will reach out to the State to let them know we have a new appointment.

The Select Board asked Dave if he was interested in doing the junkyard inspections. He is not interested in this because he does not know all of the rules. He mentioned that Rumney has a new girl that does it. Sara will reach out to Joe at Rumney to see who is doing the inspections for them and if they are willing to take on other towns.

Broadband

Carol Miller from National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE) set up a virtual meeting with the Select Board to provide an update on the broadband. On April 12th Sara sent out the letters of request for information for providers. We have received the 911 data and Spectrum has submitted data. We are waiting on Consolidated Communications. The due date for the return of the data is May 10, 2022. Everything seems to be going well. They have started the mapping and as the data comes in, she will be able to provide maps. Everything is going as planned.

Tony asked if NHEC has submitted anything. We are still waiting to hear back from them. They do service Groton so there shouldn't be any issues. She said she could ask them to join us on a call if we would like so they can let us know how they plan to move forward with broadband in the area. She will ask them to join us for the June 7th call.

Tax Warrant

Sara mentioned that Avitar is finishing up entering information this week. Once that is complete, Sara will be running the tax warrant. **John motioned to come in and sign the tax warrant once it is complete, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Schedule Joint Loss Safety Meetings

It is that time of year when we schedule the joint loss safety meetings to do the inspections of the park, the Highway garage, the Transfer Station and the Town House. The Select Board agreed to schedule this for May 17th at 4:00pm. Sara will reach out to let Norm, Bubba and Chief know.

Flag Pole Quotes

Sara reached out to 6 different companies and received quotes from 3 different companies for the flagpole. The quotes are as follows:

- High Flying Flag Co out of Greenland NH: \$2,845.00
- Union Flags out of Hampton Falls NH: \$2,939.00
- Planet Flagpole out of MA: \$3,442.00

John motioned to move forward with the High Flying Flag Company, Tony 2nd, so voted. John asked Sara to let Dan know the cost and explain that the Town will pay half and that he is responsible for half.

Follow up on 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 what is going on and what the Town's next step should be. NHMA responded that if the town has probable cause to believe code violations might exist at a particular property, then the appropriate code official should undertake an investigation. If Groton enforces the State Building Code, the matter should be investigated by the Town's Building Inspector. If the concern is public health, then the matter should be investigated by the Health Officer. The Select Board agreed to send a letter to the owner to see if they are living there year-round. **John motioned to come in and sign the letter once it is ready, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Map 2 Lot 115-2

John mentioned that the owners of Map 2 Lot 115-2, 239 River Road, attended the Planning Board meeting about having an Air BNB. The Planning Board has reached out to their attorney for some information regarding this. John said at that meeting they mentioned an addition. Sara looked up the building permits and in 2017 they had a permit for a garage with the great room. If this is the addition, they were referring to then they are all set. John will drive by to see if any current work is being done or if it looks like it is the information from the 2017 permit.

Meeting with Bubba

The Select Board met with Bubba to discuss the following:

- Sara submitted the letter of interest for the HMGP grant for the culvert on North Groton Road. These are due June 1st so we will not hear anything until after that date if we are selected to move forward with the grant application process and which grant would be best for us.
- They took the plows off.
- They raked Edgar Albert Road today. It will need ditching done this year. There are two culverts on Edgar Albert Road that need to be replaced. Bubba said that Mike Either will probably do these.
- He is going to have Blanchette Lane and Spectacle Pond Road maintained this year.
- He called and they will be sending out paperwork on the rental for mowing. It went up about \$900 per week. He is also looking at renting mini excavator because it is cheaper than the mower.
- We are hosting the flagger class here next week.
- Tony said that Casey said they can go look at the building. Tony will see if any Tuesday that we have a meeting with work for Casey and we can do the tour during the work session. Bubba said that if they are going to do a building committee, they should start it sooner than later.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:55pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant