

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
July 2, 2024

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Tony motioned to approve the Joint Loss Safety Meeting minutes of June 18, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of June 18, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of June 18, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of June 25, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Septic Approval Map 2 Lot 9

The septic designer dropped off the local septic approval and plan for Map 2 Lot 9. This is the plan that was brought to the Planning Board and the Select Board discussed at the last meeting and approved how the building and septic are located on the septic design. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 2 Lot 9, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 10 Lot 31

The logger submitted an intent for Map 10 Lot 31 for the property located on Halls Brook Road. This is about a 20- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 10 Lot 31, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

State of NH Workers' Compensation Law, Notice of Compliance Posting

Primex sent the updated State of NH Workers' Compensation Law, Notice of Compliance posting. The Select Board needs to sign this and then Sara will make copies and it will be posted in all work locations. **John motioned to sign the workers' compensation notice of compliance, Tony 2nd so voted.**

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund

Sara created a Memo to the Trustees requesting to transfer the money to the Capital Reserve Funds that was voted on per Article 4 at the 2024 Town meeting. John went over the amounts again which was Disaster Relief CRF \$50,000, Public Works CRF \$50,000, Police Cruiser CRF \$10,000, Town House CRF \$10,000, Truck/Sander CRF \$10,000, Heavy Equipment CRF \$10,000, and the Assessing Revaluation CRF \$7,500. This is a total amount of \$147,500 to be transferred. **John motioned to sign the memo to transfer to Capital Reserve Funds per warrant article 4, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund- Changing the name and purpose of CRF

Sara created a Memo to the Trustees requesting per Article 14 that was voted on and passed at the 2024 Town Meeting, to change the name and purpose of the "Atwell Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund". This should be changed to be named "Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund". The purpose should be changed to cover construction, reconstruction, replacement and maintenance of all Town Bridges. The Selectmen should be kept as agents to expend from said fund. This also requests to transfer \$19,331 to this Capital Reserve Fund as voted on at the 2024 Town meeting in Article 14. **John motioned to sign the memo to**

change the name and purpose of the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer \$19,331 to this Capital Reserve Fund per warrant article 14, Tony 2nd, so voted.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Follow up from the conversation at the last meeting

John said that he had a meeting with Nick. He said that he had mistook what Nick said when he said that Nick accused him of lying. He would like to apologize to Nick. Nick said thank you.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba mentioned the following Highway Department items:

- They have started mowing.
- Morrisons will not be able to start back up on the North Groton Road project until the end of July.
- He is waiting to find out when the chip sealing will take place. Sara said they just sent the signed contract over last week so they couldn't schedule it until that was done.
 - Tony asked if they have to seal the joints before they chip seal. Bubba said no, it would be whatever we already sealed. They said not to do it right before it anyway because it can actually melt out what was you have already done. Tony said that makes sense.
- Tony asked if we would be doing any crack sealing this year. Bubba said he doesn't believe they will be this year because of other projects they have scheduled and the River Road project will use a lot of the Groton Road money.

Police Department

Chief Bagan stated that he took a report of stolen boat that was taken from the Spectacle Pond shoreline. It was chained to a tree at Spectacle Pond and it is now missing. He said that he reached out to Spectacle Pond Association and they said they would not have any interest in removing boats, that is not their jurisdiction, they believe it would be the towns. They also said they haven't seen any boats adrift. The family member put a posting on the Groton Community Facebook page with a picture of the boat that was taken. Chief Bagan said that if anyone has seen anyone or recognized the boat that was taken, they can contact the Police Department with any information.

Tony said that he has heard some rumors that there have been some break ins in Hebron, such as the Hebron Store and a few others. He asked Chief Bagan if he has heard anything. Tony said people are buying security cameras and are worried. Chief Bagan said that he believes that someone broke into the propane rack at the Hebron Store which is outside. He said that he does not know of any others.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:17pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator