

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
June 28, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**In Attendance: Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Ron Madan, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)**

**Audience members present**

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Miles made a motion to accept the minutes of June 14 as written, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Updates**

Miles gave the following updates:

- The State budget became law without the Governor's signature. The amount towns are getting for education has been level funded. The new funding formula will not be put into effect at this time. The rooms and meals tax has been frozen at last year's level. Some reforms have been enacted in the State Retirement System. The State will no longer be making anymore contributions for anyone other than for state employees.
- SB 156 passed allowing auto dealerships to do vehicle registrations.
- Miles went out to Old Rumney Road to look at the grading work done by FORECO. The dip in the first ditch is now more moderate (in his opinion a vehicle would be able to pass through), nothing has been done to the second ditch and some stone and planks have been added to the third. It appears as though this might have been done by someone other than the company. The Board was unsure whether or not Jon Martin had originally said that all three ditches would be made more passable. Pam will review the minutes to verify.

**Old Business**

Groton Wind PILOT Proposal

The Board had a 2 work sessions last week to discuss the Groton Wind Pilot Proposal. They now believe that they have an acceptable proposal pending final approval of the attorney and a public hearing.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed pilot on July 19 at 6:00pm. **Miles motioned to have Pam make the necessary arrangements to see that this is posted for the 19th, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) will be hearing the appeal motions on July 8.

Ethier Intent to Excavate

**Kyle made a motion to accept the draft letter from the Town's attorney regarding Ethier's Intent to Excavate and have her send it to his attorney, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** Ron reported that on June 23<sup>rd</sup> he witnessed Mr. Ethier hauling excavated material from his pit. This material was hauled to Hebron. Miles would like this information provided to the Town's attorney.

Hutchins Junkyard License

Sandra Hutchins submitted her junkyard application and payment. One page of the application was missing. Kyle suggested that she keep the payment and submit it with the missing page. Mrs. Hutchins agreed. Miles reported that Mr. Hutchins had spoken with him earlier and expressed concern that he has not been able to meet with Ken Knowlton for an inspection of the property and the license renewal date is

July 1. However, Miles had informed Mr. Hutchins that in his opinion the lack of inspection does not jeopardize his renewal as a part of his application includes signing a best management practice (BMP) certification. The remaining Board members concurred. Chuck Stata informed the Board that as Health Officer he inspects the licensed junkyards annually. Mrs. Hutchins returned later in the meeting and submitted the missing paperwork and payment for their junkyard license renewal.

#### Everett Hobart Memorial Park

Kyle submitted some information on bases and soccer nets. Miles said he will take some measurements of the soccer goals to determine the size needed for the net. The Board will review the information submitted by Kyle and discuss this again next week.

**Miles motioned to table this until next week's meeting, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Building Permit for Fields/Hilliard

**Ron motioned to sign the building permit for fields, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted.** The Board received verification of approval for construction for a new septic for the property and the certificate of compliance from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

#### Building Permit for Duguay

**Miles made a motion to approve the building permit for Duguay, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** Verification of the certificate of compliance from the PUC has been received.

#### 2011-2012 Heating Fuel Bids

The Board reviewed the bids for the 2011-2012 heating season received from Dead River, Fuller Fuel and Irving Oil. The Dead River price is currently lower than Fuller by a little less than \$.02 per gallon. Irving Oil was higher than both. As the Dead River price is subject to change daily until a contract is signed, **Ron motioned to have Dead River submit a contract for next Tuesday, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** As it appears that oil prices might go down a little over the next few weeks the Board would like to wait before signing a contract. Dead River's contract will reflect next week's price.

#### Yetman Site Visit

The insurance adjuster would like to do a site visit of the area where trees were cut on David Yetman's property on Province Road when the right of way was cleared in 2009. The Board agreed that Miles along with the Road Agent would accompany the insurance adjuster. Ron asked to be excused from any vote on this issue as he was working with the Road Agent on Province Road at the time of this cut and he does not necessary agree with everything regarding Mr. Yetman.

#### Spectacle Pond

The new parking signs have been erected at Spectacle Pond. Miles noticed that regardless of the new signs, there was someone parking in the no parking area. Chief Piviroto had found some older parking tickets and submitted them to the Board for their review. However, these tickets do not list any fine amounts, do not include all the violations and say that the fine must be paid to the Police Department. Under the new ordinance payment is to be made to the Town Clerk. The Board believes that the manner of enforcement of the new ordinance is up to the Police Department's discretion. The Chief will work with Pam to create a ticket and get some bids for printing.

#### Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment Training

Pam will contact the state to set up a training session. The Board asked that she try to arrange it for a Tuesday prior to the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.

2011-2012 School District Payments

Groton's Average Daily Membership (ADM) is down to 4.19 from 4.38, however the monthly payment is the same as last year's; \$44,500. Payment amounts are based totally upon the ADM. Pam reported that the Town of Alexandria will be paying almost \$40,000 more per month, and New Hampton's payment has increase by close to \$50,000.

Bank Signature Cards

**Kyle motioned to sign the signature cards adding Ron Madan's name to the account, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Driveway Permit

The Board reviewed the driveway permit for Bill Morrow. They noted that there is an incorrect address on the permit. Pam will make the Road Agent aware of this.

Northern Pass Public Scoping Period Extension

The public scoping period for the Northern Pass project will be open until further notice.

Laptop Computer

Pam announced that someone has anonymously donated a laptop to the Town to replace the one that was stolen. The Board thanked the donor(s) for their generosity.

**Miles motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:25 pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:57pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant