

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 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 October 20, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of October 20, 2020 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of November 3, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of November 3, 2020 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Junkyard Concern*

The Fire Chief and Health inspector did an inspection of the junkyard. He has done a lot of clean up and let Chief Coursey and Tony walk around. There were no spills to be seen, there were no cars stacked up anymore and there were no fire concerns/hazards. The only concern Chief Coursey had was with the batteries left in the cars so the owner said he would take the batteries out of the cars to avoid a fire. Sara contacted Ken Knowlton to let him know of this information so he can do an inspection.

Ken did an inspection on October 15, 2020 and found that although clean-up has been done it is still in violation as more clean-up needs to take place. The owner agreed with this and agreed to call the Town or Ken when he is ready for the next inspection. Ken believes that the owner will achieve full compliance eventually, however at the time of the last inspection he had not. His report reflected this. The owner's problem with having enough personnel to do it is likely a side effect of COVID and not easily "fixed." Ken said that he will leave it up to the Select Board as to how/where we go next. Ken suggested a letter from Groton recognizing the owner's efforts and encouraging him to continue. Once finished, he can call to conduct a final inspection. Ken also said the Select Board could grant him a temporary license and again encourage the work be continued ASAP. The Select Board agreed that they did not want to issue a temporary license and agreed to send a letter explaining that the license cannot be renewed until clean-up is complete. **John motioned to sign the junkyard letter, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Building Permit Map 6 Lot 22-1*

The owner submitted building permit for their property on Stone Glade Lane for a remodel of existing garage and addition totaling 848 square feet. They submitted the PUC approval and DES approved septic. This is on a private road so they did submit the release of municipal liability form. **John motioned to sign the building permit and release form for Map 6 Lot 22-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *Retainage*

Mike Vignale sent an email that Kirk Fenoff and Son is looking for a retainage reduction from 10% to 2% as allowed by the Contract. Mike asked them to provide the lien waivers for work completed to be sure they don't owe anyone any money before the Town does this. This is discretionary and up to the Selectmen so he asked that they let him know what they would like to do. They have not sent in the lien waivers for this yet.

**John motioned to table this until the lien waivers are received, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

#### *Police Department*

The snow tires were put on the cruiser.

#### *Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following

- The paving is done for this year on Sculptured Rocks Road, it will be finished next year.
- The sand pile was moved. Bubba reminded everyone to only take 3 bucket fulls of sand.
- They have plowed a few times with the new truck.
- The Guardrails were installed on Sculptured Rocks Road where the three culverts were installed.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:15pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant