

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2022

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 May 3, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of May 3, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 3, 2022 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Junkyard Agreement

MRI has a replacement for Ken Knowlton for the junkyard inspections. They sent over a contract for review. The hourly rate changed from \$60.50/hr. to \$65.00/hr. **John motioned to sign the junkyard agreement with MRI, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Report of cut/yield certificate

Map 2 Lot 48: The Town received a report of cut for Map 2 Lot 48 on North Groton Road for a cut of 50 acres. The amount of the tax is \$2,073.75. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 2 Lot 48, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut Map 7 Lots 3, 12-18 and 22

The owner submitted an intent for Map 7 Lots 3, 12-18 and 22 for properties located on Halls Brook Road. This is about a 65- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 7 Lots 3, 12-18 & 22, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following:

- Morrison will be grading Edgar Albert, Bailey Hill and North Fletcher Roads.
- They are looking into renting a mower for the side of the roads but the cost has gone up. It is about \$5,400 to rent it for a week. He was at a class on mowing so he asked what most towns do. Most towns own their own mower. However, he did find out that there is a guy that used to rent these that is now selling his equipment ranging from \$10,000-\$25,000 so Bubba is going to reach out to see what he has left. This would pay for itself in three years. When they rent them, he tries to work a full 40 to get the most of out of it while we have it but if we own it, they can use it more and whenever they need to, they are not just limited to one week.

Police Department

Chief Bagan reported that the Town has been quiet and there has been light traffic. He has been working on an investigation so he has been changing his hours as needed for this.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Fishing Derby

Slim stated that everything is all set for the Fishing Derby on June 4th. He got the permit from the State on Friday. The trophies are ordered and Sara received the invoice for them. Sara ordered the porta potty. Ray Gagnon made signs. Bubba said that the Highway Department has started cleaning up but they will mow it again when it gets closer. Slim talked to Josiah at Fish and Game so they will deliver the fish along with the hatchery. Sara asked for a copy of the sign to put on the website. Slim will work on getting her one.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

School Meeting

Ann asked how the school meeting from Monday went. John said it didn't really go anywhere. They asked for poverty levels, population, median income, etc. for all Towns. John said the bottom line is that we need to get Bristol and New Hampton on our side. Then they will decide what the warrant article should be changed to and it vote on it. John doesn't see it going our way unless more residents are attending and stating our concerns. Alexandria had residents there but other towns did not. John made it clear that Alexandria is looking to put their tax burden on to other towns that are not as wealthy, etc. to pay for their taxes. There will be minutes with more information. The next meeting is June 8th at 6pm at the middle school in the library. John said residents need to attend and show their anger and concern to try to change their minds. The pressure our residents could put on the other towns could stop this. A resident asked if we can we get information to people about these meetings. John mentioned to other towns that they should put signs out. Sara will put this on the website.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:15pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant