

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
August 6, 2024

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

**Absent: John Rescigno**

**Audience Members Present**

Tony called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Tony motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of July 16, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**Tony motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of July 16, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Local Septic Approval Map 6 Lot 63-1*

The septic designer dropped off a local septic approval and plan for Map 6 Lot 63-1. Sara had to update the map and lot number but all else looks good. **Tony motioned to sign the updated local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 63-1, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Building Permit - Map 2 Lot 10*

The Town received a building permit for Map 2 Lot 105 on Brock Lane. This is for a 9x14 deck. This is on a private road so this had to go before the Planning Board. After review and comment, the planning board recommends that the local governing body (Select Board) vote to approve the issuance of the building permit, subject to any Deed or Road Covenants and all Road Maintenance obligations of the applicants. The applicants must sign the Municipal Release and record it prior to commencing construction. Sara stated that she did review the deed that had covenants/restrictions on it and nothing about decks was mentioned. Sara did give them the release form to complete which they have not dropped back off yet. **Tony motioned to approve and sign the building permit for Map 2 Lot 10 contingent on receiving the release form back and to come in and sign the release form once received, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Sara will send them a letter and another release form explaining that they cannot start building until the release form is received. Once this is received, we will send them their building permit and they can start building.

*Junkyard Report/Letter*

Sara explained that our junkyard inspector from MRI finished visiting properties that either have junkyards or have junkyard concerns and submitted the reports to the Select Board for review. She only had two left, one was a regular property and one was for a junkyard renewal. For the regular property, she said that the property is not in violation and she recommended he apply for a junkyard license. Sara created a letter stating this. **Tony motioned to sign this junkyard letter, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

*Junkyard Renewal*

The owner submitted a junkyard renewal application along with the background check and all supporting documents on July 10, 2024. Sara sent the background check out to the State of NH and it was received back with nothing to report. Audrey Cline has done the inspection and said the Select Board are good to approve

this renewal. Sara created a letter stating this and created an renewed junkyard license. **Tony motioned to sign the letter and the junkyard renewal application, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

#### *Pasquaney District Positions*

The school board is looking for residents who would be interested in serving (through March 2025) as our Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. Ideally, they would like to fill one position per town. They wanted to know if the Selectboard is aware of anyone in town who may be interested. They are aiming to appoint these positions during their next meeting, which is at 5pm on 8/8 at the Hebron Town Office. It's a short window, but that's going to be a reality for a lot of the work through March. Sara had an idea of a resident that has attended a lot of the meetings so she reached out to her to see if she was interested. Sara spent some time on Sunday talking to this resident and Virginia about the positions. It was requested that if she is interested, she should email Virginia stating why she is interested and why she thinks she will be a good fit. The board will most likely be making appointments on Thursday at their meeting. Sara let the resident know and gave her Virginia's email. She is very interested and is going to look over the information and talk to her family. If she can make it work, she will email Virginia. Sara does not want to share this person's name until they have made a decision and are appointed but did let Virginia know that she should be emailing her. Sara asked Virginia to let her know if she doesn't email her so the Town can come up with some other ideas. Sara does have one other person in mind and asked the Select Board and the residents in attendance to let her know if they have any ideas, just in case this person does not work out.

#### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

##### *Highway Department*

Bubba went over the following:

- Morrison has started back on North Groton Road to work on the FEMA project repairs for the storm damages from the December 2022 storm.
- Chip sealing is tentatively scheduled to start August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- They are 80%-90% complete with the roadside mowing.

##### *Police Department*

Chief Bagan stated that he does not have anything to report. He was in service training all last week.

#### **COMMITTEE ITEMS:**

##### *Old Home Day*

Sara reminded everyone that Old Home Day is Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start around 5:30pm and the cookout will be after. There are fireworks this year which will start at dusk.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**Having no other business to conduct, Tony motioned to adjourn at 7:09pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Town Administrator