

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
November 21, 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 November 7, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of November 7, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of November 14, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of November 14, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 100*

The owner submitted a building permit for their property at 142 River Road for a 10x12 garage/utility shed. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 1 Lot 100, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 93*

The owner submitted a building permit for their property on River Road for a 10x12 shed. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 1 Lot 93, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Intent to Cut Map 7 Lot 11*

The logger submitted an intent for Map 7 Lot 11 for property located on Victoria's Mountain Way. This is about a 35- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 7 Lot 11, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Local Septic Approval Map 7 Lot 50*

The septic designer mailed in a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 7 Lot 50 which is 50 Blood Road. All the information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 7 Lot 50, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Tax Rate Setting Update*

The tax rate was set last week and the tax bills have started going out this week. The taxes did increase by \$0.91 for a total tax rate of \$10.00. John explained the town portion decreased from \$0.67 to \$0.35, the County portion decreased from \$2.44 to \$2.22, the local school portion increased from \$4.34 to \$5.99 and the state school portion decreased from \$1.64 to \$1.44. The only one that increased was the local school. This is another reason that we should vote to leave the school district.

*2024 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 so we will take the actual day. For the ones that do not we will take 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. Sara mentioned that there are a few that fall on Wednesday, such as Christmas and New Years, when the Transfer Station is open so since these are big Holidays, she is sure they will close but she will talk to Norm to make sure. **John motioned to approve the holiday schedule for 2024, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

*Update on Steering Committee Meeting*

John mentioned that they are making progress. The next meeting will be Wednesday November 29, 2023 at 6:00pm in Hebron. We will post the agenda once it is available.

*Holiday Luncheon*

John mentioned that the Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2023 from 12pm-2pm. Sara will be sending the invitation out next week.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

*Police Department*

Chief Bagan mentioned that there was a break in at a home and an arrest was made. State Police and Plymouth Police responded and made it there with a good response time. From his understanding, the person may have some psychiatric issues so he doesn't see this becoming an ongoing issue.

*Highway Department*

Bubba said they are all set for storm tonight.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:10pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant