

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 6, 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 May 16, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted. John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 16, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Plot Agreement

Jim Gaffey dropped off a cemetery plot agreement that the Select Board need to sign and put the Town seal on it. **John motioned to sign and seal the cemetery plot agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Disposal Agreement

The owner of 730 North Groton Road dropped off a disposal. **John motioned to sign the disposal agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 53-5

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on North Groton Road for a three-bedroom home. They provided the septic approval and the PUC approval. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 53-5, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 4 Lot 6

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on Sculptured Rocks Road for a 20x30 shed/garage. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 4 Lot 6, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 5 Lot 52

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on Sculptured Rocks Road for a 240 square foot deck with roof over it. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 5 Lot 52, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 5 Lot 54

The owner submitted a building permit for their property located on Sculptured Rocks Road for a two-bedroom camp. They provided the septic approval and the PUC approval. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 5 Lot 54, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut Map 9 Lot 2

The logger submitted an intent for Map 9 Lot 2 for property located on Old Coach Road. This is about a 20- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 9 Lot 2, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut Map 10 Lot 42

The logger submitted an intent for Map 10 Lot 42 for property located on Halls Brook Road. This is about a 15- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 10 Lot 42, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Abatement- Map 2 Lot 81 sub 04-S26

The resident sent in an email to the Town and Avitar stating that this property is vacant and he was taxed for a camper on it. Avitar corrected this but he was sent a tax bill for \$19.00 before this was corrected that needs to be abated. **John motioned to sign the abatement for Map 2 Lot 81 sub 04-S26, Tony 2nd so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Properties going to Deed

Ruth supplied a list of properties going to deed if the taxes are not paid by August 24, 2023. She asked that the Select Board review it and let her know if they see any properties that should not be deeded. The Select Board did not have any properties that shouldn't be deeded so the tax collector can move forward if payment is not received.

Junkyard Reports

John explained that our junkyard inspector from MRI went out and visited properties that either have junkyards or have junkyard concerns and submitted the reports to the Select Board for review. There was one property that she found in violation and a few that she had to reschedule but the rest are now in compliance. **John motioned to sign all of the junkyard letters, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Sara stated that anyone with junkyards have to have their Junkyard Renewal Application in because the current licenses expire on July 1st. We had four but one person has passed away so that would leave only three junkyards. Two out of the three are ones that she had to reschedule so she still hasn't been out and the other one she stated was okay to renew. Sara included this information in these letters.

Serving on two boards

John mentioned that a question came up at the Planning Board meeting regarding if someone can serve on two different boards. This was looked into and it was found that they can but it depends on which boards. There are some that could be a conflict of interest between the two so they wouldn't be able to but these go through Ruth and she is usually really good about knowing which ones you can and cannot.

Virginia stated that there is specifically an RSA that states only one member of the Planning Board can also serve on the Conservation Commission. This is current Ray Blake. She said she agrees that it is not all boards but the RSA she was referring to prohibits more than one Planning Board member to also serve on the Conservation Commission. Sara said that RSA 673:7 states any 2 appointed or elected members of the planning board may also serve together on any other municipal board or commission, except that no more than one member of the planning board shall serve on the conservation commission, the local governing body, or a local land use board such as the zoning board. Virginia mentioned that the local governing body would be the Select Board. Sara stated that the Select Board is usually at these meetings as a liaison for the Select Board and isn't an actual Planning Board member. Sara said the information that Ruth gave her stated that Ray Blake was the Planning Board liaison for the Conservation Commission. Virginia said he has been acting as a voting member. She said that the school board has a rep which is basically their liaison on the budget committee and they vote.

Virginia said the other thing she emailed the Planning Board about is that Eric Jones is not a registered voter in the Town of Groton so he is not qualified to be on the Planning Board. She was told that at the last Planning Board meeting he said he wanted to stay on the Conservation Commission but then she was told by Deb on Friday that he said he wanted to figure out what we all do. Virginia said it was an honest mistake and he was not registered. The Town Clerk took his oath of office and his voter registration form at the same time and you cannot do that. He needs to be added by the Supervisors of the Checklist first because he is not actually a registered voter until then. She did talk to Pam and they will figure something out to make sure this doesn't happen and they will talk to Ruth about it. The Planning Board discussed that in the future they mention that

they need to be a registered voter first so that it is known. John said this should always be mentioned and it will be in the minutes now.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Slim asked if Justin Weekly sent his resignation from the Conservation Commission to the Select Board yet. Sara mentioned that we have not received anything yet. John said he heard he was moving. Slim said he is back and forth between the two properties.

Fishing Derby

Slim said the Fishing Derby was a great time. He said that it didn't rain hard it was just a drizzle. He thinks the rain may have cut back on the participation. Virginia said that there were 15 kids there. There were three in the first age group, 10 in the next age group and then 2 teenagers. Slim said the hatchery forgot to tag the trout so they agreed to give the \$50.00 prize to the person who caught the biggest fish. Everyone was happy and they liked the trophies this year. Virginia said that they went with a different company for the trophies and they got them for this year and next year for less than what they paid in the past for one year. They feel that overall, the derby was a success.

Slim mentioned that he paid the \$50.00 out of his pocket. Virginia asked if we need paperwork for this. Sara said that Slim or Virginia can send a request for reimbursement for this if they want it to come out of the fishing derby budget.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Old Town Reports

Virginia asked if we have copies of old town reports. She explained that she has been looking into RSA 674:41 which a lot which has to do with building on private roads. She feels she may have found an area within the law where she (or others) wouldn't have to sign the release of municipal liability. She is trying to confirm when the Planning Board was created and what year the Town Select Board gave them the authority to take over subdivisions. Sara said that Ruth has the actual hard copies of the Town reports but she can send Virginia the link for UNH site that has our town reports online. Sara said she is very busy this week but will send the link to her this week and then next week she will see if she can find a date when the Planning Board was established and when the Select Board gave them this authority.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:26pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant