

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
February 1, 2022

**In Attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert, Ron Madan and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)**

**Audience Members Present**

John called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**John motioned to approve the Non-Public Work Session Meeting minutes of January 18, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of January 18, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 18, 2022 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Update on Petitioned Warrant Article*

The Select Board met with Hebron and Bridgewater Select Boards on January 19<sup>th</sup>. They provided the same information that Virginia provided at our Select Board meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. They also discussed ways to communicate this information to the Townspeople. We put information on our website and Facebook page.

John explained that as most know they are trying to change the formula from 100% AMD to 50% ADM and 50% based on equalized valuation. We have received an email that stated the B-HVD Board met with their attorney. The attorney shared that petitioned warrant articles can be amended at the deliberative session and she is working on writing the amendment.

Sara mentioned that the B-HVD Commissioners voted to terminate the lease with the NASD should the school funding formula change. This does not necessarily mean the school would close, but negotiations would ensue with any number of outcomes a possibility, including the closing of the school.

It was mentioned that if the formula does go through it won't be easy for Groton to change school districts but we will cross that bridge when we get there.

John mentioned that there will be an information meeting tomorrow night, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 p.m. at the high school. He also mentioned that it is very important to get as many people as we can to the meeting at the high school on Saturday, February 5 at 10 a.m. to vote to amend Article 5.

A resident shared that Alexandria's tax rate went down \$2.00 and that they have the highest median household income and one of the highest amounts of kids attending the school district.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Local Septic Approval- Map 6 Lot 111*

Matt Barnard dropped off an updated local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 111, for a resident on North Groton Road. All information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 6 Lot 111, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Agreement for MS-535*

The Town received the agreement from Plodzik & Sanderson, P.A. for the MS-535. The fees are \$250 more than last year but still falls within what we budgeted for. **John motioned to sign the agreement for the MS-535, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

*Rumney- Fire/EMS Contracts 2021-2022*

The Fire Contract increased by \$106.63 making it \$7,460.90. The EMS Contract decreased by \$130.34 making it \$701.05. This the contract but doesn't include the additional charges for the pay hourly for those that respond to the calls. **John motioned to sign the Rumney Fire and Emergency Services Agreements, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

*Highway Department*

Bubba mentioned that the backhoe is almost fixed, they only have a few small things left.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant