

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
November 19, 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 November 5, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

HealthTrust Medical Coverage agreement for 2025

HealthTrust sent the yearly agreement for the Health Insurance for 2025. The medical rates increased by 9.8%. The dental rates increased 5.0%. The short-term disability decreased 1.7%. The long-term disability stayed the same. The life coverage stayed the same. **John motioned to sign the HealthTrust Medical Coverage agreement for 2025, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut- Map 4 Lot 11, Map 5 Lot 27 and Map 6 Lot 113

The owner submitted an intent for Map 4 Lot 11, Map 5 Lot 27 and Map 6 Lot 113 for the properties located on Sculptured Rocks Road and North Groton Road. This is about a 30- acre cut. No bond is needed. **John motioned to sign intent to cut for Map 4 Lot 11, Map 5 Lot 27 and Map 6 Lot 113, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Tax Rate Setting Update

Sara emailed Michelle Clark at DRA on Monday, November 4, 2024. Michelle stated that they are waiting on the school. Newfound Area needs to have financials verified by DOE and then the district needs to be apportioned. Sara emailed again on Monday, November 18, 2024 since it had been two weeks and she still hasn't heard anything. Michelle stated that the MS25/DOE25 has been started with the department of education, however, I have no other information on to the schedule or status of when this may be completed. She suggested reaching out to the school district for more detailed information. Sara reached out to SAU4 on November 18, 2024. They stated that they are hoping to get the report to the DRA and DOE by November 27, 2024. Sara said there are a lot of steps after that before it is completed for the school. The Town cannot set our preliminary rate until the school is completed.

2025 Holiday Schedule

Sara submitted a Memo to the Select Board as she does every year which breaks down when each Holiday actually is and when it is observed and the offices are closed. This year most of the holidays fall on the same day that they are observed so we will take the actual day. For the ones that do not we will take the next closest day that the office is open, within the same week. John read the days the offices will be closed and these will be added to the calendar. **John motioned to approve the holiday schedule for 2025, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday Luncheon for the Town employees, department and committee members will take place on Monday, December 9, 2024 from 12pm-2pm. The Town offices will be closed during this time.

Public Works Building

Progress is being made on the new Public Works Building. They are hoping to pour concrete by the end of the week.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba stated that they have just been getting ready for winter. This has been the latest that he has seen in a long time that we have not had snow already.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:11pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator