

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
December 6, 2022

In Attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Ron Madan

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Building Committee/Work Session Meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dead River- Certificate for exemption of Federal Diesel Tax

Each year Dead River sends the renewal form for the Town to fill out to continue their tax-exempt status. The current certificate for exemption of federal diesel tax expires on December 31, 2022. **John motioned to sign the 2023 certificate for exemption of federal diesel tax, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

2022 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate

The Department of Revenue Administration sent in the yearly equalization municipal assessment data certificate to be signed by the Select Board. The Equalization Ratio is where the assessments fall during the year. The State will review the information submitted, which will be reviewed by the State Department of Revenue. The Certificate is what the Town needs to submit to release the information to the State. Avitar does the work for us, sends us the form and once we send it back, they release the information to the Department of Revenue. **John motioned to sign the 2022 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Twin Rivers Office Machines 2023 agreement

The Select Board received the contract from Twin Rivers Office Machines, Inc covering 1/1/23-12/31/23. This contract covers the same details as last year and is for \$50.00 more. **John motioned to sign the Twin Rivers Office Machines, Inc contract, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local Septic Approval- Map 1 Lots 53-4 & 53-5

Pioneer Land Servicing emailed in a local septic approval for Map 1 Lots 53-4 & 53-5, for a resident at 1692 North Groton Road. All information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 1 Lots 53-4 and 53-5, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

2023 Holiday Schedule

Sara submitted a Memo to the Select Board as she does every year which breaks down when each Holiday actually is and when it is observed and the offices are closed. This year most of the holidays fall on the same day that they are observed but some do not, so they are taken on the next closest day that the office is open, within

the same week. John read the days the offices will be closed and these will be added to the calendar. **John motioned to approve the holiday schedule for 2023, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Intent to Cut Map 1 Lot 75

The owner submitted an intent for Map 1 Lot 75 for property located on River Road. This is about a 55- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 1 Lot 75, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 6 Lot 47

The owner submitted a building permit for a 32x58 log cabin. This is on a private road so it has to go before the Planning Board for review so they could provide comments/recommendations to the Select Board. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 6 Lot 47 until the Planning Board reviews it, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permits

John said there has been some confusion on building permits that he wanted to clear up. **Anything over 100 square feet** needs a permit, whether it is permanent or not. This goes for storage containers, car ports, prebuilt sheds and homes, etc.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following:

- They are still waiting on the backhoe.
- The weather has been staying decent. They are prepared for whatever they need to do.

Police Department

Chief Bagan said everything has been quiet.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Zoning Ordinance Changes

Ann asked if the Planning Board discussed any changes to the Zoning Ordinance at the last meeting. John said that he wasn't at the last meeting but there have been discussions at past meetings. Nothing is set in stone now but the plan is to make changes to protect the town. John and Tony shared that at the work session today Tiny Houses were discussed. The Select Board thinks we should leave the tiny house name out and say any house not on a permanent foundation cannot remain permanently on the property and put definition on how long it can stay there. This could be camper, tiny house, camp, etc. They don't feel we should dictate what size house you can live in. Sara will be sending this feedback to the Planning Board for review.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:12pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant