

**Town of Groton  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2009  
7:00pm**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Appointments, announcements and minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> selectmen's meeting were read. Mike asked to change January to December on page 1 paragraph 5, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board set up a tentative work session with Dave Yetman, Gordon Coursey and Glen Hansen for Tuesday, January 5, at 6:00pm.

The Board will review the 4 applications for the cleaning position by next week's meeting, at which time they will determine if the applicants will be prescreened before interviews begin.

**Miles made a motion to approve the building permit for Blanchette for a 24x30 two stall garage, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Robert Ellis and Bruce Blye have requested 911 addresses for their dwellings which are located on a private way off Giovana Road. They have named this road Ocean View Boulevard. **Miles made a motion to approve the name for 911 usage, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board was in agreement that the Selectmen's office will be closed Friday, December 18, Wednesday & Thursday, December 23&24 and Thursday, December 31 in order for the Administrative Assistant to use up her remaining comp time by the end of the year.

**Mike made a motion to sign the Intent to Cut for Whiteneck, Map 1 Lot 53, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board discussed Donna Arena's request for the Selectmen to put forth a warrant article to change Town Meeting to the Saturday following the election. The following concerns were expressed:

- If there are new Select Board members voted in, they could be sworn in and serving by that time. However, they will not be prepared to discuss the proposed budget or previous year's spending.
- In a close election, candidates have until the Friday following the election to request a recount. Thus the seat might not be filled by Meeting day if changed to Saturday.
- No Board members have been hearing that residents would like to make this change.
- This request has been on the ballot in the past and defeated.

At this time, the Board feels it is best that this article be petitioned in order to be on the warrant. Pam will contact Ms. Arena.

Because Supervisor of the Checklist Shirley Leone is no longer a town resident, she does not qualify for that position. **Miles made a motion to let the remaining Supervisors know of Ms. Leone's position and to feel free to choose a replacement, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will contact the Moderator, Lou Lieto, to keep him informed that a third Supervisor is needed.

The Board reviewed the new medical insurance rates for 2010. Because of the increase, LGC has submitted 2 alternate plans. Mike would like to get the input of the employees on the plan before making a decision. Kyle suggested considering having the employees (who are currently covered at 100%) pay a portion. Miles feels this might be difficult as, at this time, no one is getting a raise, thus each employee would take a direct hit. **Miles made a motion to table this until they get the input of the employees, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to disconnect the additional Police Department phone line, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** There is some question as to where this line is connected. However, Fairpoint shows not activity on the line since acquiring it from Verizon. They do not have access to the usage records prior to that.

Chief White would like to keep the cruiser at his home for a number of reasons:

- Concerned about it just sitting there, covered in snow
- Recently had trouble starting it, battery was replaced
- Will be able to keep it cleaned off and ready to go, and make sure there are no other issues
- Feels that when people see the cruiser sitting outside the PD it gives them the green light to speed down the road

The Board feels the cruiser should be here to be available for whoever is on call, and because this is the opinion that town residents have expressed.

The Board will hold a budget work session on Tuesday December 22 at 2:00. They will meet with the Town Clerk and any other department/committee heads who are available.

**Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant