

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
June 7, 2022

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

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

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (d) at 5:01pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 5:15pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

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

Saras time off in June

Reminder that Sara is off on Wednesday June 15, 2022 and on vacation Monday, June 20, 2022- Monday, June 27, 2022 for her Florida vacation. They are leaving on Friday, June 17th so she will do payroll on Thursday June 16th.

Also, there are no meetings on Tuesday, June 21st. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Meeting reminders

- The NLRA meeting on Atwell Orange Brook is next Tuesday June 14th at 4pm.
- The Public Hearing is the same day at 7pm.

Transfer Station Lock Box

Sara talked to Norm and ordered a lock box for the Transfer Station. This came in and they picked it up and have been using it.

Flag Pole Update

The Flag Pole has been installed and we received the invoice. Sara gave a copy of the invoice to Dan for his half. The invoice gave him 30 days from the date on the invoice to pay. The due date is 6/20/22. Dan expressed interest in the old flag pole. The Select Board agreed that once he pays the invoice, he can have the old flagpole.

Library PC

The Library Trustees said that they didn't need to be on the network so Sara sent Dave Switaj and email to let him know. They are looking for suggestions of what to do with computer. The Select Board will think if ideas and let the Library Trustees know if they come up with anything.

50 Blood Road

At the last meeting Sara played a voicemail from the owner of 50 Blood Road about the letter they received. They stated that they have only been doing cosmetic renovations that didn't need permits for the work that has been done. He also stated that the property does have a septic that has been inspected and is up to par. The Select Board asked Sara to call him back and ask for the septic approval information. Sara has called him twice and left messages for him to call or send septic information. Sara also searched through the State of NH site that she uses and looked by address, new owner last name, previous owner name, etc. and was unable to find anything so she left him another message.

The owner came in to talk to Sara and explained that there is a septic holding tank on site but it is old so there is nothing on file with the State. This has always been this way even when previous owner lived there years ago. They are doing cosmetic work now and are going to be getting a new septic to be installed before the ground freezes so there will be information on file within the next few months, before September is the plan. The Select Board is okay with this.

Sara will email Deb that the Select Board reviewed the concerns and have spoken with the resident and a plan is in place for the septic.

James Cross Email- Coolidge Woods Road

At the last meeting the Select Board reviewed a letter from James Cross requesting to discontinue Coolidge Woods Road. He has requested this in the past and the Select Board still feel that they are not comfortable with closing the road. Sara sent this letter and he responded with:

“As a former Groton Selectmen, I understand the Selectmen's preference for being comfortable. I want to help them in any way I can. Could you ask them to give me some detail as to what makes them uncomfortable about closing the road. If we put our heads together, we may be able to resolve those concerns.”

The Select Board asked Sara to respond that they don't see the value in discontinuing the road and they feel it doesn't benefit the Town to do so. They also want her to state that as mentioned in the letter, he can submit a petition warrant article regarding this if he would like to for 2023.

Meeting with Bubba

The Select Board met with Bubba to discuss the following:

- Mr. Peverley wrote the Select Board a letter regarding Blanchette Lane. Sara had let Bubba know about the letter since the letter was received on 5/23/22 and the Select Board were not meeting again until 6/7/22. Bubba looked at Blanchette Lane and met with the owner. The letter stated that the road agent had been up there ditching and they haven't. Bubba walked the road with him and showed him that it was water that made the ditches deeper. They had changed the way the ditching ran to avoid it from going down the road because that was what originally asked. Now they may need to change this. Tony will go with Bubba to look at the property. Bubba thinks the culvert is old so that could be part of the problem. Bubba explained that they were already looking at maintaining the road.
- Calcium Chloride: Tony and Bubba went to a small meeting in Dorchester. When Fred and Bubba were at a training, they met someone who sells calcium chloride. They apply it as well. They met with Dorchester and Rumney because they thought they could buy it in bulk. They are working on coming up with other ideas and may have found some tanks for cheap. John asked if it is for treating roads or for dust. Bubba said this was for dust but things are changing and it can be used for other things such as treating the roads. The southern part of the state is using more of a brine to save on the salt use. They said they can almost guarantee 30% less use of salt. Bubba said we needed prices and asked for the price difference between the product vs the price for them to come out and apply it. They mentioned that they suggest 3000 gallons per mile which is a lot more than we would use. There are other options as well. Tony said if we have him apply it and buy the mix salt from Morton's then we would save the time and money. Bubba said there is a lot to it and they are still working on ideas.
- Bubba bought a mini excavator so if the Town needs it for anything he can rent it to the Town. That is just something to think about. The Selectmen said that have done this in the past so they don't see any problems with this.

- John said that regarding next weeks public hearing, he wanted to do this so that the Town was made aware of this ahead of time.
- Sara received an email from Spectacle Pond Association that there are 3 or 4 dead/dying trees hanging over the boat launch on the left side near the water. They believe they are on town property. They wanted to let us know that these should be removed before someone gets hurt. Bubba will go take a look to see if it is the Town or Circle Program. If it is the Town, he will work on taking care of the trees.
- John Faucher is supposed to be cutting trees on Sculptured Rocks Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant