

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 7, 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 Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of August 17, 2021 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

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John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of August 17, 2021 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Mold Remediation

ServPro came out today to start the work on the mold removal and remediation. We will keep you posted as we know more.

The Select Board had agreed to go with the ServPro quote and not get any more quotes due to the nature of the work being done. With the mold concerns, the Select Board felt it was an emergency situation to get the work done asap and not to wait for more companies to come out to provide estimates, especially since we have done work with Serv Pro before after flood damages so they were already familiar with the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Offer on Town Property

The realtor, Karen Walsh, sent over an offer for the property on Halls Brook Road, Map 10 Lot 29. The abutter made an offer for the asking price of \$21,212.00 **John motioned to accept offer of \$21,212.00 and to sign the purchase agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

MS-1

The Town of Groton is required to complete the MS-1, Summary Inventory of Valuation, every year. This is due September 1st and lists out the Town's values breaking down utilities, current use, etc. Avitar was doing an update and didn't have this completed by September 1st so Sara filed for an extension which was approved through September 15, 2021, which this will be submitted before that date. **John motioned to sign the MS-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

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

Due to the re-valuation, 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 received most back a few months ago but there are still some people who have not turned these in so she sent reminder letters. She received one more. **John motioned to sign the interoffice memos for each of the exemptions/credits that Sara has received back, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club Permission Form

A request for snowmobile access was received as we get every five years. We usually send a letter with the approval which clarifies the locations and the types of roads that they can access. Sara used the same letter and the Select Board agreed to the term of five years. **John motioned to sign the request for permission to use certain Town roads for snowmobile access, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Report of cut/yield certificate- Map 1 Lot 49

The report of cut is for Map 1 Lot 49 on Bailey Hill Road for a cut of about 30 acres. The amount of the tax is \$2,002.45. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 1 Lot 49, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit Map 1 Lot 45

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road for a 24x33 building with roof and sides only to cover camper. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 45, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Letter/Meeting Request from Senator Giuda

Senator Giuda sent a letter to the Select Board discussing the budget and requesting to set up a meeting to discuss this year's budget or anything else the Select Board would like to discuss. The Select Board would like to invite him to attend a Select Board meeting. Sara will send him the next few Select Board meeting dates and see what works for him.

Warrant Due Date

Sara has already sent out the budget memos and spreadsheets to the department heads. She will be sending out the warrant due date Memo soon and wanted to see if the Select Board was okay with the due date being December 30th this year. The Select Board is good with this date so Sara will send the memo to the department heads.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Supplemental Intent to Cut- Map 2 Lot 18 and Map 10 Lot 23

The logger submitted a supplemental intent to cut for original intent 21-193-01-T. The estimated amounts to be cut have changed. **John motioned to sign the supplemental intent to cut for Map 2 Lot 18 and Map 10 Lot 23, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local Septic Approval- Map 6 Lot 63-12

Matt Barnard dropped off an amended septic plan and local approval for Map 6 Lot 63-12 that the Select Board had previously approved the original. All information is correct. **John motioned to sign the amended local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 63-12, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following

- River Road will be paved Thursday, September 23, 2021. Bubba will check with Bryant Paving on the 20th because he needs to go in the day before and do some work on the culverts before they pave. This will also depend on weather.
- As the Select Board mentioned, the mold remediation started today at the Town Garage.

Police

Chief Bagan went over the following:

- He received a concern about the speeding on North Groton Road. He has been out there on four separate occasions, different time intervals and different locations on North Groton Road. This led to one speeding ticket.
- He submitted a request to Bubba for a few additional speed limit signs and he wrote down the locations he would like them. Bubba said it will depend on money left in the budget to determine if this can be done this year or next year.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

There were no committee updates but Bubba said we should think about getting some committees back together for meetings.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Up Close and Personal in the Field Articles

Tony mentioned that Sara and Bubba are featured in the "Up Close and Personal in The Field" section of the Town and City magazine. There are articles on each of them.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:18pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant