

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 3, 2025

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of May 20, 2025 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.
John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 20, 2025 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit Map 10 Lot 21

The Town received a building permit for Map 10 Lot 21 on the Class VI section of Old Rumney Road. This is for a 1 ¾ story cabin on precast concrete pier foundation with a dry kitchen, wood burning stove, composting toilet, off grid solar and metal roof. Since this is on a class VI section of the road, it needed to go before the Planning Board. They discussed this at the May meeting and provided the following recommendation: The Planning Board recommends the Select Board vote to approve the issuance of the building permit. This recommendation is subject to the applicant's agreement to fulfill all covenants, road maintenance obligations, and payment in full of fees to the Town. The signing of the required limits of municipal responsibility and liability and its recording in the county registry of deeds must also be completed. Sara mentioned that they have a recorded release on file. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 10 Lot 21, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Land Use Change Tax- Map 7 Lot 15

The Select Board received recommendations from Avitar on a land use change tax that was submitted for Map 7 Lot 15. This 5.26-acre parcel was assessed with the entire lot in current use. Due to the sale of this parcel on 1/21/25 for \$105,000 and it being less than 10 acres with common ownership, it no longer qualifies to remain in current use. The estimated market value is \$105,000.00 which results in a land use change tax of \$10,500.00. **John motioned to sign the land use change tax A-5 and warrant A-5W for Map 7 Lot 15, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Charitable recommendations memo

This is a Memo from Sara explaining the religious, educational and charitable exemptions have been received and sent to the Assessor and should be approved by the Board. These are for Groton Historical Society, Longyear Historical and Circle Program and are reviewed by Avitar every year. They have included their approval letters. **John motioned to sign the charitable exemption approval Memo, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Memo- Request to Transfer Funds from Electronic Equipment & Software CRF

This is a memo to request that the Trustees of the Trust Fund transfer \$409.99 from the Electronic Equipment and Software Capital Reserve Fund to the MVSF to cover the new lap top. **John motioned to sign the Memo requesting to transfer funds from the Electronic Equipment & Software CRF, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Abatement request- Map 2 Lot 81 sub 4-S32

At the May 20, 2025 Select Board Meeting the Select Board approved an abatement for \$41.00 plus any fees which ended up being \$64.15 that was showing in tax collect at the time which is what we cut a check for; it

was not showing the fee to pay online so there is a \$0.70 difference that we still owe him. **John motioned to sign abatement request for Map 2 Lot 81 sub 4-S32, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard Reports/Letters

John explained that our junkyard inspector from MRI went out and visited properties that either have junkyards or have junkyard concerns and submitted the reports to the Select Board for review. She was able to go to four so far and she is waiting to hear back from three to schedule the visit. There was one property that she found in violation and three that she is waiting to schedule the site visit but the rest are in compliance so far. Two of these properties that are in compliance do have junkyard licenses, so she recommended renewing those so Sara included those with the letter.

Sara also mentioned that for the property that is in violation, Audrey stated that it doesn't appear that this location has picked up any of the junk and/or garbage, and there are more unregistered vehicles. This is the property that has been in violation and we are working with our attorneys on. Sara sent the report to our attorneys so we can see what the next step is. Sara drafted the letter so that it is signed if we are required to send it. If the attorney is moving forward, we may not have to send it. The attorney recommended that we hold off on the letter and sent something for the Select Board to review to be sent. **John motioned to sign all of the junkyard letters and for Sara to let the attorney know they are good with the information from the attorney for the property in violation, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Building Permit Map 5 Lot 54

The Town received a building permit for Map 5 Lot 54 on Sculptured Rocks Road. This is for a 14x22 workshop on the side of a 22X26 pole barn on piers for foundation. This will not be heated or cooled. **John motioned to approve the building permit for Map 5 Lot 54, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba was in attendance and went over the following:

- They did some grinding and patching on the worst parts on North Groton Road for before they do the chip sealing. They will do crack sealing next. They are hoping to do the Chip Sealing in the middle of July.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Fishing Derby

The annual kids fishing derby will be Saturday, June 7, 2025 starting at 9am.

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