

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
December 2, 2014

**In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere, and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)**

**Absent: Kyle Andrews**

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

**Bob motioned to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014 as written, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES:**

*Senior Thanksgiving Dinner*

Christina mentioned that there was a good turnout for the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. She believes they delivered about 20 meals to homes in addition to the people who came out. Alison Bagley plans the dinner scheduling help and food. John Faucher donated 5 turkeys this year. The Town received a thank you from Ken Gould, who was very appreciative that he received a meal at his home.

*SAU 4 District Board Meeting*

There was an SAU4 meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:30pm. It was a joint Select Board meeting with the Boards from the seven towns in the school district. The only Town that didn't go was New Hampton but they had a representative there. The main issue discussed was declining enrollment in the school and state. The budget isn't going down but the enrollment is. The buildings as part of the infrastructure must be taken care of but they are not full. The group agreed to send a letter signed by all of the Boards and addressed to the School Board. This letter will encourage them to make the strong decisions, letting them know that the Town's will support them moving forward with those decisions keeping education improvement in mind.

The Board's also agreed to meet once a quarter to consider other possible agreements between towns, such as road care, equipment sharing, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Tax Warrant*

Christina explained that we received another preliminary rate, which is \$11.63 with approximately a \$0.68 increase from 2013. We are hoping to have the final number this week. With that being said, Christina explained that the Board needs to make a motion so we can get the bills printed and sent out this week to approve the warrant conditional upon review. The Board will update this information at the next Select Board meeting. **Christina motioned for the Board to approve and sign the tax warrant after final review, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### *Grafton County Registry of Deeds*

Christina wanted to let the Town know about the Property Fraud Alert on the Grafton County Registry of Deeds website. The website reports that there have been instances of fraudulent filings with deeds and mortgages. Grafton County Registry of Deeds offers an online option to sign up for the alerts. Christina tested the alert system by signing up, sending a deed to be registered for her property, and then she received an email alert that a deed was registered. Christina recommended that any property owners consider registering. Sara will add a link for this information to the Town's Website as well.

### *Agenda Changes*

Christina explained that the Board is considering changing the set-up of the Agenda. We are going to be removing the appointments. If we have someone attending a meeting, it will listed on the agenda as new business. We are also thinking about removing announcements and putting this information on a separate piece of paper so the agenda isn't so long and overcrowded. Christina asked if people would want their own copy or if one copy for review would be enough. Some mentioned that they would want their own copy so a decision was made to have copies available each week.

There will be additional changes going forward with headings etc.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

#### *Christmas Tree*

Jo O'Connor inquired if the Town will be putting up a Christmas tree like they have in the past. Christina mentioned that usually the Library takes care of this. Sara will ask the Library and if not then the Board agreed that they will.

With no further public business to come before the Board, **Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:26pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant