

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Audience Members Present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Miles announced that Coos, Grafton, Carroll and Merrimack counties have already been deemed eligible for public assistance for damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. Individuals in Grafton and Carroll counties are also eligible. They can apply for assistance at a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. FEMA has scheduled office hours in Campton, Woodstock, Plymouth, Canaan and Lebanon.

Miles motioned to approve the minutes of September 6 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Sewall/Friend Property

Mr. Sewall contacted the Town to let them know that Miles Friend had conducted a site visit on Monday. He reported that the oil and anti-freeze have been removed along with some transmissions, junk boats and more tires. Although the road has not yet been repaired they are able to pass with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. They plan to continue the cleanup as scheduled and report on a regular basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Bixby Junkyard License Application

Ken Knowlton visited the site on Monday and recommends that the Board issue the license. Mr. Bixby has agreed to consolidate the area, and the map submitted indicates a Designated Salvage Area which does not include the back section of the lot.

Miles motioned to grant the license, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Decommissioning Authorization Form: Guaranty of Purchaser Guarantor

The proposed changes have been made to the Decommission Authorization Form. This will be signed and forwarded to Ed Cherian for his review and the appropriate signatures. **Kyle motioned to sign the Decommission Authorization Form, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Miles stated that a group of Interveners from Rumney have filed an appeal with the New Hampshire Supreme Court. In response Groton Wind has filed a Motion for Summary Disposition to expedite their (the Court's) decision.

Letter to Hardy Country Snowmobile Club

Ron motioned to sign the letter to the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club authorizing them to do some work on Orange Road, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining as he has recused himself from this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Assessing Contract

Miles motioned to continue to do cyclical work for the purpose of soliciting bids for assessing, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Pam will prepare the bid proposal for the Board's review. They have agreed to a budget plan as the payment option.

Building Permits for Golden, Map 7 lot 30, North Groton Road

Kyle motioned to sign the building permits for Golden, Miles 2nd, so voted.

William Jolly Request to Maintain Orange Road

Mr. Jolly has requested permission to do routine maintenance on Orange Road (Class VI) including clean and repair culverts, ditching, and grade and fill as necessary. **Kyle motioned to accept Bill Jolly's request to do routine maintenance work on Orange Road, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

While doing some work for the snowmobile club in that area Miles noticed that there is a large ditch 12-18 inches deep that crosses Orange Road at the end of Mr. Jolly's driveway. He does not feel that it should be that deep as it could prevent traffic from passing. Ron will take a ride out there to look at the situation. The Board asked Pam to contact Mr. Jolly to inquire what he knows about the ditch.

We Log

The Board asked Pam to contact the court to inquire what action has taken place regarding the claim the Town filed in District Court for damages done to Sculptured Rocks Road by We Log in 2010. Owner Malcolm Washburn was to respond to the court by September 8.

Groton Historical Society (GHS)

The GHS submitted a request to use the Town Hall on Sunday, October 23 from 2-4pm for their annual meeting. They will also be honoring Paul Adams who will be 99 years old. **Miles motioned to approve the request to use the Hall on Sunday, October 23, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Building Permit for Fletcher

Ron motioned to sign the Building Permit for Fletcher, Map 1 Lot 52, Fletcher Road, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Funds re Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

Miles motioned to sign the request to open this account pursuant to the vote at the 2011 Town Meeting, and forward it to the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Funds re Old Home Day Expenditures

Ron motioned to sign the memo regarding the reimbursement of Old Home Day (OHD) expenditures to the Town's general fund from the OHD Expendable Trust Fund, and forward it to the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Schedule Work Session with Health Officer

The Board scheduled a work session with the Health Officer for Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00pm. If time allows they will discuss his 2012 budget proposal as well.

Mediation Date for Kirk Junkyard Violation

The Town's Attorney would like at least one member of the Board to attend the mediation for the Kirk Junkyard Violation. All Board members are willing to attend if able depending upon work schedules. They chose September 30 for their first choice and October 3 as an alternate date.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Pam Yinger announced that the GHS museum is open from 10-12 the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Doug and Sandra Hutchins stated that they are back before the Board because the road work near their house has not been done. Mr. Hutchins stated that in the last meeting he had with the Board they asked him to come back if the work was not accomplished by the end of August. The Board explained that the Road Agent had the intention of finishing this by the end of August and then Tropical Storm Irene occurred. Right now his priority is and should be repairing the damage done by the storm. Once that is addressed he is looking to pave on North Groton Road and then the area in front of their home.

Pam Yinger asked if anything could be done regarding the intersection of Sculpture Rocks Road and North Groton Road as she feels there is a blind spot there. Miles stated that this section of North Groton Road is State road and he feels there is sufficient warning signage there, and in his opinion the biggest problem with the intersection involves driver(s) failing to yield

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:58pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant