

**Town of Groton  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2009  
7:00pm**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:17pm and read the announcements and minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting. **Mike made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike reported that the Board had signed the amended Cross Veteran's Credit denial letter during a work session.

**Mike made a motion to sign the All-Ways Accessible Premier Plan contract, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** The cost difference between the two plans was about \$100 but under the circumstances the Board felt it was prudent to stay with the Premier Plan as all labor (during normal business hours) and parts are covered.

**Miles made a motion to sign the Plymouth Village Water & Sewer 5 year agreement, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** This plan will save \$50 a year during the next five years.

Mike read the response from Newfound School District Business Manager Dan Rossner to the Board's inquiry over Groton's increase in school appropriations for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Rossner said the town is billed based upon the percentage of students in the entire school body who are from Groton. This has increased from 4.55% to 5.24% resulting in an increase of about \$180,000. Also, a \$200,000 amendment was approved at the deliberative session last winter. The Board would like Pam to contact our local school board and budget committee representatives, Mr. and Mrs. Gillis, to set up a time to meet with them.

**Mike made a motion to sign the septic plans for Leone, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** The Board met with the Leones in a work session on June 11. During that meeting it was discovered that the town has not been requiring building permits for foundation work. Based upon that, the Leones will be able to begin their foundation while waiting for the septic approval number. The Board will be looking to address the issue of foundations in the future. **Mike made a motion to table the building permit for Leone until the septic construction approval number is in, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Gordon Coursey and Son, LLC and Doug Simpson both submitted trucking quotes for \$65 per hour. However, Mr. Coursey is able to provide 2 trucks as long as he has one week's notice. Also, as long as gas prices remain steady, these trucking prices will be good for the rest of the year. **Miles made a motion to award the bid in its entirety to Mr. Coursey, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** The Board would like a work session with Mr. Coursey and the Road Agent to discuss the project.

The Board reported that the Police Chief candidate took a job with Homeland Security in Vermont. At this time, they are back to square one in their search. They are considering hiring LGC to assist them in finding a chief. Whether or not LGC is used depends upon the cost for this service. The Board will keep the public updated.

**Mike made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Engel, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Upper Birch Holdings, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Gordon Coursey had reviewed both Reports of Cut and found no problems with them.

Pam reported that the Psaledas' deed has been recorded.

The Board set up a Safety Committee Meeting for Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00pm.

**Mike made a motion to table the perambulation request, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** In 2000, Charles Pearson had done all the research necessary for the perambulation of the Plymouth/Groton town line. The Town's copy of this research cannot be located. Mr. Pearson is making another copy available. Pam will get the pricing for B&W, Color, or digital.

**Mike made a motion to accept the resignation of George Hill from the Groton Police Department, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to allow the school to leave a survey and drop box at the Town House, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** The survey is regarding the school district's communication with the community. Surveys will be available until July 2.

The Conservation Commission and GRC have put in a request to have a BYOB street dance on July 11. This will follow a fishing derby and craft fair that will take place during the day. The Board would like to know when the BYOB will start as this is an all day affair with children attending the derby and craft fair. Pam will set up a work session with the Conservation Commission, possibly during their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in order to clarify the Commission's request.

The GRC would like to borrow 20 chairs for the Spring into Summer event on Saturday, June 20. **Miles made a motion to allow the GRC to use the chairs with the stipulation that if anything happens to them the GRC will make good on them, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to forward the NHEC's pole location request to the Road Agent to review with the Co-op, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the abatement recommendations from Avitar. Avitar found some abatement requests to have merit, others that did not. They included a detailed explanation of their findings.

**Miles made a motion to take the recommended action on the abatements as researched and proposed by Avitar, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Chuck Stata reported that Fish and Game has just stocked Spec Pond.

Kyle reported that Senator Deb Reynolds had been in touch with him. She would like to meet with the Board. Pam will contact her office to set up an appointment during a regularly scheduled selectmen's meeting.

Mike asked the audience to support the GRC by attending the Spring into Summer event on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Mike made a motion to adjourn the non public at 9:00, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant