

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
November 8, 2022

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

John called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of October 4, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. Ron abstained.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of October 4, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. Ron abstained.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of October 4, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. Ron abstained.

Tony motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of October 18, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of October 18, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of November 1, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. Tony abstained.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of November 1, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. Tony abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting regarding HSEM concerns

Senator Giuda is trying to have the meeting on Thursday November 17, 2022 at his office at 1:00pm. This means we will have to close the office during this time. The Select Board is okay with closing the office and Tony and Ron will attend. John will try to attend. We will meet at the Town House and go down from there. Sara will post that the office is closed and will post it as a work session.

Tax rate setting

The DRA approved the tax rate based on what the Select Board agreed at the last meeting. Sara is just waiting for Avitar to finish their updates before she can run the warrant. They should be working on that today so Sara will probably run the warrant tomorrow. **John motioned to come in and sign the warrant when it is ready, Tony 2nd so voted.**

Email from the Planning Board

Deb Johnson sent an email regarding funding and professional guidance relating to protecting water quality. She will discuss it with the Planning Board this month and asked that the Select Board give it some thought also relating to:

1. Flood regulations and mapping of the new Firm & flood plain areas as they overlay our town property maps might count. This would be helpful to capture any flood applications that might be needed when approving building permits
2. Any issue that our Road Agent might want to resolve, i.e., road erosion, culvert needs and ditching,
3. Other?

She asked that Sara let the select board know and others, and get back to her by their meeting. Sara had printed it for the Select Board and put it in Bubba's mailbox. The Select Board agree that we should have a meeting that it would be beneficial. John will be attending the meeting and can state that. Tony said we could ask about the culvert on North Groton Road that we would like to repair. Sara hasn't seen Bubba yet but will discuss this with him and will email the Planning Board after.

School Update

John mentioned that it doesn't appear they will be putting any bonds for new buildings at this time. They were discussing having a special town meeting if they do but are holding off for now. Tony said we may want to think about having one anyway with all the concerns surrounding the payment, the curriculum, the issues with the middle school, how far away the high school is, etc. They agreed they will do this if they feel it is needed.

Land across from the Transfer Station

Tony mentioned that Matt and Bruce Barnard were out at the site across from the Transfer Station on Saturday. This means we should hopefully have that information soon.

Delineator post by test well

Tony asked Sara to have Bubba put a delineator post by the test well at the land across from the Transfer Station so that when they plow, they will know something is there. Sara will talk to Bubba about this.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 5:03pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant