TOWN OF GROTON SELECT BOARD MEETING February 4, 2025

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Candidates Night Information

Candidate night will be March 4, 2025 at the beginning of the Select Board Meeting. The open positions are:

- > SELECT PERSON 1 position for 3 years- Ron Madan
- > TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND 1 position for 3 years- open
- > PLANNING BOARD 2 positions for 3 years- David Madden and Jonathan Belliveau
- ZONING BOARD 2 positions for 3 years- open
- ➤ LIBRARY TRUSTEE 1 position for 1 year- Hilary Coles
- > TOWN LOCAL AUDITOR for 1 year- Ann Joyce

Building Permit - Map 1 Lot 53

The Town received a building permit for Map 1 Lot 53 on North Groton Road. This is for a new 14x54 mobile home on a concrete slab. This currently has a house on it so this would be the second ADU. They provided the DES Septic Approval information. The PUC approval is exempt because it is a mobile home. **John motioned to approve and sign the building permit for Map 1 Lot 53, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit - Map 6 Lot 14

The Town received a building permit for Map 6 Lot 14 on North Groton Road. This is for a 10x12 screened in porch to replace the existing porch that was torn down. John motioned to approve and sign the building permit for Map 6 Lot 14, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Hebron Ambulance and Fire Services Agreement

The current agreement with Hebron for Ambulance and Fire Services expires on March 31, 2025. Hebron just sent over the updated agreement for the next three years which will increase from \$80,500/yr. to \$125,000/yr. which is an increase of \$44,500 per year. John motioned to sign the Hebron Ambulance and Fire Services Agreement, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Stacey Darlington asked about this again and wanted clarification. It was explained that it is \$125,000 each year for three years.

Rumney- Fire/EMS Contracts 2025-2026

The EMS Contract increased by \$1,386.82 making it \$2,450.73. The Fire Contract increased by \$57,242.14 making it \$69,313.82. This is the contract but doesn't include the additional charges for the pay hourly for those that respond to the calls. We budgeted more so we should still be all set for the calls. John explained again that the Fire Contract increase is due to the one-time payment for the truck as we discussed during the budget hearing but next year will go back down. John motioned to sign the Rumney Fire and Emergency Services Agreements, Tony 2nd, so voted.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Highway Department

Bubba stated that they have just been busy plowing, sanding and trying to keep the roads safe.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:51pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator