

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 17, 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 September 3, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 3, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 10, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hebron Public Library Memorandum of Understanding

On July 16, 2024 Jennifer Larochelle came in to a Select Board Meeting and discussed extending services to the Groton residents free of charge. They have dropped of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Groton and the Hebron Public Library for the Select Board to review and if comfortable to sign.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will constitute an agreement between the Town of Groton and the Trustees of the Hebron Public Library. This MOU would serve to establish a relationship for the purpose of providing and enhancing library services for both towns.

The MOU states that the Trustees of the Hebron Public Library agree to:

1. In the spirit of inter-town cooperation and with the formation of the new Hebron, Bridgewater and Groton cooperative school district, provide free-of charge any resident or property owner of Groton, a library card with full privileges to the Hebron Public Library. Those privileges shall include full access to all services, programs and resources of the Hebron Library. Some of these services shall include but are not limited to the following: inter-library loan, NH Downloadable Books, and EDSCO databases.
2. Invites a liaison appointed by the Town of Groton to attend, as needed, meetings of the Trustees of the Hebron Public Library, if desired. This liaison will not have any voting privileges.

The MOU states the Town of Groton agrees to:

1. Appoint a liaison who will represent the Town of Groton and, on an as needed basis, attend meetings of the Trustees of the Hebron Public Library as a non-voting representative, if desired.
2. Inform Groton residents and property owners of their library card privileges at the Hebron Public Library.
3. Share information about the Hebron Public Library with the Groton community through whatever communication channels to which they have access.

This agreement may be cancelled at any time by either party with 30 days written notice.

This agreement will be in force from September 01, 2024, through September 01, 2025, upon signing by both parties of this agreement, and will be renewable on an annual basis upon mutual acceptance by both parties as accepted by the governing body.

Sara stated that if the Select Board choose to move forward with this, she can be the contact to put information on the website and can send information to the Town email list. Sara also said that at the last meeting when this was discussed, Alison Bagley's name was brought up to be the Town's liaison that would attend the meetings as a non-voting representative. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to her to see if she would be interested in this.

John stated that everything looks good to him and states free-of-charge. **John motioned to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Groton and the Hebron Public Library, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 5 Lot 29-1

The Town received a building permit for Map 5 Lot 29-1 on Sculptured Rocks Road. This is for a 24x30 wooden barn structure on a concrete slab behind the main house. This will not be heated or cooled and will not have bedrooms or bathrooms. **John motioned to approve and sign the building permit for Map 5 Lot 29-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard Violation

Sara stated that the Select Board sent a letter on July 15, 2024 stating that the first inspection that was done on June 21, 2024 showed that the property was in violation and the Select Board was giving them 30 days to clean up the property and that the owner contact the Select Board to schedule a site visit with the Select Board and Audrey Cline. They were told they need to remove or register all but one vehicle and that if the property is not brought into compliance within this timeframe that they would be charged \$50 per day and that we may seek the assistance of the Towns attorney to require the necessary assistance. After 30 days, the resident had not contacted the Town and it had not appeared any clean-up had taken place so Audrey did another site visit on September 9, 2024. She included her report which states that the property continues to be in violation of RSA 236:111-129. John stated that at this point, we need to get the attorney involved like we did last time. Sara will send all of the information to the attorney.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba shared that the Chip Sealing was completed on Monday. This was done from Halls Brook to about the MIT parking lot. They will be back next week to do sweeping.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:05pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator