TOWN OF GROTON SELECT BOARD MEETING December 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 7:02pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of December 3, 2024 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Rate Setting Update

The Select Board just worked on setting the tax rate. This was submitted to the DRA today and if they accept it the tax bills will go out this week or next week. The taxes did decrease by \$0.31 for a total tax rate of \$9.69. John explained the town portion is \$1.43, the County portion is \$2.01, the local school portion is \$4.85 and the state school portion is \$1.40. These three sections make up \$8.26 of our tax rate. John explained that we put \$20,000 into our overlay and applied \$175,000 from our unreserved fund balance to bring our tax rate down.

Report of cut/yield certificate 24-193-06-T

The Town received a report of cut from for Map 7 Lots 7-11. This was for a 15-acre cut on Victorias Mountain Way. The amount of the tax is \$908.36. **John motioned to sign the yield certificate for Map 7 Lots 7-11, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit- Map 5 Lot 69

The Town received a building permit for Map 5 Lot 69, which is 220 North Groton Road. This is the one that the Select Board discussed and sent a letter at the last meeting. She said that they are not adding any room, just adding ceiling height which is adding the roof height. **John motioned to sign building permit for Map 5 Lot 69, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

MS-60A

Each year the Town submits an MS-60A after the MS-60W has been submitted. These are forms pertaining to the local town audit completed by the locally elected auditor. **John motioned to sign the MS-60A, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba said it has been busy. It has also been very icy. When it is icy they get out to the gravel roads as soon as they can. There is not much they can do when it is raining to treat the roads, it will all wash away.

John mentioned that they are reaching out to the State regarding the State roads because of the complaints we have received regarding the maintenance during the storms. We will be sending them a letter.

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