

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2009
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:11pm and read the appointments, announcements and minutes of the September 29 selectmen's meeting. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Update on the Tolman property: Frank Tolman had a public hearing for a junkyard license in 2006. It was determined that he needed to install a fence with locking gate and possibly have an environmental study done. Additional correspondence dated in 2007 states the Board's acknowledgement that Mr. Tolman had begun installing a fence, and that no environmental study is required. He was asked to let the Board know when the fence was finished so they could issue a license.

Kyle made a motion to accept the Amerigas bid for propane installation, and buy the 500 gallon tank, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The Board met with Scott Weden from LGC to discuss the police chief search. A decision has been made to begin the process again, working it a little harder and trying to draw from different areas. Application deadline is October 23. Three town residents have expressed an interest in being on the oral board with the Board of Selectmen. The Board will consider all who are interested when the time comes.

Mike made a motion to sign the letter to John Gore, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to sign the Land Use Change Tax warrants, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Pam reported that Avitar commonly rounds up or down for all their assessing. For one of these land owners this represented a \$5 increase in taxes owed on one property and a \$1 decrease on another.

Miles made a motion to sign the Delegation of Deposit Authority, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Once the Board hears back from Chief White concerning the Emergency Operations Plan they would like to meet with Mike Lemieux to review a few things before signing. Pam will be in touch with the Chief this week.

Time Warner Cable update: Pam has sent at least 5 emails to TWC requesting the status of the Town's request for build out. To date TWC has only responded once to say the request has been passed on. Chuck Stata asked if TWC is under the Public Utilities Commission. The Board was not sure.

Mike made a motion to sign the septic design for Rawlinson, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club has asked the Selectmen's office for assistance in locating anyone having financial difficulty or anyone who will be alone for Thanksgiving dinner this year. The Club would like to issue them an RSVP invitation to Thanksgiving dinner. The Board did not feel comfortable giving out the names of those who might be in financial need as they also have access to the names of anyone who has applied for welfare assistance and this is confidential information. They are very much in favor of what BRVS is trying to do and are in favor of them posting something in town. Pam will be in contact with the President of the club to let her know where the Board stands with this.

The Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit did not receive the annual payment from the Town. The check was sent out last April to the wrong address. **Mike made a motion to stop payment on the original check and send a new one to the correct address, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Miles made a motion to grant the GRC their request to use the Town Hall for a Spaghetti Dinner and dance on Saturday, October 24, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The Board will be scheduling budget work sessions with department heads once they have reviewed & discussed the budget requests.

The Administrative Assistant will be taking a vacation day on Monday, October 19.

The Board would like the Road Agent to be at next week's meeting to give an update on winter preparations.

Pam Yinger reported that Mr. Robertie is continuing to bring boats onto the property. She also heard that the storage building was finished. Jo O'Connor asked if Mr. Robertie is subject to fines for building without a permit. The Board recently sent a cease and desist letter, and has contacted the town's attorney about fining. Attorney Specter would have to file a suit in court. Her belief is that if suit is filed while Mr. Robertie is taking steps to come into compliance, the judge would probably rule in his favor. There was discussion concerning how to verify whether or not the building is complete and the steps to take to implement a fine for building without a permit. Mike asked for this to be on next week's agenda. Pam will be in touch with LGC.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant