

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and read the appointments, announcements and minutes of the October 20 selectmen's meeting. The following amendments were made:

- Page one, paragraph 3 change Kind to King
- Page one, paragraph 6 change New Hampshire to New England

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Updates:

- Mr. Robertie has received his power of attorney and applied for Site Plan Review. The Board can visit the property at any time.

The Board reviewed the waiver letter to the Groton Historical Society. They would like some wording changed for clarification. **Mike made a motion to table this until the changes are made, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The selectmen's office does not have the equipment needed to burn DVDs. They will look to address this in the future. Ernie Blood did provide the Groton Historical Society with DVD copies of the last set of records that were preserved.

In order to get updated survey information, Time Warner Cable has requested a list of street names of potential customers who are requesting service. TWC is under the impression that some areas of Groton are in the Metro cast system. The Board would like Pam to contact TWC via phone. They are looking to see cable access brought to all Groton residences (except those who are well off the beaten path). They are willing to meet with a TWC representative. Also, Groton is not part of the Metro cast system.

Pam and Laura Hauser located the minutes of the 1908 town meeting when Brock Lane, then known as Lamay Road or Way, was discontinued. A copy was made available to Mr. Aguiar. He picked it up on Wednesday, October 21. Mike said they should have sent a written response to Mr. Aquiar as the law requires a written response when a request for town records is made in writing. In the future, the Board would like the Administrative Assistant to draft a written response.

The Groton Historical Society would like to raise funds to put up a Veteran's Memorial which will be placed at the Town House. This memorial will be to honor all veterans and will not have any individual names on it. They would also like to start a book for names and/or pictures of veterans. Their goal is to have this accomplished by Memorial Day 2010. There was some discussion as to the exact location of the memorial as snow removal must be considered. The Board is in support of this

project and will continue to consider the most appropriate location. The style of this memorial will be in keeping with the building, and the area around it landscaped.

The Cemetery Trustees visited 67 River Road for a possible future cemetery site. This property was deeded by the Town in October 2006. The trustees would like the Board to visit the property and give their counsel as to the appropriateness of this site. While visiting the site they noticed the cover to the well was missing. The Board agreed to look at the site, and will have the Road Agent see to getting the well covered.

Mike made a motion to sign the letter to the Newfound School District concerning the student list for the 2008/2009 school year, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to sign the letter of recommendation for Suzanne Wall of Andover Geologic, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Ms. Wall has been assisting the Town with Landfill monitoring since 2005.

The Board reviewed the bids for the installation of the new town hall lights. They would like some clarification on the bid submitted by Gary Easson of G&E Systems as well as some recommendations as they are unfamiliar with his work.

Miles made a motion to sign and submit the 2009 DRA Parcel Count request, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Miles made a motion to sign the building permit for Salsman, Map 5 Lot 26, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to grant Bonnie Lane and Judie Demers permission to use the Hall on Saturday, November 21 for their annual seniors Thanksgiving dinner, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Miles made a motion to allow Pam to attend 1 day of the LGC conference, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted. The selectmen's office will be closed on Wednesday, November 18.

Miles addressed the Board as trail master on behalf of the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club. It appears as though loggers will be using a portion of Province Road over the winter. The Club would like permission to share this portion of the road with the loggers. The road/trail will be appropriately posted. The Foresters are FORECO, and they are aware that this road has been used as a trail for years. The club is willing to contact them to work out any concerns. Snowmobile clubs frequently share roads with loggers. **Mike made a motion to draft a letter of permission for Hardy Country Snowmobile Club to share that portion of Province Road with any logging companies that are working out there and to work out any concerns with them, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining.**

Miles reported that Ron Aguiar approached him with a building permit question. He has a chain link dog kennel that he has constructed a roof for. This roof is over 100 sq. ft. and the posts for it are set in the ground. He would like to know if he needs a building permit for this. **Miles made a motion to table this until they can review the ordinance, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reported that they have received some proposals from Groton Wind for their review. One is for the provision of up to \$10,000 for the town to use toward attorney's fees and other resources utilized while working on any agreements with Iberdrola. There was some discussion about how this money will be accounted for and the need for the town to authorize the Selectmen to expend it. **Miles made a motion to contact LGC and DRA to find out how this should be handled, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** Having a Wind Farm in Groton is a monumental situation/opportunity for the town. The Board would like to schedule a specific work session to look at these proposals. The 1st work session will be scheduled once it is known how these funds can be expended.

The Board reported that the Police Chief application deadline was Friday, October 23.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant