TOWN OF GROTON SELECT BOARD MEETING October 3, 2023

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

Audience Members Present

John called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

John motioned to approve the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 19, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 19, 2023 as written, Tony 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit- Map 1 Lot 13-1

The owner submitted a building permit for their property on Bailey Hill Road for a 12x20 addition and since it was on a private road it had to go before the Planning Board. They included the DES Septic Approval. The Planning Board reviewed it and are okay with the Select Board approving this but we need the release form received. John motioned to approve the building permit contingent on release form being received for Map 1 Lot 13-1, Tony 2nd, so voted.

Trick or Treat Hours

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st. The Select Board agreed the trick or treating hours would be the same as last year which was 5:00pm-8:00pm. Sara will post this online and on the Groton Facebook page.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

Conversation regarding HB349 and the new potential school district

John wanted to remind everyone that on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the beginning of the Select Board Meeting at 7:00pm the Select Board will be discussing the status of HB349 and the new potential school district. There is a lot of non-factual information going around so the Select Board would like to discuss this with the Groton residents and provide factual information and an update on where this stands at the moment.

Town House/Transfer Station repairs

Tony mentioned that Mr. Maintenance was hired to do some work for the Town. There was a number of items that need repair at the Town House and there were a few items at the Transfer. John mentioned that had a hard time getting anyone to give us a quote for the last few years and this year we heard about Mr. Maintenance so we reached out to him. He came out right away and provided a quote. He was great to work with and the Town is very happy with his work. He does not do the big items such as the roof and siding so next year we will be reaching out to contractors to try to obtain quotes on that.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Police Department

Chief Bagan discussed the following Police Department items:

- There was an issue with dumping of household debris on Old Fields Road. He is looking into that.
- The cruiser failed the inspection due to a suspension issue. He will have this repaired.
- There is a recall on the cruiser that he is also taking care of.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Conservation Commission

Slim mentioned that they had the road clean up on Saturday. There were about 5 people that attended. They also did a hike afterwards across from MIT. The Conservation Commission will be meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00pm. Sara will post this.

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 Administrative Assistant