

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2024

In Attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert, Ron Madan and Sara Smith (Town Administrator)

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 2 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.
John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 2, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Works Building Bids

The sealed bids were opened at the last Select Board Meeting and we received two bids which came in considerably higher than we expected and over the amount of money that the town has appropriated. We are temporarily at a hold on this right now since we do not have enough money at this time to award the bid at this price. We are also reaching out to North Country Council to see if they can assist with getting these costs down and removing some of the items that USDA has in there. We are working on getting a breakdown of the costs that have increased due to the requirements of the grant to see if there are any other options such as a special town meeting. Once we get this information back, we can move forward with some sort of decision on how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Septic Approval- Map 2 Lot 86-1

The septic designer emailed in a Septic Plan and local approval for Map 2 Lot 84-1. All the information is correct.
John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 2 Lot 86-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Reports of cuts/yield certificates

The Town received three reports of cuts/yield certificates.

- The Town received a report of cut for Map 1 Lot 29, operation # 23-193-13-T. This was for a 10-acre cut on Will Colburn Road. The amount of the tax is \$1,238.41. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 1 Lot 29, Tony 2nd, so voted.**
- The Town received a report of cut for Map 1 Lot 75, operation # 23-193-01-T. This was for a 55-acre cut on River Road. The amount of the tax is \$5,846.70. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 1 Lot 75, Tony 2nd, so voted.**
- The Town received a report of cut for Map 6 Lot 76, operation # 23-193-11-T. This was for a 15-acre cut on Snoburk Lane. The amount of the tax is \$456.45. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 6 Lot 76, Tony 2nd, so voted.**
- The Town received a report of cut for additional volume for Map 6 Lots 3 & 2-1, operation # 23-193-15-T. This was for an 8-acre cut on North Groton Road. The amount of the tax for the additional volume is \$115.49. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 6 Lots 3 & 2-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 7 Lot 17

The owner sent in a building permit for a 26x40 log cabin on Halls Brook Road. They did include the PUC approval and the DES Septic approval. All the information is correct. **John motioned to sign the building permit for Map 7 Lot 17, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Avitar Letters

Avitar sent over three letters, one to NE Power, one to NE Hydro and one to NHEC for us to put on our letterhead requesting that they send information to complete the utility values for tax year 2024 by July 1, 2024. **John motioned to sign the Avitar letters, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Disposal Agreement Map 1 Lot 52

The owner of 64 Fletcher Road dropped off a disposal. **John motioned to sign the disposal agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Police Department

Chief Bagan said there was a report today of items being taken from a garage on Sculptured Rocks Road. Please keep an eye out and report anything suspicious.

Highway Department

Bubba mentioned the following Highway Department items:

- The road bans are coming off at 8am tomorrow.
- Someone stole the stop sign off of North Fletcher Road. Bubba had another one so they will replace it.
- They will try to rake Edgar Alert Road tomorrow. The ground is already hardening up so it may be hard to rake the gravel roads. They will fill in pot holes until Morrison comes out to grade.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:11pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator