

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
May 21, 2019

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

**Absent: Tony Albert**

**Audience Members Present**

John called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of May 7, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 7, 2019 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Avitar follow up*

At the last meeting it was asked what Avitar does when they come to a property that has “no trespassing” posted. Sara reached out to Avitar and this was their response: *“When we encounter a property that is posted with a “No Trespassing” sign, if it is gated, we do not go past the gate. All of the assessment data is estimated from the road. If the property is not gated, we go to the door to seek permission to inspect the property. If no one is home, we leave and all of the assessment data is estimated. In addition, if the assessment card is tagged with “Visit by Appointment Only” we do not visit the property as the property owner has requested that we do not visit the property without a prior appointment. In this case, all of the assessment data is estimated from the road.”*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Solar Farm Program*

A representative from Renewables Worldwide originally reached out to see if they could be put on the May 21<sup>st</sup> Select Board Meeting agenda to meet with the Town about the State of New Hampshire’s Program regarding a solar farm. They will not be attending tonight because they have since found out that the minimum annual kw is 100,000kw and the Town of Groton does not meet this requirement therefore we wouldn’t qualify so they cancelled the meeting.

*Class VI Road letters*

Sara drafted letters to those that have previously maintained Class VI Roads to remind them to submit their changes to the Board for approval. **John motioned to sign the Class VI Road improvements letter, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Report of Cuts (4 reports)*

The deadline to receive report of cuts was May 15, 2019. We have received all reports of cut.

- The first report of cut is for Map 9 Lot 1 and Map 7 Lot 46 on Old Coach Road for a cut of about 68 acres. The amount of the tax is \$1,907.58. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 9 Lot 1 and Map 7 Lot 46, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

- The second report of cut is for Map 7 Lot 23 on Halls Brook Road for a cut of about 13 acres. The amount of the tax is \$336.29. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 7 Lot 23, Ron 2nd, so voted.**
- The third report of cut is for Map 10 Lot 31 on Halls Brook Road for a cut of about 70 acres. The amount of the tax is \$1,458.42. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 10 Lot 31, Ron 2nd, so voted.**
- The fourth report of cut is for Map 2 Lot 48 on North Groton Road for a cut of about 100 acres. The amount of the tax is \$1,031.05. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 2 Lot 48, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Corrected Reports of Cut*

Last meeting the Select Board signed a few reports of cut. After it was signed and billed it was found there was an issue with the spreadsheet which didn't show the correct total to bill. The following corrections were made:

- The first corrected report of cut is for Map 9 Lot 1 on Old Coach Road for a cut of about 63 acres. The amount of the tax shown at the last meeting was \$3,657.42 but it has been corrected to \$3,733.32. **John motioned to sign the corrected yield certificate for Map 9 Lot 1, Ron 2nd, so voted.**
- The second corrected report of cut is for Map 9 Lot 2 on Old Coach Road for a cut of about 25 acres. The amount of the tax shown at the last meeting was \$719.11 but it has been corrected to \$764.31. **John motioned to sign the corrected yield certificate for Map 9 Lot 2, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Intent to cut- Map 5 Lot 143*

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 5 Lot 143 for a 3 acre cut off Sculptured Rocks Road. There are no taxes owed on the property so a bond was not required and all information on the intent is correct. **John motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Map 5 Lot 143, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Junkyard Inspection letters*

Ken Knowlton contacted the Select Board and informed them that he would be coming out on Monday, June 10, 2019 for the visits. Sara drafted the letters to all that would be visited as previously determined by the Board. **John motioned to sign the Junkyard inspection letters, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

#### *Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- The building committee agreed to spend under \$5000.00 on the lot across from the Transfer Station to get some of the site work done and get a better idea of what we are working with. They are also hoping to have a spot to keep material which will help when roads are posted and when material is needed on this side of Town.
- Blanchette Lane has experienced some issues with the last rain storms. The road needs to be fixed on the private portion which is causing issues on the Town portion of the road. The Town sent letters to the owners of Blanchette Lane and Mike Ethier had already been contacted by the owners to work on the private portion of the road. Bubba talked to him and he will take care of reshaping and ditching on the Towns portion while he is out there.
- The Highway Department is planning on doing road work on Bailey Hill Road this summer which will include reshaping and ditching.
- At the Select Board meeting on June 4, 2019 the Select Board will be opening any bids received for the completion of North Groton Road project and for the Sculptured Rocks Road project.
- Bubba is working on bid specs for Province Road.

- Bubba wanted people to know that Sara and Bubba have spent over 200 hours on administrative work for the FEMA paperwork for the October 2017 storm. This is on top of their regular work so it shows how much time this takes. John mentioned this has been a lot of work and there are a lot of rules to follow.
- Bubba wanted to remind everyone that the Highway Department is not full time. He is 30(+/-) hours a week and then he only has part time guys. They do their best to do what they can but it may not all be done right away. Bubba mentioned that the townspeople help out a lot so if there is a tree down some residents will move it themselves because they like to help out and they know it may take a while for someone to get there to do it.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

##### *Conservation Commission*

Slim wanted to remind everyone that the Fishing Derby is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Sara asked for the flyer to put up in the Town House, online and the Groton NH Events Facebook page. Ruth will put it in the newspaper as well.

Slim mentioned that the trophies have been ordered and the fish will be here the Thursday before the derby. Sara mentioned that the porta potty has been ordered and will be delivered the Friday before. Bubba mentioned that they have cleaned up and it will be mowed again before the derby.

##### *Cemetery*

Slim said that the Veterans flags have been put out at all cemeteries and all cemeteries are almost done with the cleaning. Thee stuff that hasn't been cleaned up will be completed this week.

##### *Groton Historical Society (GHS)*

The Memorial Day Program will take place at the Town House on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. It will start with the presentation and food will follow. Ron Madan will be the Selectman attending.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:31pm, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant