

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
August 18, 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

Tony motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of August 4, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Tony motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of August 4, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intent to cut- Map 9 Lot 2 & Map 7 Lot 46

Foreco sent in an intent to cut for Map 9 Lot 2 and Map 7 Lot 46. The acreage of cut is about 120 acres. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 7 Lot 10, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local septic approval- Map 5 Lot 45

Matt Barnard dropped off a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 5 Lot 45. All the information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local approval for Map 5 Lot 45, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

MS1 & MS4

The MS1 and the MS4 are both due by September 1st to the DRA. Sara will be completing these next week if all of the information from Avitar is entered. However, we don't meet again until September 1st so Sara will have them done and need to submit them before that meeting. **John motioned to come in and sign the MS1 and MS4 once they are complete, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Updated Terms and Conditions- HSEM Grant- Sculptured Rocks Road Culverts

Due to the changes in sizes for the culverts, HSEM updated the terms and conditions for the grant. **John motioned to sign the updated terms and conditions for the HSEM grant, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Sculptured Rocks Road Culverts Wetlands permit conditions

The Town received the approved wetlands permit for the Sculptured Rocks Road Culverts. There are some conditions noted with the permit that the Select Board needs to sign that they have read the permit and agree to abide by all permit conditions. The contractor will also have to sign this. **John motioned to sign the wetlands permit conditions, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

North Country Council Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

North Country Council submitted solicitation for the 2023-2032 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Projects. There are three questions that they have asked the Town which are as follows:

1. Are there any new projects needed in your community that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the Ten-Year Plan? It was agreed that we should see if we can put River Road on this. Bubba will help Sara with some wording on this.
2. Are there any projects currently on the Ten-Year Plan in your community that are no longer needed? No
3. Are there any projects currently on the Ten-Year Plan in your community that should be advanced, delayed, or revised in scope or cost? No.

Bubba and Sara will fill out and submit the proposal for this.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

- Bubba mentioned that Sara and himself will need to work on filing for extensions for the remainder of that work from the 2017 storm.
- 1214 NGR was cleaned up.
- The work on the box culverts on Sculptured Rocks Road is starting this week. They will be starting with the second culvert.
- The Sculptured Rocks Road project will also be starting soon.
- The Town will be replacing the culvert on Edgar Albert Road with a 5 ft x 30 ft steel pipe. We are just waiting on some final permitting but the pipe should be here in the next week or two. We are trying to get that done in the next month.
- The new truck will hopefully be ready by the end of the month or beginning of next month.
- They put up signs on Sculptured Rocks Road which say no parking next five miles. They also stretched out the signs that were there.
- The State did put a porta potty at the park but no garbage cans. The Select Board thinks we should meet with the state about the Towns concerns. It was agreed that maybe in the Fall we can request a meeting.

Police Department

Chief Bagan explained that he is in the process of obtaining new parking ticket books with increase of the cost to \$50.00. The Town will be updating the parking ordinance to reflect this change.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Road and Building Committees

Bubba mentioned that he feels the road committee and the building committee should have a meeting in September some time. They will discuss this after September 1st and will let Sara know of the date.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

USDA Building Grant

Tony let everyone know that the Town is moving forward with a potential grant for the Public Works Building. The cost estimate for a 4-bay garage is \$1,056,927.00. The Town will look at bonding options and

will not do anything else besides the grant until the March Town Meeting. The grant is through USDA and they know that it all depends on how the Townspeople vote in March.

MIT

Ann asked if anything has progressed for the MIT building. Tony explained that they just did an inspection and it was explained that no one is allowed to be in the building until a list of items are taken care. The letter with the list of items will be sent from the Select B and Rumney Fire Chief.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:22pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant