

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2012**

In Attendance: Kyle Andrews, Christina Goodwin, Miles Sinclair, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of April 3 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

SB 218

Miles reported that it was basically the same committee members that he testified in front of for HB 1428. He gave them a Reader's Digest version of what he had addressed at his prior visit.

OLD BUSINESS

River Road Speed Limit Change

Before changing the River Road speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph the Board would like to verify with the Local Government Center that they have fulfilled the statutory requirements for making this change. **Kyle motioned to table this until next week, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Letter to Victoria Collins Re: Victoria's Mtn. Way

Christina motioned to sign the letter to Victoria Collins, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Work Session with Junkyard dog

The work session is scheduled for Monday, April 16 at 5pm.

Map 10 Lot 40 Title Search

The Board agreed to have the Tax Collector do the a final title search for Map 10 Lot 40 when she does her annual title searches prior to tax deeding any properties.

Ashley/Bryer

Miles motioned to send the Ashley/Bryer property confusion issue to the Town's attorney for review and opinion, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The Board has not received a response from their March 20 letter to the property owners however; any forthcoming response can be forwarded to the attorney.

Tax Map Changes

The McClain survey will be submitted for tax map changes. The two lots with undetermined ownership will be labeled TBD until ownership is determined and a lot number assigned.

Quotes for the New Doors and Overhang

Pam will prepare a request for proposal for the Board's review for next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permit for Woodman, Map 7 Lot 10, Victoria's Mountain Way

Mr. Woodman's application was missing the Release of Municipal Liability paperwork and information on the manner of waste disposal and whether or not there will be running water in the structure. **Kyle motioned to table this until they get a response from Mr. Woodman, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands

Christina motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands for Map 9 Lots 2, 8 & 10, Groton Hollow Road, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Intent to Excavate for Green Acre Woodlands, Map 9 Lots 2 & 8, Groton Hollow Road

Miles motioned to sign the Intent to Excavate for Green Acre Woodlands, Map 9 Lots 2 & 8, Groton Hollow Road, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Application for Veteran's Credit

Kyle motioned to sign the Veteran's Credit Application, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Hazard Mitigation Grant: Town Garage

The Board asked Pam to contact someone from Homeland Security and Emergency Management to set an appointment to discuss the application development and submission process for securing a grant to relocate the Town Garage out of the flood zone.

Northern New England Telephone Operations (FairPoint)

After reviewing a report supplied by Northern New England Telephone Operations, which listed all of the poles for each town, Avitar has determined that the value of the poles, conduit and Right of Way for FairPoint in Groton is \$319,600. This is less than 50% of the original value. **Miles motioned to approve Avitar's abatement recommendation with respect to Northern New England Telephone Operations, Christina 2nd, so voted.** Abatement total is \$5,474.18 including interest. Both Kyle and Miles expressed their displeasure with Avitar's original assessment being so far off. The Town had set aside sufficient funds in overlay to satisfy this and other possible abatement requests.

Christina reported that the Transfer Station had cleaned the road way and subsequent properties last week and she thanked those involved for the good job. The Board would like Transfer Station Supervisor Joe Koslow to keep an eye the road, adjacent properties and the Transfer Station itself for an ongoing clean up as needed throughout the year.

Bill Jolly has distributed advertising flyers around town including the Transfer Station, which promote a business of trash pickup for residents. Kyle asked the other Board members if they have any concerns or issues with this. The Board agreed to contact the Local Government Center with regard to the legality. Ron Madan expressed concern that we might generate fewer recyclables as people might just throw everything into one bag. Kyle responded that Mr. Jolly is advertising pickup of recyclables as well. The Board would like Joe Koslow to continue looking into the possibility of curbside pickup. Dave Leone said he has some notes regarding a past investigation into closing the Transfer Station if the Town went to curbside pickup including some correspondence with the Town's attorney. He will try to locate these documents.

Ron Madan reported that Mr. Faucher has been cleaning up the debris on his property off of Bailey Hill Road.

David Leone stated that he did not believe the Board met the requirements of the Right to Know RSA regarding the portion on notification. The Board responded that they did send a letter acknowledging his request, which gave him a time frame when the documents would be ready and advised that the documents had been produced. The Board questioned whether Mr. Leone was arguing that there was some technical violation of the statute.

Jo O'Connor asked the Board to verify the meeting time once the schedule changes to every other week. The meetings will begin at the same time; 7:00pm.

Kyle motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) at 8:12pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 9:15pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 9:16pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant