

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2023

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 April 18, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids to refurbish the International

The bids to refurbish the international were due yesterday May 1, 2023 by 4:00pm. The work to be done was: Painting, sandblasting, sandblasted wheels, tires (6), hydraulic lines, electric tarp unit, patching as needed, brake shoes, brake drums, air hoses, cables for the wing plow (front and rear).

We received one bid from Myles Mobile Service. The bid amount was \$30,433.87. They did add the line for the cables for the wing plow but there was no amount listed there. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to confirm the price because of this. If this price is correct, the Select Board agreed to move forward with this bid. If it is not, the Select Board agreed to review the corrected amount and decide at that point to move forward or not, although it was the only bid that we received so as long as it doesn't increase too much they will most likely move forward anyway.

Intent to Cut Map 2 Lot 41

The logger submitted an intent for Map 2 Lot 41 for property located on Halls Brook Road. This is about a 35-acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 2 Lot 41, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut Map 7 Lot 31

The logger submitted an intent for Map 7 Lot 31 for property located on North Groton Road. This is about a 7-acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 7 Lot 31, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 6 Lot 63-4

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a land use change tax that was submitted for Map 6 Lot 63-4. This 14.61-acre parcel was assessed with the entire lot in current use. During a visit to the property, a member of Avitar observed a dwelling and driveway on a cleared site. As a result, an approximate 1.00-acre area no longer qualifies to remain in current use. The estimated market value is \$40,000.00 which results in a land use change tax of \$4,000.00. **John motioned to sign the land use change tax and warrant for Map 6 Lot 63-4, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 6 Lot 63-5

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a land use change tax that was submitted for Map 6 Lot 63-5. This 11.14-acre parcel was assessed with the entire lot in current use. During a visit to the property,

a member of Avitar observed a new well and driveway on a cleared site. As a result, an approximate 1.00-acre area no longer qualifies to remain in current use. The estimated market value is \$40,000.00 which results in a land use change tax of \$4,000.00. **John motioned to sign the land use change tax and warrant for Map 6 Lot 63-5, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 6 Lot 63-6

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a land use change tax that was submitted for Map 6 Lot 63-6. This 10.05-acre parcel was assessed with the entire lot in current use. During a visit to the property, a member of Avitar observed a new shed and driveway on a cleared site. As a result, this parcel no longer qualifies to remain in current use as it is now less than 10 acres. The estimated market value is \$58,000.00 which results in a land use change tax of \$5,800.00. **John motioned to sign the land use change tax and warrant for Map 6 Lot 63-6, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 51

The owner submitted a building permit as a part of the requirement for the subdivision back in October of 2022. They didn't have the PUC information at that time and we told them they needed it. Most recently on April 12, 2023 we sent a follow up letter regarding this. Yesterday, May 1, 2023 we received the PUC approval for this building permit and we already had the DES approval. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 51, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

PA-29 Veterans Credit

A resident submitted the PA-29 before the April 15th deadline but did not submit supporting documents so we sent a letter requesting supporting documents. He is active duty and did bring in the DD214. **John motioned to approve the PA-29 now that the supporting documents are received, Tony 2nd so voted.**

Report of cut/yield certificate

The Town received a report of cut from the owner of Map 2 Lot 96. The amount of the tax is \$143.86. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 2 Lot 96, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant