

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010
7:00pm**

In Attendance: Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Christina McClay, Pamela Hamel (AA)

Audience Members Present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. Miles explained that the Board was at a meeting with the Cemetery Trustees regarding a possible future cemetery lot on Sculptured Rocks Road. They also had the opportunity to view damage recently done to the road by the We Log Logging Company. This will be addressed later in the meeting.

Raymah Simpson addressed the Board and the audience. Mrs. Simpson is running for Grafton County Register of Deeds. She is currently the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Bristol.

Miles made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The joint Planning, Zoning and Select Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 at 7:00pm.

The Town's Attorney has suggested that the Board of Selectmen meet with Mr. Peverley, the Road Agent and a representative from the Department of Transportation regarding the intersection of Blanchette Lane and North Groton Road. **Miles made a motion that Pam contact the necessary people to arrange this meeting, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the letter to Mr. Cross regarding the final road work he did on Coolidge Woods Road. **Christina made a motion to sign the letter and send it to Mr. Cross, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Kyle made a motion to sign the letter of support for the Spectacle Pond Association for them to include with their grant application, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle made a motion to sign the letter to the Grahams denying their interest abatement request, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Pursuant to the Board's previous conversation regarding the placement of campaign signs on Town property, **Miles made a motion to contact the candidate who posted signs at the Transfer Station and ask them to remove the signs, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

There are two possible candidates for the vacant auditor's position. One candidate has asked if it is possible for both of them to work together. Kyle suggested and the Board concurred, that Pam contact the Local Government Center regarding the legality of splitting the auditor's position. **Miles made a motion to table this until next week, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

The new base radio will be installed in the Police Department. **Christina made a motion to authorize Miles as Chairman to sign the Memo of Understanding on behalf of the Board for the base radio grant, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the quotes for the Class VI road signs. **Miles made a motion to purchase 10 signs for 5 Class VI roads from the Department of Corrections as they submitted the lower bid, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Groton Historical Society (GHS) President Roland Bixby submitted a letter to the Board stating that most members of the GHS would like the old safe that is currently in their building moved. He went on to say that it is their understanding that this safe was donated to the Town and stored at the historical building while the Town House was being renovated. Miles responded that he was an active member of the GHS when the Town gave the safe to the Historical Society. The Board has no interest in taking the safe back. **Kyle made a motion to send a letter to the GHS letting them know that they own the safe, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Christina made a motion to allow the New Hampshire Forest and Land Bureau use of the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 17 from 6:00-8:00pm for an informational meeting for the public regarding a proposed timber cut in Groton, Miles 2nd, so voted.

The Board had opportunity to view some damage done on Sculptured Rocks Road by the We Log Logging Company who was working in Alexandria for Dillon. Damage includes the travel portion of the road, the right of way and possibly on private property as well. Also, a local resident told the Board that he has witnessed full loads going across the bridge. Miles has seen one truck with a full load. Slim Spafford saw a truck with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a load. Full loads exceed the 80,000 lb limit. **Miles made a motion to contact the Forester for this logging operation, Ted Tichy, to make him aware of the damage and ask him to come to a meeting, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

As the Police Department (PD) currently has no officer in charge, **Miles made a motion that until an interim Chief is appointed, all PD mail be opened and reviewed by the Board, and any appropriate action be taken if necessary, Christina 2nd, so voted.** Miles also mentioned that there is a court case on October 25 that needs to be addressed.

The Board scheduled a work session with Fire Chief Roger Thompson for Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00pm.

The Town Clerk and Selectmen's offices will be closed on Election Day, November 2.

Ed Smith submitted an Intent to Cut on behalf of Bea Fligg. He was unaware that agenda items need to be submitted the Friday prior to the meeting. The Board discussed the need for the Administrative Assistant to be able to go through their standard checklist to make sure all the paperwork is in order before they sign any Intents. Items on the checklist include correct map and lot number, acreage, current use category, ownership and back taxes. State Statute requires that a bond be posted if there are any back taxes owed. **Miles made a motion that the Board be willing to sign the Intent to Cut after everything on the checklist has been verified and a bond posted if necessary, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** Pam told Mr. Smith she could verify everything by 10:00am on Wednesday. If everything is in order the Board members will stop by the office and sign the Intent.

Pam Yinger reminded the audience that the Recreation Committee is looking for new members.

Miles made a motion to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II, at 8:30pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Miles made a motion to return to public session at 8:48pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Board to Miles looking into the upcoming court case on the 25th, including seeing if Officer Thompson will prosecute the case. He will also make sure any necessary subpoenas are issued.

The Board opened and reviewed the police mail. Any incoming mail will be kept in a separate review folder by Pam. Included was a much overdue bill from Kirk's. Pam verified that she had seen that bill and forwarded it to Former Chief Dickerson for signature. It is now 90+ days overdue. Pam will call Kirk's to apologize for

nonpayment. She cut a check and the Board signed it. All other mail items did not require immediate response, so the Board returned them to the Police Department for follow up when the Interim Police Chief is appointed.

Pam gave a brief update on her conversation with Ann Dow, Rumney Administrative Assistant. The Town is close to signing an agreement with Groton Wind LLC regarding emergency response and the use of Groton Hollow Road. Ms. Dow said it is her understanding that the Rumney Fire Chief is not asking the Company for any additional fire equipment.

Miles made a motion to sign the election posting, Christina 2nd, so voted. After careful review the Board signed in one location. They asked Pam to verify the posting date before signing in the second location.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant