

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2023

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of June 14, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solid Waste Requests for Proposals (RFP's)

The Town of Groton had sent requests for proposals which were due by July 6, 2023. We only received one from Casella. Casella presented the fees that we are currently paying and there is a section that discusses there could be a 5% increase. They also recommended changing the dates to match what we have for the Pemi Baker disposal agreement which is for 5/1/23-4/30/27. The Select Board agreed. **John motioned to accept Casella's RFP, request they submit a contract and to come in and sign the contract once it is ready, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 6 Lot 73

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on Dodge Road for a 24x36 garage. This is on a private road so this was sent to the Planning Board for review and feedback. The Planning Board did review this and we are okay to approve this but they need to submit the release of municipal liability form. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 6 Lot 73 and let them know it is approved contingent on them submitting the release, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 6 Lot 53

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road for a 16x20 lean to. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 6 Lot 53, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 62

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road for a 12x16 walk in horse shelter. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 62, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 62 (second one)

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road for a 12x16 hay barn. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 62, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 57

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road for a solar panel system on the existing roof. There will be 18 panels. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 57, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 6 Lot 69

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on Dodge Road to tear down existing shed and replace with a 12x36 shed. This is on a private road so Sara sent this to the Planning Board on 6/29/23 for review

and feedback but they have not met yet to discuss this. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 6 Lot 69 until the Planning Board reviews it, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 55

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road put a 28x52 modular home with basement at their property. This would be the second building on their property. They provided the PUC approval information for the building but they didn't provide the DES septic approval. We do not have this information in the property file and Sara looked it up on the site we have access to and we didn't have it. Sara called the resident and he is working on the septic design so Sara explained the Select Board will not approve the permit without that information. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 1 Lot 55 until the DES septic information is received, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard Renewal Application

The owner submitted a junkyard renewal application along with the background check and all supporting documents on June 13, 2023. Sara sent the background check out to the State of NH and it was received back with nothing to report. Audrey Cline has done the inspection and said the Select Board were good to approve this renewal. **John motioned to sign the junkyard renewal application, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local septic approval- Map 6 Lot 9

The septic designer emailed in a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 6 Lot 9. All the information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 9, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 1 Lots 16 & 21

The logger mailed in an intent to cut for Map 1 Lots 16 & 21 for a 40-acre cut. All the information is correct and no bond is required. **John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 1 Lots 16 & 21, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 7 Lots 3 & 22

The logger mailed in an intent to cut for Map 7 Lots 3 & 22 for a 7-acre cut. All the information is correct and no bond is required. **John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 7 Lots 3 & 22, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 9 Lot 1

The logger mailed in an intent to cut for Map 9 Lot 1 for a 45+/- acre cut. All the information is correct and no bond is required. **John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 9 Lot 1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

PA-28 Inventory of taxable property forms for 2023

Sara explained she received the form to fill out to request these forms as we do every year. She included last year's form and requested the same number of forms for 2024. **John motioned to sign the PA-28 Inventory of taxable property forms for 2024, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

PA-16

Sara explained that the Town received the PA-16 which is the Application for reimbursement to Towns and Cities in which federal and state forest land is situated. We fill this out every year. Sara filled it out with the new Valuations from Avitar and included last year's form to be compared. **John motioned to sign the PA-16, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Request from the DMV

Sara explained that we received a request from the DMV that we fill out a form for a business in Town that is requesting to obtain their public inspection license. We have never received this before so we were not sure who should fill this out. It was sent to Ruth but she felt like the Select Board should be the ones to fill this out.

The Select Board agreed that they will fill this out. **John motioned to complete and sign the request from the DMV, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund

Sara created a Memo to the Trustees requesting to transfer the money to the Capital Reserve Funds that was voted on at the 2023 Town meeting. John went over the amounts again which was Disaster Relief CRF \$50,000, Police Cruiser CRF \$10,000, Town House CRF \$10,000, Truck/Sander CRF \$10,000, Heavy Equipment CRF \$10,000, Assessing Revaluation CRF \$7,500 and the Public Works CRF \$1. This is a total amount of \$97,501 to be transferred. **John motioned to sign the memo to transfer to Capital Reserve Funds per warrant article 5, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund- Road Repair and Road Paving CRF

Sara created a Memo to the Trustees requesting to establish the new Capital Reserve fund for the Road Repair and Road Paving CRF and to transfer \$15,000 to this Capital Reserve Fund as voted on at the 2023 Town meeting in Article 6. **John motioned to sign the memo to establish the new Road Repair and Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer \$15,000 to this Capital Reserve Fund per warrant article 6, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

School Update

John mentioned that the bill to exit the school has a good chance of going through. The interim superintendent for the Newfound Area School District reached out for a meeting. They are not sure what the meeting is about but they are hoping it will be a good thing and that they will allow our students to still attend there if they want to.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Police Department

Chief mentioned that he had Sara post something on the website regarding the unlocked cars that have been pilfered. Chief said the residents should be diligent about keeping their cars locked. He also asked that if anyone sees anything out of the ordinary, a person or vehicle that seems out of place, to please call the local police department.

Sara mentioned that this morning there were multiple posts on Facebook about a few businesses in Bridgewater, such as Outdoor Performance and All Points, that were broken in to. These places were locked and they took a side by side and tools and such. Sara said Bridgewater is close by so everyone should be aware. Chief agreed that even though these are not related, that the residents should be aware.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:24pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant