

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

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

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

Tour of Casey Kuplin's Building

The Select Board, Sara and Bubba met Casey Kuplin at his garage for a tour. This building is similar to the one that the Town would like to do for the Town Highway Garage. Casey got a quote for the Town and emailed the plans over to the Town for review. These plans for the building were for \$171,300.00 but this only includes the building and not a finished building. The site work, concrete, electric, heaters, well, septic, and finishing the building would all be separate.

The Select Board agreed that the building is a nice building and worth looking into. It was agreed that we should start a building committee with members of the public. Casey stated that himself and Heath would be willing to be on it and depending on Jeremy Haney's schedule it would be nice to have him as well. Casey even mentioned that he would be willing to GC the project when we start it.

Bubba explained that we would have to see if USDA would still provide the grant if we change the building plans. Sara said that once we have an idea of what we want we can email the new plans or set up a meeting with USDA to see if it would still qualify for the grant. We know that if it isn't for the full million than the grant amount will be less than \$250,000.00 but we do not know what other things may change.

The Select Board will announce the building committee at the Select Board meeting and Sara will put it on the website in case any other residents are interested in joining the committee. She will also post the first meeting once it is scheduled.

Fire Warden

Tony said that Jeremy Haney has not heard from anyone regarding the Fire Warden position. Sara will email them to request an update.

Meeting with Chief Bagan

The Select Board had the quarterly meeting with Chief Bagan and discussed the following:

- Chief mentioned that he is still working on that ongoing case.
- Sculptured Rocks has been busy and has reached capacity but has not gone over. The State has been sending people to clean up.
- Chief gave a parking ticket at Spectacle Pond which has already been paid.
- He received an emergency preparedness guides so he is ordering some and will do a presentation on it.
- John mentioned that there have been some posts on the Facebook Community page. Chief has seen it and is aware of the concerns and is working on being in those areas.
- There is an item under uniforms that has to be moved to other equipment line. Sara will move this to the correct line.

Meeting with Norm

The Select Board met with Norm and it was agreed we should start looking for another person to work at the Transfer Station. Right now, Ron is filling in on Wednesdays and George does Saturdays. They are willing to split up the Sundays until we find someone. It was agreed that we will look into a few things and then we will repost the position after.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (d) at 6:15pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 6:30pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

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

Meeting with Bubba

The Select Board met with Bubba to discuss the following:

- Bubba stated that Norm got the mower stuck and when he tried to pull it out, the front wheel bent. Bubba, Norm and Fred were working on it and they were heating it up to try to bend it back. The wrench broke and Fred hit his face and had to go to the hospital. We did have him go under workers comp and Sara filled out a claim. Then they brought the mower to Erik to have it fixed.
- The new mower is working out very well. He is $\frac{3}{4}$ way done on Sculptured Rocks Road and has 50 hours in. They also cut Smith Road way back. The hardest part is getting used to it and it is grown in so you cannot see where the rocks are. Tony said you can do a trick to move the bushes around and see where rocks are. Bubba said he has been trying that and also cuts a little at a time so he can see more but that takes more time. He would like to put a new piece on the glass so he can see better. John asked about getting that equipment lettered. Bubba will look at where we can put it and get Sara the size that we will need so we can order it.
- Morrison finished grading on Edgar Albert Road, North Fletcher Road and Bailey Hill Road. It looks great.
- The basketball court is done and came in way under what we did the warrant article for. This looks great as well.
- Bubba is working on getting quote for Province Road.
- The crack filling on North Groton Road, Sculptured Rocks Road and River Road is complete.
- There is no new information on the backhoe.
- Bubba did get the Coursey's over here and they looked at everything that needs to be repaired on the Town House and they will put together a quote on the repairs.

Building Committee

It was agreed we need to start having meetings for the building committee. We will post on the website that we are looking for anyone interested on building committee and this will be mentioned at the meeting. Tony will talk to Casey and Heath and try to come up with a date for the meeting and will let Sara know so she can post it.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:58pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant