

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
April 21, 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 April 7, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of April 7, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 7, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**PUBLIC HEARING- UNANTICIPATED FUNDS**

**John called the Public Hearing on unanticipated funds to order at 7:02pm.**

The Select Board explained that the Town had a public hearing on November 19, 2019 regarding a check they received for \$10,279.17 and the description was October 2019 Municipal Aid. The State explained this payment is for aid to cities and towns and is part of the state's biennial budget that was recently passed. We will receive another payment next Oct. 1st as well. This money, if received by Oct 15th (which it was), may be considered unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b and may be expended pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, II-IV. Sara pulled up the RSA and it states "Chapter 346 indicates that municipal aid received by October 15, 2019 may be considered "unanticipated revenue," accepted and expended under the provisions of RSA 31:95-b, II-IV, whether or not a municipality has adopted that statute. For unanticipated money in the amount of \$10,000 or more, RSA 31:95-b requires the governing body to hold a public hearing on the action to be taken, with notice of the time, place and subject of the hearing published at least seven days before the hearing is held. For unanticipated money less than \$10,000, the governing body must post notice of the funds in the agenda and include notice in the minutes of the public meeting at which the money is discussed."

Sara had originally emailed DRA and NHMA to see if the money has to be used for certain things and when it has to be used by. Michelle from DRA explained to Sara that it can be used as the RSA states and can be used as unanticipated funds. DRA mentioned we can use it towards the July 2019 storm damages or anything else that we have not already budgeted for.

At the meeting on November 19, 2019 the Select Board voted to accept and expend these funds and it was voted to use them for the security system at the Town Garage, battery switches and moving the emergency radio. After paying for the work that has been done and the work that still needs to be done at the Garage and programming the radio, there are still funds available, about \$5,200.00. At the Town Meeting in March it was voted to appropriate the funds for demolition of the old Town House/Library. Also, at that meeting it was brought up that asbestos testing will need to be done and this was not part of the amount on the warrant article. **John voted to use the remainder of the unanticipated funds towards the asbestos testing and any removal of asbestos that needs to be done, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**Hearing no comments or questions, John motioned to close the public hearing at 7:06pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### *Engineering Bids for NBRC Grant/Sculptured Rocks Road project*

The Town of Groton advertised in the newspaper and online to solicit bids for the NBRC Grant/Sculptured Rocks Road project. There was a site visit on March 30, 2020 for the engineering for the NBRC Grant/Sculptured Rocks Road Project. The bid submissions were due by Monday, April 20th at 4:00pm.

Sara explained she received a lot of calls on this but they were mostly from the contractors to do the work so she explained these invitations to bid will be put out by the Engineer once we have one in place. As far as the engineer bids, the Town of Groton received one bid from KV Partners which went over the scope of services, information and services to be furnished by the Town and assumptions, the schedule, the fee and payment (which totaled \$48,800.00), the general conditions and the acceptance. **John motioned to sign the proposal from KV Partners and to have him start as soon as possible, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *NHRS paperwork*

Glen Hansen has some paperwork for NHRS that needs to be signed off by the Town and notarized. Ruth witnessed the signature and notarized the paperwork. **John motioned for Sara to sign the NHRS paperwork, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

### *Junkyard Services Agreement*

This is the contract that Municipal Resources Inc. sends us every year. There have not been any changes and the costs are the same. **John motioned to sign the junkyard service agreement with MRI, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *All Veterans Credit*

The Town received an application for the All Veterans Tax Credit for the owner of Map 4 Lot 10. There were no questions. **John motioned to approve the All Veterans Tax Credit for Map 4 Lot 10, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *Charitable recommendations memo*

This is a Memo from Sara explaining the religious, educational and charitable exemptions have been reviewed by the Assessor and should be approved by the Board. **John motioned to sign the charitable exemption approval Memo, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *Email on Transfer Station Permits*

A resident emailed the Town regarding the Transfer Station permits. He said that he does state inspections and is required to remove any other stickers that are in the lower left corner as he said the law is that the only sticker allowed in the lower left corner is the inspection sticker. Sara emailed NHMA to see if this is a law. NHMA stated that from what they have been able to find, there is no prohibition on placing a transfer station sticker above the inspection sticker. They suggested telling Mr. Girouard that the only rules we have been able to find do not prohibit placement of a transfer station sticker above the inspection sticker, and ask whether he can tell us the source of the rule that he cites. There may be such a rule somewhere, or he may be over-interpreting the rules that NHMA have found. The Select Board asked the Police Chief to look into this before we reach back out to the resident. Chief Bagan will reach out to the State Police and DMV to see about this.

## **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

### *Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following items regarding the Highway Department:

- Bubba explained fixed lights on the Dodge.
- Lay off on road raking until new truck since we are trading in the Dodge.
- Moving forward on road projects as much as we can with the COVID19.

- Town road bans were lifted.

*Police Department*

- Police Chief Bagan said all is quiet but the warmer weather brought out more people.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:25pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant