

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2020

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 March 17, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 17, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of March 28, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of March 28, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted

PUBLIC HEARING RSA 74:10- REGARDING ONE'S LIABILITY TO BE TAXED

John motioned to open the public hearing at 7:02pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John explained that RSA 74:10 indicates, that Towns who use the inventory form, must hold a public hearing to discuss one's liability to be taxed, but there are no guidelines on discussion other than this. John asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding this. John reminded everyone that the inventories are due April 15th.

Hearing no comments or questions, John motioned to close the public hearing at 7:03pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment- Deputy Treasurer

Pam Hamel requested to appoint Debra Lindsey as Deputy Treasurer. She would like her to have all of the signatory powers that are granted to the Treasurer. The Select Board approves of this appointment.

John motioned to appoint Debra Lindsey to Deputy Treasurer and to sign the appointment form, Ron 2nd, so voted.

USDA Building Grant

Sara and Bubba have been working on a USDA grant for the Public Works Building. There is an opportunity to get up to \$250,000.00 if we are selected and awarded this grant. The Select Board reviewed the grant paperwork. **John motioned to sign the USDA grant application, the narrative, the letter regarding funding, the assurances, and to come in and sign any other forms as needed if the deadline is before the next meeting, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Asbestos Quotes

John mentioned at Town meeting it was brought up that we would need to do asbestos testing before the demolition can take place. Sara explained that she reached out to three different companies for quotes. The companies were All-Ways Wrecking, All Demolition and Asbestos, and Affordable Asbestos and Demolition. They all had the same amounts for the quote which was \$350.00 for the collection of suspect asbestos samples per structure and then it would be \$35 each for each sample sent to the lab for analysis. All-Ways said it is usually 10-15 samples and the others said no more than 20 samples but they all said they wouldn't know how many samples until they get in there. They always sample flooring, windows, shingles and sheetrock but the rest depends on what they find when they are there. We would need to do this before we send this demolition project out to bid as this may change the amount of the bid depending on what they find. We still have money in the October 2019 Municipal Aid money that we could use for this but the Select Board would need to vote on this. We are still waiting for OME to program the radio in the Select Board Office and the Alarm company needs to finish the work at the Highway Garage. Both of these should only be a couple hundred dollars each. The Select Board agreed to use the rest of the money from the October 2019 Municipal Aid to cover this testing and if anything needs to be done after. We will have to post that the Select Board will be voting on this. The Select Board agreed to vote on this at the next meeting on April 21, 2020. Sara will post this. **John motioned to go with All-Ways Wrecking to do the asbestos testing, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to cut- Map 8 Lot 1

The Town received an Intent to Cut for Map 8 Lot 1 for a 200-acre cut. 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 8 Lot 1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

All Veterans Credit

The Town received an application for the All Veterans Tax Credit for the owner of Map 5 Lot 52. There were no questions. **John motioned to approve the All Veterans Tax Credit for Map 5 Lot 52, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Class VI Road Letter- Nedeau Lane

A resident sent a letter to the Select Board with their plans for road maintenance for Nedeau Lane and will continue to maintain the road along with removing rocks, ditching, rolling the road and filling holes and areas that may wash out due to rain, etc. **John motioned to approve both the Class VI Road improvements request for Nedeau Road, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Old Rumney Road Concern

A resident that maintains the Class VI Road, Old Rumney Road, reached out with some concerns regarding damage done by the loggers on that road. A culvert was crushed along with other damages that the resident doesn't feel they should have to replace. The resident is asking if the Town would reach out or if they would. John thinks that the Town should reach out with a letter. **John motioned for Sara to create a letter to the logger and the Select Board will come in and sign the letter when its ready, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard Properties

The Select Board reviewed the Junkyard List to decide which properties should be visited again this year. Below are the properties referred to by their case numbers:

#1: Keep as yearly check

#2: Keep as yearly check- they submitted a letter requesting an extension again due to the COVID-19 not allowing them to get the number of people together that is needed to do the clean-up. Originally the Select Board gave them until July 1st to bring this into compliance. The Select Board feel that July 1st is a fair amount of time. The Select Board asked Sara to respond that July 1st is a fair amount of time and to follow up with the Select Board on July 1st to explain the work that was done and if any still needs to be done.

#3: Keep on the inactive list

#4: Keep on the inactive list

#5 & #6: Keep on the inactive list

#7: Keep as yearly check- they were served court papers but all courts are closed now until at least April 10, 2020 unless it is a serious case so we won't know more for a while.

#8: Keep as yearly check and the owner should be applying for his junkyard license

#9: Keep on the inactive list

#10: Keep as yearly check and the owner should be applying for his junkyard license

#11: Keep as yearly check and the owner should be applying for his junkyard license

#12: Keep as yearly check and the owner should be applying for his junkyard license

#13-23: Keep on the inactive list

#24: Keep as yearly check

#25: Keep as yearly check

The Select Board would like Ken Knowlton to come out the first week in June. Sara will reach out to Ken.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Building Violation- Map 5 Lot 145

The Select Boards office received a call today that the owner of Map 5 Lot 45 started to build. He put in a permit last year but didn't include the PUC or DES information so the permit was not approved and a letter was sent to him explaining this is needed. He still hasn't submitted this information but is now building. Sara drafted a letter that all construction must cease and desist until the information is provided. **John motioned to sign the building violation letter to Map 5 Lot 145, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- Bubba explained Sara and him are working on getting bids out for Road Construction projects that are going on.
- They are starting to clean up for winter. However, they were out twice last week and may be out Thursday.

Town Clerk

Ruth said she knows everyone is aware of the issue with the delay of the Planning Board Minutes but it could be a more serious issue now. She received an email from Michelle Dow who was looking for more information. Ruth shared this email with Sara and sent it to the Planning Chair to get Michelle the information she needed. Deb did say that she took care of it but Ruth is concerned there may be issues and the municipality would be liable. RSA 91-A states that the minutes need to be available within 5 days. Michelle is aware of the RSA and when the minutes should be available and referenced this so Ruth is concerned that Michelle may do something about this since she is upset. Sara will send John the meetings

that are still missing the minutes. It was agreed to send Deb a certified letter which also has a copy of the RSA. We will send the letter and also John will call Deb. **John motioned to come in and sign the letter to the Planning Board when it is ready, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Meeting for MIT

Ann asked if there was a decision on the MIT Meeting and if we are still planning on meeting April 21st. The Select Board explained that with everything going on, and with meetings not allowing more than 9 people, the Select Board has agreed to hold off on scheduling the combined meeting with the PB, ZBA, SB for the MIT application until we are clear to have meetings of more than 9 people.

Also, the ZBA met on 4/1/20 and in their minutes they stated that they want to reach out to MIT and set up a site visit to walk the property and discuss the plans when everything clears up. The Selectmen think this is a great idea and think that the Select Board, the Planning Board and Fire Chief should be involved in this site visit as well so we can all walk the property together. Then after that site visit, we can set up another meeting with all boards to discuss this. Sara will email the Boards involved to explain all of this.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:35pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant