

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
November 15, 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 November 8, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Use Change Tax- Map 10 Lot 4

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a land use change tax that was submitted for Map 10 Lot 4. This 56.180-acre parcel was assessed with the entire lot in current use. During a visit to the property, a member of Avitar observed new construction of a new dwelling, outbuilding, driveway and cleared site. As a result, an approximate 1.50-acre area no longer qualifies to remain in current use. The estimated market value is \$69,000 which results in a land use change tax of \$6,900.00. **John motioned to sign the land use change tax for Map 10 Lot 4, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Avitar 2023 Terra Mapping Agreement

Avitar sent in the Terra Mapping Services Agreement. This is sent in yearly. The Town does the 1 year and the cost this year is \$1,990.00 which it did increase this year by \$210.00 but covers everything it did in the past. We could do the three-year agreement which lowers the price yearly to \$1,791 per year. The Select Board agreed to do the three-year agreement to get the lower rate. **John motioned to sign the 2023 Avitar Terra Mapping Services Agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Grafton RDC'S Annual Meeting RSVP Reminder

The Select Board received a reminder call and email about Grafton RDC'S Annual Meeting RSVP. We need to RSVP to let them know if someone from Groton is attending and if not, we need to fill out the Proxy form. Sara can submit this form online. **John motioned for Sara to submit the form online, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Tax rate information

The tax rate was set last week and the tax bills have started going out. It did increase by \$0.12 for a total tax rate of \$9.09. John explained the town portion increased from \$0.55 to \$0.67, the County portion increased from \$2.03 to \$2.44, the local school portion increased from \$4.07 to \$4.34 and the state school portion decreased from \$2.32 to \$1.64. John said the local and state school usually average each other because the money goes to the same place.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following:

- They are ready for the snow tonight.

- They are still waiting on information about the new backhoe. It keeps getting delayed.

Police Department

Chief Bagan went over the following:

- He stated that he completed his three-year physical test and passed so he is good for another three years.
- He will be hosting another informational session. This will be on Identity Theft and will take place after the Select Board meeting on December 6, 2022. Sara will post this.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, Tony motioned to adjourn at 7:09pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant