

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 1, 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 7:01pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Tony motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 17, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Tony motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 17, 2024 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Release Form- Map 1 Lot 60

At one of the previous meetings the Select Board approved a building permit contingent on receiving the release of the municipal liability form. We have since received this form and a check for the \$16.00. **Tony motioned to sign the release form for Map 1 Lot 60, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

NHDOT Emergency Vehicle Posting for Group 2

NHDOT is developing a State administered project to place emergency vehicle (EV) weight limit signs at 374 bridges statewide. The need for this project is to fulfill bridge load rating and posting requirements for emergency vehicles mandated by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The Bridges in Groton that they included on the letter are for two bridges listed below:

Bridge ID: Location Owner Required Posting Signage

Single Tandem Gross

Groton 123/057 SCULPTURED ROCKS R OVER ATWELL BROOK Municipality 17 24 33

Groton 153/084 NORTH GROTON ROAD OVER SMALL BROOK NHDOT 17 28 39

Many of these bridges are owned by Municipalities. For such bridges, NHDOT is requesting permission to install these new signs or replace and combine any existing legal weight limit signs on new posts. For both cases, sign placement will be within the existing right-of-way on the bridge approaches per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). All other signs present at the bridges will be retained or relocated within the approaches as recommended by the MUTCD. There will be no cost to the Municipality for this initial effort. However, future maintenance and/or replacement cost when posting limits change or cost for future placement of first-time restrictions will be the responsibility of the Municipality when completed on Municipal bridges. NHDOT requests a confirmation receipt of this letter (email notification preferred) and requests that the Municipality: 1) confirm authorization allowing NHDOT to install all required signs (to include moving any existing signs) or 2) withhold this authorization. For the later, NHDOT will still pay to have the sign components fabricated and will arrange to have these delivered to your Municipality.

Sara already sent the email back confirming receipt of the email and letter. Now we need to 1) confirm authorization allowing NHDOT to install all required signs (and to include moving any existing signs) or 2)

withhold this authorization. Tony and Ron both agreed to grant the authorization. Tony asked if they need a letter signed. Sara said she thinks that it can just be emailed back but she will ask in the email. Tony said that they will come in and sign the letter if one is needed. **Tony motioned to confirm authorization allowing NHDOT to install all required signs and to include moving any existing signs and to come in and sign a letter if they need anything more than the email, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 4 Lot 9

The Town received a building permit for Map 4 Lot 9 on Sculptured Rocks Road. This is for a 24x24 increased ceiling height on loft room where roof needed replacement and added a bathroom. This is the one we sent a letter for. The delay was working with DES archives for the septic information which has been supplied. **Tony motioned to approve and sign the building permit for Map 4 Lot 9, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Local Septic Approval - Map 6 Lot 1-2

The Town received a local septic approval and plan for Map 6 Lot 1-2 on North Groton Road. The Map and Lot number and address were correct. The owner's name was on the email and the plan but was left off of the local septic approval so Sara wrote it in. **Tony motioned to approve the local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 1-2, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 7 Lot 14

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a land use change tax that was submitted for Map 7 Lot 14. This 5.21-acre parcel was assessed with the entire lot in current use. Due to the sale of this parcel on 8/28/24 for \$115,000 and it being less than 10 acres with common ownership, it no longer qualifies to remain in current use. The estimated market value is \$115,000.00 which results in a land use change tax of \$11,500.00. **Tony motioned to sign the land use change tax A-5 and warrant A-5W for Map 7 Lot 14, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Trick or Treat Hours

Halloween is Thursday, October 31st. The Select Board agreed the trick or treating hours would be the same as last year which was 5:00pm-8:00pm. Sara will post this online and on the Groton Facebook page.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Public Works Building

Tony explained that we had the Preconstruction Meeting today and we finally receive the go ahead to start the project. Casey Kuplin will begin working on this very soon.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba stated that they had completed the chip sealing a few weeks again from Halls Brook to about the MIT parking lot. They came back the following week to sweep it. It came out nice and will prolong the life of the road.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, Tony motioned to adjourn at 7:13pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator