

**Town of Groton**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2009**  
**7:00pm**

**In Attendance: Michael Brogna, Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Pamela Hamel (AA)**

**Audience Members Present**

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:06pm and read the appointments and announcements.

Don Jutton and Ken Knowlton from Municipal Resources INC addressed the Board. Municipal Resources works in several towns throughout the state assisting municipalities in a number of areas including junkyard enforcement. They help people come into compliance to the state's junkyard laws and the town's junkyard ordinance. Their statistics indicate that 90% of the people will cooperate if you help them with what to do, 3-7% will cooperate with a little nudge, and the balance will require legal intervention. They have been working in the Town of Rumney since 2008. Mr. Knowlton worked for the state as a junkyard inspector and advisor to municipalities for 37 years. They charge \$55 an hour plus mileage, and work within the Town's budget.

Initially, they would do the following:

- Look at the Town's ordinance
- Look at individual cases to determine if they constitute junkyards or just junk.
- Review what the Town has accomplished thus far
- Create a priority list
- Create a strategy.

They estimate that this initial review will cost approximately \$1,000. The Town would need to provide a list of all possible junkyards, tax maps, names and addresses. Mr. Jutton encouraged the Board to be in touch with Rumney and with Walter Mitchell from Mitchell Municipal (Groton's Town attorneys) for references. The Board asked Pam to be in touch with Rumney and Walter Mitchell for references.

Mike read the minutes of the May 26 Selectmen's meeting. Mike made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.

Miles read the Board's letter to TWC asking them to reconsider their original decision to turn down the Board's request for build out. **Miles made a motion to sign the letter and submit it to TWC along with the petition signatures, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Chuck Stata suggested that if TWC is a part of the Public Utilities Commission they could send a copy to them as well. The Board will consider this if they do not get a favorable response from TWC.

After reviewing the Kennedy application for elderly exemption, the Board agrees that he does not meet the qualifications. **Mike made a motion to deny the request, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will draw up a letter for the Board's signature. It will include the reasons for the

denial and give Mr. Kennedy the opportunity to present additional evidence for the Board's review should he feel they have reached this decision in error.

Chuck Stata reported that some of the material left behind after the removal of the trailer from Map 7 Lot 40 could have come from the inside, including a small refrigerator. The door is still on the frig. The Board would like Mr. Stata to attempt to contact the home owner to let him know about the need to remove the door, and go onto the property himself to make sure it is taken off.

**Mike made a motion to sign the building permit for Stevens as long as the wheels stay on the trailer in case it must be quickly removed from the property during a flood, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Mike included that notation on the permit and Pam will include a letter stating the same.

Sheila Psaledas sent an email informing the Board that they will have the deed recorded on Wednesday or Friday of this week. At this time they have not shown any evidence of having paid the transfer tax to the town at the time of purchase.

**Mike made a motion to sign the building permit for Fleming, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

After reviewing the Cross Application for Veteran's Credit, the Board agrees that Mr. Cross does not qualify for the credit. **Mike made a motion to deny the request, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will draft a letter of denial, including the explanation, for the Board's signature.

Miles reported that the Town Meeting Minutes for 1912 clearly indicate that Groton Hollow Road was discontinued.

Mike reported that the Road Agent located the propane tank for the GRC's gas grill. It had been stored in the shed at the town garage.

The Board has not heard back from Fredrick Sewall and Miles Friend, owners of the property located on Map 5 Lot 46 regarding the construction of a large metal structure. As Bill Roberti has some association with that property, **Miles made a motion to contact Bill Roberti concerning the metal shed, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to sign the amended Alcohol Ordinance, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will submit the ordinance to the Town Clerk for recording and forward a copy to the Police Department.

**Miles made a motion to table the Building Permit signs until they address this with the Road Agent, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to accept the resignation of Tammy Sousa as Cemetery Trustee, and forward it to the Town Clerk, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will post the vacancy on

the web, at the Town House and at the Transfer Station. Anyone interested in filling the position should submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Miles read a letter from the Board addressed to Governor Lynch voicing their objection to the state shifting its financial burdens to the towns and cities of New Hampshire, and calling for fiscal responsibility. **Mike made a motion to sign the letter and forward it to the appropriate people, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** This letter will be sent to our district representatives as well. Jo O'Connor suggested sending it to the Union Leader, Record Enterprise and other newspapers. The Board agreed.

DRA has verified the 2009 appropriation figure of \$647,659 for the town.

The Board discussed a request for a bond amount to exceed the weight limit of the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge. **Mike made a motion to deny the request, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** They would like Pam to send a letter reinforcing the Board's policy that no vehicles will be allowed to exceed the posted weight limit.

**Mike made a motion to table the All-Ways Accessible 2009 contract until they can review it, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to table the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District 5-year agreement term until they can review it, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike gave an update on the school's 2009/2010 schedule of payments. The payment amounts have increased by over 20%. Pam has contacted Lou Lieto to find out about this increase. The Board would also like to know how many students are currently enrolled from Groton.

The Cemetery Trustees gave a brief update on the training session they attended in Concord. Pam reported that state statute does not require the Trustees to have to follow the same policies and procedures for hiring their summer help, but they are encouraged to do so as their summer help are considered employees of the town.

Sandra Hutchins asked if the Board has updated the town's Junkyard Ordinance yet. They have not.

The Board gave a brief update on the status of hiring a full time police chief. They are currently in the process of hiring a gentleman from Florida. He will be here the third week of June for some testing and to meet with the Board again. They have a non public with the Chief after this meeting and will hopefully have more to report. Currently, Chief White will be handling most of the calls so the Board has authorized him to keep the police cruiser at his home so he may be able to more quickly respond to any Groton calls.

**Mike made a motion to go into a non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to return to public session at 10:06 pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Immediately after adjourning Mike asked to open the meeting again in order to relay to the other Board members Gordon Coursey's request to take the old metal culverts that had been left alongside Province Road over the years. The Board agreed. Pam will let Glen know, Mike will inform Mr. Coursey.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant