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**Members of the Selectboard, Town of Stow, ME**

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Dear Board Members,

I wish to convey today how much I have appreciated serving with you and your predecessors as a member of this board. I have enjoyed my opportunity to serve the town of Stow and its citizens in this capacity. I have liked working with you all and with the wonderful Town officers, Christine, Nancy, and Kathleen.

It is with some sadness that I write to resign from this board effective today, Friday, March 14, 2025. Personal health concerns and my realization of the rapid passage of time have helped me to make my decision.

I have been proud of the accomplishments of the board during my tenure. Together we oversaw maintenance projects including mowing around town buildings, finishing the enclosure of the sand and salt shed, building the residents' sand shed, replacing the septic field, and pumping the septic tank for the first time in 30 years.

Although there is always more to do, we put in a lot of work on the roads, replacing half the town's culverts, digging ditches, patching potholes twice a year, and rebuilding sections of road. In addition, we opened an area at the town lot to crush our own gravel and screened our own sand which saved the town approximately \$20,000 a year.

We looked beyond our borders to search for money and support for the town. We built a successful relationship with the United States Forest Service and the State of Maine government services. We worked with

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the Forest Service to help rebuild the Ezra Heald and Stone House bridges. We were finalists on a federal grant proposal for \$1.1 million dollars. In fact, we worked many hours on raising over \$500, 000 in successful grants to repair roads, bridges, the town hall, and to support other town projects.

We supported existing and new infrastructure for the town such as fire and rescue services, the Lovell Library and Recreation Department, local food banks, and the other services that make the town a liveable place. We also oversaw the successful efforts to bring fiber optics, telephone, and cable TV to the Town of Stow, connecting us with the world.

The Cold River Valley has been my home for nearly 70 years. It has been my honor to represent my neighbors as their Legislator, my work on business and veteran's issues in Washington, and most recently as a selectboard member. I can think of no greater place to live than right here in Stow, Maine where my values and character were created.

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

**James F. Wilfong**