

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 20, 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 April 6, 2021 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of April 6, 2021 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Public Hearing minutes of April 6, 2021 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 6, 2021 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bond Application

Sara has been working with New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank (NHMBB) and the bond application is due April 30, 2021. We need to do this now even though we don't know how the Town will vote just in case we need to do the bond. Sara has been working on this application the last few weeks and got the go ahead from NHMBB that it is complete to have the Select Board sign. **John motioned to sign the bond application, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Radio Programming

Louis from Ossipee Mountain Electronics emailed about the radio programming. He included a copy of the Police Department programming for the A zone and asked the Select Board to look at it with the Police Chief and see if that will work for him. As for the Fire Department, he would suggest all of the Lakes Region frequencies, the police frequency, town frequency, Grafton county Sheriff Department. We will program the State programming for the PD and FD along with the Emergency Management radio.

The Select Board asked Sara to schedule this and we will make sure we have all radios here and trucks here that day. Sara will call and see when we can schedule this.

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 78

The owner dropped off a building permit for his property located on North Groton Road. This is for a 256 square foot extension to his screened in porch. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 1 Lot 78, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 10 Lot 4

The owner dropped off a building permit for his property located on 37 State Coach Road. This is for a 14x30 pre built shed. This is the same owner that dropped off a building permit for the last meeting that is under Planning Board review. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 10 Lot 4 until the Planning Board reviews this along with the other permit, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 53

The owner dropped off a building permit for his property located on North Groton Road. This is for a 1 story ranch with breezeway and a 2-car garage. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 1 Lot 53, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Report of cut/yield certificate- Map 10 Lot 42

The deadline to receive report of cuts is May 15, 2021. The report of cut is for Map 10 Lot 42 on Halls Brook Road for a cut of about 35 acres. The amount of the tax is \$593.48. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 10 Lot 42, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Interoffice Memo- Exemptions/Credits Updated letters per re-valuation

Every five years the Town does a re-valuation where DRA and Avitar work with the Town to make sure we are doing everything that we need to be doing and collecting the necessary documentation for current use, credits, exemptions, etc. They also do this to make sure the properties are being assessed appropriately. Due to this, every five years the Town sends out an updated residency letter for credits and exemptions and goes over any supporting documentation needed to make sure there are no changes. Sara has sent these letters out and has received some back so far. **John motioned to sign the interoffice memos for each of the exemptions/credits that Sara has received back so far, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Mask mandate

The mandatory mask mandate was not extended. It is up to the Town how they would like to proceed. The Select Board agreed that it will not be required to wear masks but everyone should be respectful of those that do and still maintain a 6-foot distance. Sara will update the postings.

Town meeting

The Town Meeting on May 8, 2021 will take place at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park on Sculptured Rocks Road. There will be two tents since the mandatory mask mandate has been lifted which will allow one tent for those that prefer to wear masks and one for those that do not. There will not be any food or drink served due to COVID.

Supervisor of the Checklist Resignation

Annie Tobine resigned from being a Supervisor of the Checklist. She did say if they ever need a ballot clerk, she would be willing to do this. The Supervisors will have to do an appointment letter which Ruth has for anyone to replace Annie.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following

- They plowed Friday and had about 7 inches up here on the mountain.
- There was a letter received about the guardrail damage on Sculptured Rocks Road. It was looked into and they were installed correctly. They were hit when plowing and they will be fixed. Bubba is sorry that it happened but it was an accident. This will come out of the Highway Budget to fix them as insurance will not cover it.
- BUBBA drove out Province Road for the first time since the snow has melted. There are some ruts from those going out there too early but it isn't in that bad of shape.

Police Department

Chief Bagan shared that he put summer tires back on.

Transfer Station

The road bans have been lifted so the Transfer Station is open again starting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Slim went over the following items for the Conservation Commission:

- The Conservation Commission was not able to do the road clean up due to the snow. They have rescheduled for Saturday, May 1st and will still meet at the Town House for 10:00am.
- They will be having a meeting the 2nd Thursday in May, which is May 13, 2021.
- Virginia Parker attended the last meeting and would like to become a member. She is supposed to be sending the Select Board a letter. It has not been received yet.

Bubba asked Slim if they are going to do a fishing derby. Even if the Town votes to pass the warrant article for the bridge, there will not be enough time to fix bridge before the derby. Bubba said he would have to do a temporary fix and make it safe enough for people to walk over but no one would be able to drive over. It was explained that they cannot change the date because this is done on free fishing day. Tony told Slim to ask the Fish and Game if they can walk the fish over or wheel it over like the private company can. Bubba said he could also ask the private company if Fish and Game can use the equipment to wheel it over if they do not have their own. Slim will look into this.

Groton Historical Society (GHS)

Slim went over the following items for the GHS:

- They will be meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2021.
- They were wondering if they could do the Memorial Day flag raising this year. Also, Slim mentioned that the flag is ripped. The Select Board was already aware and Sara has ordered a new flag. Slim said the Senator will give a free one if you write a letter. We can look into it in the future but we have already ordered one for this year.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

1214 North Groton Road

There was concern that this property has junk piling up again. Sara will reach out to the attorney to see what our next steps are since we cleaned it up.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:33pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant