

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 16, 2021

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 2, 2021 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of March 2, 2021 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of March 2, 2021 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of Excavated Material- Map 5 Lot 47

Mike Ethier submitted his report of excavated material for tax years April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. This report was for 1776 cubic yards of gravel, 180 cubic yards of sand, and 804 cubic yards of loam, totaling 2760 cubic yards. The amount of tax is \$55.20. **John motioned to sign the excavation tax for Map 5 Lot 47, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Excavate- Map 5 Lot 47

Mike Ethier submitted an intent to excavate for the tax year of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 for his property on Map 5 Lot 47. He submitted payment for the \$100.00 fee. The intent of for 3000 cubic yards of gravel, 1000 cubic yards of loam and 1000 cubic yards of fill totaling 5000 cubic yards. **John motioned to sign the intent to excavate for Map 5 Lot 47, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local septic approval- Map 10 Lot 4

Septic designer Michael Carbonneau sent in a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 10 Lot 4. All the information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local approval for Map 10 Lot 4, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 10 Lot 4

The Owner dropped off the building permit for his newly owned property on Stage Coach Road. He did include the Release form along with the PUC approval and the local septic approval form which was just signed. However, we will not receive the DES approval for a few days and payment as not been made. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 10 Lot 4 until DES approval and payment is received, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Email on Town Owned Land to lease for solar farm

The Town received an email to see if the Town has any town owned property that they would be interested in leasing for a solar farm. The Select Board agreed that they don't want to do this at this time and with a lot of land being on the warrant article to sell, they don't think we have the land for this either. Sara will email them back to let them know.

Slim requested the contact information. Sara provided Donald with NH Solar Choices, LLC at (603)722-9701.

Letter from Maxam regarding Snowmobile Trail

The Town received a letter dated March 8, 2021 from John McCormack which represents Maxam stating that it is no longer practical for Maxam to allow such uses for the snowmobile club as the property is being offered for sale and any such activities are considered a detriment and will potentially limit buyers willing to purchase the property. The letter was to provide notice that from this day forward and is not and cannot be permitted and will form the basis for civil or criminal actions against those individuals and your club as allowed by New Hampshire Law.

John explained that basically what the letter is saying is that Maxam is closing the snowmobile trails that the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club uses. John said that apparently when Maxam bought the property and was putting up the building and such they had to go before the Planning Board and Zoning Board. At that time, part of the stipulation was that those trails would remain open and the land could be used for hiking, snowmobiling and other activities. This was brought to the Town to see if we can get our attorneys involved and the Town sending a letter. The Select Board feels that this does not involve them and they think it should stay between Maxam and the snowmobile club. Tony said we could provide them with what was agreed upon but they obviously already have it since they supplied that information with the letter they sent. John thinks what they have in writing should cover that they need to keep it open while Maxam opens it and it would be up the new owners what they want to do.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following

- The boiler in the Town Garage died. Bubba went in last Saturday to check on everything because they have been having problems with the radiant floor heating. The hoses had been deteriorating and the lines have been bursting so they have been repairing the lines as it happens. However, they cannot see the lines under the floor so they do not know what is deteriorating under the floor. Last Saturday the boiler split open. He talked to the Select Board and had someone come out and look at it. The cost would be \$6,500 for new boiler but there could be issues with the lines that we cannot see. It was agreed to take the boiler out and put in hot air system, which would cost around \$4,600, which will be cheaper. They feel it is the best way to go now. Slim asked if this could be pulled out and put in the new garage. John said it may be able to be used in the office or something which we will look into when we move forward. John explained this is another example of the building having constant issues. Bubba said the roof also needs to be re-screwed. Tony said when they first did that floor the radiant floor was new and they used rubber hose.
- They are getting ready for Spring but you never know what could happen.

Police Department

Chief said that it was brought to his attention that there are some scam calls about Medicare. He recommended not to give out any personal information and to call Medicare themselves to see if it is legitimate or not.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:16pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant