

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
December 19, 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 December 5, 2023 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of December 5, 2023 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. Tony abstained.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Intent to Cut- Map 9 Lot 8*

The town received an intent to cut for Map 9 Lot 8 for a 118+/- acre cut. All the information is correct and no bond is required. **John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 9 Lot 8, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Intent to Cut- Map 6 Lots 2&3*

The town received an intent to cut for Map 6 Lots 2&3 for a 8+/- acre cut. All the information is correct and no bond is required. **John motioned to sign the intent to cut for Map 6 Lots 2&3, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 66*

The owner submitted a building permit for their property at 1725 North Groton Road for a 10x20 tent garage. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 66, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Building Permit- Map 2 Lot 69-1*

The owner submitted a building permit for their property at 78 Edgar Albert Road for a 2x24 Rhino Storage Shelter. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 69-1, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Twin Rivers Office Machines 2024 agreement*

The Select Board received the contract from Twin Rivers Office Machines, Inc. covering 1/1/24-12/31/24. This contract covers the same details as last year and is for \$20.00 more. **John motioned to sign the Twin Rivers Office Machines, Inc contract, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Abatement Request Map 2 Lot 81 Sub 04-S18 and 04-S26*

The resident and Sara requested an abatement for the inventory penalties for Map 2 Lot 81 Sub 04-S18 and 04-S26. Sara reviewed the inventories and we received all of the other ones from the owner. There were also issues with the property and different owners that Avitar has since corrected. **John motioned to approve and sign the abatement request for Map 2 Lot 81 Sub 04-S18 and 04-S26, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Wex- Notice of Federal Tax Exemption Expiration/Certificate of Buyer*

Each year Wex sends the notice of federal tax exemption expiration along with a new certificate to sign. **John motioned to sign the Wex certificate of buyer, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *MS-60A*

Each year the Town submits an MS-60A after the MS-60W has been submitted. These are forms pertaining to the local town audit completed by the locally elected auditor. **John motioned to sign the MS-60A, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### *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, 2023. **John motioned to sign the 2024 certificate for exemption of federal diesel tax, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

### **SELECT BOARD ITEMS:**

#### *Public Hearing on exiting SAU4*

John explained that they are hoping to have a public hearing on exiting SAU4. This will be at the beginning of the Select Board meeting on either January 16, 2024 or January 23, 2024.

Ruth asked if this will be a ballot vote or warrant article. John said it will be a warrant article.

### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

#### *Highway Department*

Bubba said they did well with the heavy rain storm. Chief was out too and they kept in touch. There was a little on Sculptured Rocks and Spec Pond. It was close and if it rained another hour we would be in trouble. Tony asked how the culverts were. Bubba said they were at like 75% but the bridge was about 90%. There was a washout by Lemieux's but that will be addressed in the Spring. He had Fred and Jeremy in to help yesterday.

Sara asked if they checked Province Road. They have not been out there yet and it is too soft right now so they do not want to go out there now. We also will have to address the people plowing the road again. Bubba said he has some signs coming that he will post.

#### *Police Department*

Chief Bagan reported that everything is good on his end.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:20pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant