TOWN OF GROTON SELECT BOARD MEETING September 5, 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 August 22, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of August 22, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of August 22, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intent to Cut- Map 6 Lot 76

The logger dropped off an intent to cut for Map 6 Lot 76 for a 15-acre cut. All the information is correct and no bond is required. John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 6 Lot 76, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 68

The owner dropped off a building permit for a 14x27 "Rock Solid" pvc fabric shelter for their property located at Map 1 Lot 68 on North Groton Road. John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 68, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 55

The owner dropped off a building permit for a 28x52 modular home for their property located at Map 1 Lot 55 on North Groton Road. This was previously tabled because it needed the PUC approval and the DES approval. We have since received both of these. John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 65, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Building Permits- Map 6 Lot 9

The owner dropped off two building permits for their property located at Map 6 Lot 9 on Crosby Lane along with the release form since this is on a private road. This was previously tabled because it needed to go before the Planning Board since it is on a private road. The Planning Board reviewed both permits, one is for a 2-bedroom 2 bath manufactured home and the other is for a new 20x25 covered deck. John said the Planning Board reviewed these at the last meeting and they are recommending that the Select Board approve these permits as long as they follow covenants and road maintenance obligations. John motioned to sign the building permits for Map 6 Lot 9 and to sign the release form, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NLRA Support Letter

Rebecca from NLRA reached out requesting a support letter for a grant like we have done in the past. Sara had drafted the letter. John motioned to sign the NLRA support letter, Tony 2nd so voted.

Open House 9/19/23 on Broadband through NHEC

John reminded everyone that at the beginning of the next Select Board meeting on September 19, 2023 at 7:00pm NHEC will be here to do an open house on the broadband and the options available to Groton Residents. All residents are encouraged to attend. He also mentioned that if you haven't done it already, that he recommends you go online to sign up.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 41

The owner dropped off a building permit for a 32x52 home on their property located at Map 2 Lot 41 on North Groton Road. He did include the PUC approval and the DES approval. John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 41, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Bridgewater, Hebron & Groton Steering Committee

John informed everyone that the Bridgewater, Hebron & Groton Steering Committee will be meeting on Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Town of Bridgewater. The agenda is available on the front table at the meeting and is also online. All residents are encouraged to attend. John recommended that our residents attend.

Twin States Clean Energy Link

Twin States is a new proposed electric transmission line in New Hampshire and Vermont aimed at supplying additional clean energy to the entire New England grid. The Twin States project team is committed to working together with host communities, residents, businesses, elected officials and community groups throughout the application, proposal, siting, and construction processes. They also understand that communities deserve comprehensive conversations and two-way communication about their work. Because of this, they are beginning to host informational open houses where all are welcome to learn more about the project and ask any questions and meet the project experts. They are hosting one of these open house events in Hebron and are sending postcard invitations to neighbors in Alexandria, Groton, Rumney, and Hebron. They hope that we will have an opportunity to join them and share this information with your constituents. Event details:

Hebron Wednesday, September 13th 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Union Congregational Church 16 Church Lane Hebron, NH 03241

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Sara shared that Ruth has hired a new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We received her background check back and she started training with Ruth this week. She is a fast learner and we feel she will be a good fit.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Slim shared that the Conservation Commission will be having their clean up on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Anyone interested should meet at the Town House at 10:00am. Sara will post this.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:16pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith Administrative Assistant