

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2012**

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

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of January 17 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Mapping Contract

Bruce Barnard has made an appointment to meet with Pam to go over the Town's current mapping needs before submitting his proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter to Rumney Select Board re 2011 Fire/EMS Charges

The Board noted some additional charges on the Rumney 2011 Fire/EMS billing for man hours. As these charges were not a part of the 2011 contract the Board believes the Town should not be responsible for them. **Kyle motioned to sign the letter to the Rumney Select Board requesting a refund of those charges, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Confirm Work Session Dates

The Board confirmed the following 6:00pm work sessions:

- January 26
- January 31
- February 2

They will meet with the Plymouth Select Board on Monday, February 27 at 5:00pm in Plymouth to discuss perambulating the Plymouth/Groton town line.

Public Notice for Ownership of Map 10 Lot 40

The Board reviewed the ad seeking information regarding the ownership of Map 10 Lot 40. The ad includes a small map of the area, and will be posted in the Record Enterprise, on line and in town.

Letters to Assessing Companies re Bid Proposals

Miles motioned to sign the letters to the Assessing Companies that were not awarded the assessing bid, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Faucher Junkyard Violation

The Board has not received any response to the letter sent to Mr. Faucher regarding cleaning up his property on Bailey Hill Road. **Kyle motioned to send a letter from the Board giving him 30 days to clean up the property or the matter will be turned over to the Town's attorney, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Hazard Mitigation for Garage

The Town might qualify for a Hazard Mitigation grant to either move the garage from the flood area or flood proof the building. The Board agreed that the building should be moved. They also recognize that it might be more cost effective to build a new structure rather than move the current one. Should the Town qualify for a grant all avenues will be explored. **Miles motioned to submit a letter of intent and do whatever is necessary to get the Hazard Mitigation Grant proposal moving forward for the existing Highway Garage, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Request for Personnel Records

The Board has received a request to view some personnel records of a Town employee. Normally these are confidential by law. Before making any kind of decision they would like to get legal counsel from LGC. Miles explained that in his experience, in some police cases a judge has looked at police employee records to determine whether or not there is information that can be released.

Rumney 2012 Fire/EMS Contract

The Board reviewed the 2012 Rumney Fire/EMS contract. They noted that the Groton and Dorchester populations were adjusted according to the 2010 census but the Rumney population is the same as listed in 2000. The Board would like confirmation of that number as each municipality's apportionment is based in part on population.

Wilbur Letter of Resignation

Kevin Wilbur submitted a letter of resignation from his current position as Road Agent assistant. He would like to stay on to do summer maintenance. Miles thanked Kevin for his service to the Town. Ron explained that Kevin is looking for more consistent work. **Kyle motioned to accept the resignation, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

The Board agreed that Mr. Wilbur will remain on the payroll and although no work is guaranteed, at the discretion of the Road Agent he can pick up additional work that the regular crew cannot handle such as filling in for vacations, assisting with large projects, etc. They will require that he turn in his keys.

Schedule Interviews for Road Agent Assistant

The Board would like to schedule interviews for the Road Agent assistant position on Wednesday, February 1 beginning at 6pm, and they would like the Road Agent to sit in on the interviews.

DOT Fuel Distribution

In order to save money on diesel fuel the Board would like the Highway Department to begin getting the majority of their fuel at the Rumney State Shed. Each driver should have a fuel card. Miles requested

some clarification from the state regarding pricing. Pamela will contact DOT and fill out all the necessary paperwork. She also reported that Glen has offered to move a fuel tank from his home down to the garage to store off road diesel. The Board will discuss this further with him.

Chuck Stata asked whether or not the Town has considered some kind of containment for the current diesel tank. At this time there is nothing in place. Ron stated that if they move the garage this should be considered.

Map 10 Lots 12&13

As a part of the Board's attempt to find the owner of Map 10 Lot 40 letters were sent to all the abutters. Francis Krueger, owner of Map 10 Lot 13 contacted the Town with a few questions. He established that he does not have any information regarding the lot in question. However, he stated that since 1984 he has owned 2 tracts of land in Groton totaling 1.3 acres. His deed also confirmed this. The town has Mr. Krueger's 2 tracts listed as one lot totaling 1.3 acres. This is not unusual. Records dating as far back as 1991 show the 2 tracts listed as one lot, and he has been paying taxes on the entire amount. On the tax maps the tracts are listed separately as lots 12 and 13. In 2006 the Town deeded lot 12 as a lot with unknown ownership. However, the acreage of that lot is included on Mr. Krueger's tax card. It is unclear how or when lot 12 became identified as unknown but the record is clear that Mr. Krueger owns the area known as lot 12. It is in his deed description and has been included as a part of lot 13 for assessing and tax purposes. Miles stated that this is a classic example of why the Board should not sell the title to these unknown properties. The Board will inform Mr. Krueger of their findings once they have done further investigation and have a plan on how to correct the situation.

2011 Select Board Report for the Annual Report

Miles agreed to draft something for the other Board members to review.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Chuck announced that the blasting has begun for the wind farm project.

Chief Piviroto requested that someone from the Select Board's office arrange any interviews for additional police personnel. He explained that it is very difficult to arrange a time with the applicants and then with the Board as he does not know the Board's schedule. The Board agreed. The Chief said he has a few candidates for the part-time position. Interviews were set up for Wednesday, February 1 beginning at 7:00pm.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 7:59pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant