

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2024

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Tony motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of August 6, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Tony motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of August 6, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

Tony motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of August 6, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted. John abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit - Map 1 Lot 68

The Town received a building permit for Map 1 Lot 68 on North Groton Road. This is for a 12x20 shed. This is not on a private road so it does not need the release form and does not need to go before the Planning Board. **John motioned to approve and sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 68, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 5 Lot 153

The Town received a building permit in the mail for Map 5 Lot 153 on Sculptured Rocks Road. This is for a wood framed addition on the rear of the house. There will be a foundation and one floor comprised of two rooms, one office and one family room totally approximately 448sq ft. This is not on a private road so it does not need the release form and does not need to go before the Planning Board. The owner checked off that it will be heated or cooled but did not submit PUC approval and said no to the property not having a DES approved wastewater treatment system. Sara located the DES approval for a 2-bedroom system so they are all set there. She sent them a letter with the EC-1 form for the PUC Approval and explained the Select Board cannot approve the permit without this approval. **John motioned to table the building permit for Map 5 Lot 153 until the PUC approval is received, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Local Septic Approval Map 1 Lot 75

The septic designer emailed in the local septic approval and plan for Map 1 Lot 75. All the information on it looks correct. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 1 Lot 75, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Amended Local Septic Approval Map 6 Lot 9

The septic designer emailed in the amended local septic approval and amended plan for Map 6 Lot 9. There is a new building location, new septic location and slight adjustment to waste line location from

the house to the septic tank. All the information on it looks correct. **John motioned to sign the amended local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 9, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 10 Lot 42

The logger submitted an intent for Map 10 Lot 42 for the property located on Halls Brook Road. This is about a 15- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 10 Lot 42, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

MS-434

The MS-434 is the estimated revenues for Groton which is due by September 1st. Sara entered the information on the DRA portal and she is the one that signs it. She submitted the information but not the signed version. The Select Board does not need to sign it but they need to review it and let Sara know if any changes need to be made before she submits the signed version. The DRA will review after and send their revised MS434 for the Select Board to review. The Select Board did not have any questions or concerns and is okay with Sara submitting it as is.

MS-1

The MS1 is due by September 1st to the DRA. Sara contacted Avitar last week to see if they were all set with her completing the MS-1 and they still had some information to enter so they asked her to wait. She will be completing this either the end of this week or next week once Avitar enters all of their information. However, we do not meet again until after September 1st so Sara will have this done and will need to submit it to the DRA before that meeting. **John motioned to sign the MS-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Road Construction on North Groton Road

Road construction will be taking place on the Town's portion of North Groton Road beginning on Monday, August 26, 2024 through Friday, August 30, 2024. Be prepared for rough travel and some delays. Only one lane will be open at a time and you may need to stop and wait as someone will be directing traffic. Please plan accordingly.

Robert Ellis- Master Roads Scholar

Congratulations to Robert Ellis for his achievement as a Master Roads Scholar for the New Hampshire Roads Scholar Program. Bubba has taken a lot of classes and has put in a lot of time and work to reach this status and will continue to do so. Congratulations and thank you Bubba for all of your hard work and dedication to the Town.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba went over the following:

- They will be assisting with the Road Construction on North Groton Road. He wanted everyone to know that there will be a section cut out so it will drop off if you stay in that lane so it could be rough. They will put out signs tomorrow to give everyone a heads up. There will also be a little on River Road as well.
- The River Road project is complete. It looks great out there and should really help when we have heavy rains.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Old Home Day

Old Home Day was successful. A lot of people showed up and it seems like it is growing. There was a parade, food, raffles, a band and the night ended with some amazing fireworks. Thank you to all that worked so hard to put this together and thank you to all that came. John thanked Gina, Sara and the Highway Department for their work to make this event happen. John also thanked the Groton Windfarm for their donation which helps make this event possible every year.

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, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator