

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
July 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 7:02pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of July 6, 2021 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. Ron abstained.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of July 6, 2021 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. Ron abstained.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Disposal agreement

Mike Cash submitted a disposal agreement for his property at 128 River Road. **John motioned to approve the disposal agreement for 128 River Road, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Invoice/letter for illegal fire

There was an illegal fire that took place on May 15, 2021. The Town of Groton had to pay the Deputy Fire Warden and the Fire Departments that responded to the fire. The Forest Ranger sent a letter once the Town paid these bills stating that his investigation found that the fire resulted from a violation of RSA 227-L:17 II, V, VII, Kindle without a permit and that the owner is liable for the payment to the Town for the costs of extinguishing this fire. The total costs the Town paid were \$1,394.63. Sara drafted a letter and an invoice to the owner. **John motioned to sign the letter for the illegal fire, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

ServPro Quote- Mold Remediation Services

After the Town received the mold testing results, the Select Board asked Sara to contact ServPro to have them come out and provide a quote of what it would cost for the mold remediation services. They came out on June 22, 2021 and provided a quote on July 9, 2021 for \$12,500.00. Bubba said that he thinks it will be double that since this is only to remove the mold not replace it so it would be at least \$25,000.00.

Sara will reach out to NHMA to see if this can get taken out of Disaster Relief. Sara will reach out to ServPro to see who they work with to give quote on replacing the areas that will be removed. Sara will also confirm with ServPro the size of the ceiling that will be removed to see if it is the entire ceiling or just a certain area. **John motioned to table the ServPro Services until we receive more information, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Contract- Bryant Paving

At the last meeting the Select Board awarded the River Road Project to Bryant Paving. They sent over the contract for \$106,356.50. **John motioned to sign the Bryant Paving Contract, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local Septic Approval- Map 5 Lot 145

The owner dropped off an updated local septic approval for Map 5 Lot 145, for the property on 7 Patterson Lane. This was one that was signed a previous meeting and there was one minor change. All information is correct. **John motioned to sign the amended local septic approval for Map 5 Lot 145, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard Licenses

The owners submitted the junkyard license renewals for their junkyards. The Town received the background checks from the State back with no records found for both of these properties. The Select Board visited the properties and reported that they are in compliance and that the licenses can be renewed. **John motioned to approve the junkyard license renewals, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Deed letter from Tax Collector

Ruth submitted a letter with a list of pending deeds. She asked that the Select Board review them to see if there are any properties that would cause a liability to the Town. Ruth said there is only one that they may have a concern with as they are working with an issue with the deed. The Select Board and Ruth agreed that the Town should not get involved with this. There is another property on the list that is scheduled to meet with the Select Board about this. They were scheduled to meet tonight but had to be rescheduled to August 3, 2021.

The deed process takes a few months to complete. The Select Board does not see any properties that would cause a liability to the Town.

Town properties

The Town has been working on listing the properties that were on the warrant at Town Meeting. They came across some issues with Map 10 Lot 40, Map 10 Lot 12 and Map 10 Lot 22 so it was agreed not to sell these at this time. The Select Board agreed that we want to move forward with the others which would be Map 1 Lot 91, Map 7 Lot 36 and Map 10 Lot 29.

Also, the attorney sent an email about Map 10 Lot 12 and Map 10 Lot 22. The Select Board asked Sara to forward the information to Avitar to see if they have any recommendations or recall anything regarding these properties and then we can go from there.

Building Permit- Map 10 Lot 4

The owner originally submitted a building permit for a 14x30 wood shed that was approved on 5/5/21. He sent in an amended permit for a 24x35 metal shed/garage. This would still be the same fee for the permit that was approved and he did submit all information needed before. **John motioned to sign the amended building permit for Map 10 Lot 4, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Wex- Notice of Federal Tax Exemption Expiration/Certificate of Buyer

Each year Wex sends the notice of federal tax exemption expiration along with a new certificate to sign. **John motioned to sign the Wex certificate of buyer, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following

- The River Road project is moving along. They got all the culverts changed out. Right now, they are working on the grass on the sides of the road before the paving is done.

- Bubba is waiting to hear if the company that provided a quote for mowing will be doing the work or if he will have to rent the equipment and do it himself.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Slim stated that they were supposed to go for a hike on the lot on North Groton Road on Sunday but it rained so they didn't.

Slim also shared that when Lou Lieto was on the Conservation Commission, they walked around all properties that the Town owned. There was one on Halls Brook Road that the abutter was interested in buying it. The Select Board said they have to go through the realtor and cannot just make a deal with someone but if its map 10 lot 29 then it will be listed with the realtor so they can make an offer.

Old Home Day

Old Home Day is August 21, 2021 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. The parade line up is at 5:00pm with the parade starting at 5:30pm. The band will be "The Fog" and they will be playing from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. There will be fireworks again starting at dusk. The flyer was created and has been put on the website, on Groton NH Events Page, and at the Town House. Sara will be giving the Transfer Station one to put up there. The signs will be going up this week as well.

Bridge to the Pond

Tony asked Slim what the status is of the bridge that leads to the Conservation Pond. Bubba mentioned that he is working on it now and will hopefully have some more information on this soon.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Blood Road

Ann asked if the Select Board had a chance to look into the concerns on the Blood Road property. John said he went to look at it and as far as the renovations, other than a new roof he didn't see any other renovations a building permit wasn't needed. Tony has not yet looked into the water issue but will do so as the Health Officer.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:35pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant