

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
August 8, 2023

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

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

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b) at 6:00pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 6:40pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

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

Building Site Plan Update

Will, the Engineer, emailed over updated preliminary site plan for our review. Sara sent it to Bubba and the Select Board for review so she could get back to him by Wednesday, August 9th with any changes. The Select Board had the following changes:

Tony thought that the salt and sand shed were supposed to be to the right not the left. John and Sara thought it was agreed to put it on the left. Sara mentioned that she had sent it to Bubba but hasn't heard back from him yet so she will double check with Bubba. The Select Board agreed that they do not want to delay the process to much so we can get started with the bidding but want to make sure this is correct first.

Email from Primex regarding liability concern

One of the Transfer Station attendants brought a concern to the Select Board office regarding residents going to the dump barefoot. They have asked residents multiple times to put shoes on and the same residents still come barefoot. Sara reached out to Primex our liability insurance company and they stated:

"It is possible the Town could be liable if it knowingly let the resident enter the Transfer Station barefoot when there is an obvious and known safety hazard there. The liability would likely be reduced or eliminated due to the verbal warning to the resident and the comparative negligence of the actions of the resident Any analysis is based on the specific facts of the claim after an injury occurs. I would suggest that the Town should have its Written Rules posted by signage at the transfer station and then evenly enforced by the town employees."

Sara asked the Select Board how we should move forward. The Select Board asked Sara to order a sign that says proper footwear is required.

Town House signs

Sara mentioned that the signs we ordered for the Town House are made. She had to go pick them up because they would not mail the signs and posts so she went on Friday. They are only open Monday-Friday 630am-130pm. The signs are in the meeting room and she told them where the posts are. Sara asked the Select Board when they would like to have these put up. She mentioned that we should probably talk to the Highway Department about putting them up and that they would want to keep in mind plowing when they do. The Select Board agreed to put them out here and to have the highway do it. They agreed we should put the one that states "if parking overnight" to the right when they pull in

and then put the sign about “park at your own risk” near where they usually park. Since the signs are so big, they think we only need to put one of each out for now. Sara will let the Highway Department know.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant