

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

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

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of December 13 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

APPOINTMENTS

Doren Emmet, Sr. Project Manager for Iberdrola, Pat McGoldrick, co-owner and vice president of McGoldrick Blasting and Sam Donovan, Project Manager with A.J. Coleman presented the Board with the blasting plan that will be used in developing the Wind Farm project. The plan is broken down into 4 areas: safety, environmental, blasting procedures and operations, and emergency and evacuation plan. A copy of the plan will be on file in the Select Board's office. The Company intends to initiate blasting either the week after Christmas or the week after New Year's. The Groton and Rumney Police and Fire Chiefs will be informed of the specific blasting schedule and any changes to that schedule.

UPDATES

Miles gave a brief update on the meeting with the Rumney Select Board. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fire, EMS and Police coverage of the Groton Wind Farm area and have a common understanding of what the expectations are for emergency responses. Members of both the Rumney and Hebron Fire/EMS Departments attended the meeting as well as Groton Fire Chief Roger Thompson, Groton Police Chief Joe Pivrotto and Rumney Police Chief William Main. Chief Pivrotto stated that the Groton Police Department will respond to any calls, and if no one is available it automatically goes to the State Police. Any response from Rumney PD would fall under mutual aid. Regarding emergency transport services from that area; typically Rumney would be the first responding ambulance but would not transport (normally Hebron transports). It was agreed that based upon the situation and the amount of response time needed by Hebron, Rumney would exercise discretion on whether or not to transport or wait for Hebron to arrive. Regarding Groton's annual contract amount; the current contract amount is based upon prior year's usage and population. No one is expecting to have an increase in calls.

OLD BUSINESS

McClain Survey

Miles motioned to accept the McClain survey, and going forward try to ascertain the ownership of the remaining two lots, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Resident Power

Miles reported that Francis Dumont had asked him if the Board had considered his proposal to purchase power through his company (the Halifax American Energy Company) other than from NHEC. Mr. Dumont claims that since he last spoke with the Board his Company now has clients purchasing their

power at a savings through them. The Board is willing to have Mr. Dumont come before them with an update and references.

NEW BUSINESS

Intent to Excavate for M. Daniel Smith Trust, Map 10 Lot 31

Kyle motioned to sign the intent to excavate for the M. Daniel Smith Trust, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day, and will be open on Monday, December 26 from 9-3. Supervisor Joe Koslow gave an update on the work being accomplished at the Transfer Station. 181 tires were taken out last week and he is making final arrangements to have the refrigerators and small propane tanks removed. Additional projects include glass removal, signage and building repairs/maintenance.

Amended Septic Designs for Maxam, Map 5 Lot 164

Kyle motioned to sign the amended septic plans for Maxam, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Verizon Cell Phone Usage for Road Agent and Police Department

The Board reviewed the cost and usage of the current Verizon Cell Phone plan. With the concurrence of both the Police Chief and Road Agent they agreed to cancel the existing plan and purchase a pay as you go phone plan in 2012. This will save the Town about \$600 in phone costs.

Kirk Junkyard License Application

The Board reviewed the paperwork submitted by George Kirk for a junkyard license. To be consistent they are requiring a standard NH State Police criminal background check. While waiting for those results they would like to set up a prehearing (and hopefully pre-snow) site visit in order to familiarize themselves with the proposed layout of the salvage area. Pam will contact Mr. Kirk to set up a time.

Kyle motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 8:25pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 8:37pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:38pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant