

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
May 29, 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 May 22 as written, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UP DATES** (the following business took place during a work session)

Perambulation

The Board will wait until later in the season to walk the Groton/Plymouth Town line.

Office Computers

The Library Trustees are not interested in any of the old office computers. David Switaj will wipe them clean in exchange for keeping the units.

Main Security Surveillance 2012/2013 Lease Agreement

The Board signed the agreement. It is the same as last year's.

Amended Septic Plans for Rodriguez, Map 1 Lot 48-2

The Board signed the amended septic plans for Rodriguez.

Class VI Roads

The Board decided to wait until they have knowledge that someone is working on the roads before determining what action to take.

Schedule Work Session: Welfare Guidelines

The Board will meet Wednesday, June 6 at 4:00pm to discuss the Welfare Guidelines.

Soccer nets

Kyle and Miles will put up the nets on Saturday, June 2 at 8am.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Chuck Stata

Chuck Stata submitted an official request for the Select Board to call a meeting of the Town to discuss the impact of the wind farm on the Town. Mr. Stata expressed concern that the tax benefits of the wind project will accelerate the growth of the community. He would like to see a public meeting which would allow the Town's people to express their opinions regarding this potential growth. He stated that he had mentioned this during Town Meeting in March but nothing has happened yet. He is asking the Board to promote a discussion or request someone to do it. The Board responded that they believe that it is the roll and responsibility of the Planning Board (PB) to propose growth ordinance changes for the Town of Groton. They need to work the system the way it is supposed to work which is through the PB. Currently the PB is working on a survey that will be sent to all property owners regarding the future of the community. The results will be incorporated into the Master Plan. Mr. Stata stated that there is nothing in his memo or request other than to have a discussion which he feels the Select Board can spearhead. The Board responded that the track record for people showing up to public meetings is not good, and the PB feels that the survey will solicit more results. Mr. Stata said he would be attending the next Planning Board meeting (Wednesday) and making the same request. He is only asking the Board to sponsor the concept and open the big hall. The Board has no problem with opening up the hall. They agree with what Mr. Stata wants to do and believe that this issue needs to be addressed. But they want it to go through the proper channels.

### Transfer Station

Transfer Station Attendant Ken Gould expressed concern that a resident has been coming into the Transfer Station 10 minutes before closing with a truck load of items that needs attention. Mr. Gould stated that he does help most people although it is not a requirement. He explained that they arrived at 5:50pm on Sunday and were directed to go to the open container (overflow) to dump their garbage. This resident gave him a hard time, insisting that the garbage be put in the compactor. Mr. Gould finally told him point blank that it goes in the overflow or does not get dumped at all. Some of the bags did not make it into the dumpster but landed between the dumpster and the wall. This is not the first time that this resident has shown up just before closing with a very full load. The last load had shovels full of maggots. Mr. Gould did not want them in the compactor so directed the resident to the toss them into the overflow. They gave him a hard time during that occasion as well. He cannot be nice to them when they are nasty to him. The Board agreed that it is the attendant's job to give direction and oversee the dumping of the garbage. They do not have to actually assist anyone with unloading their vehicle. Employees must remain professional; however, this does not mean that the employee should be subject to any abuse. The Board asked the Transfer Station Supervisor Joe Koslow to have a discussion with the resident first to see if he can resolve this at his level. If that does not work, then it can go to the next level. If someone is not acting appropriately their privilege to use the Transfer Station could be suspended.

### Old Home Day (OHD)

Pam reported that Vickie Kimball expressed the need for some help with the OHD preparations. At this time she is the only committee member and as such will be unable to put together a program without some assistance. Although she wants OHD to take place and wants to participate in the program, if there is no additional help available by the end of June she will not move forward with any plans. The Board asked Pam to post an Old Home Day SOS on the website.

### All-Ways Accessible 2012/2013 Maintenance Contract

The Board reviewed the new All-Way Accessible Maintenance Contract and noted some wording changes. They would like to verify what the Company is thinking with these changes, specifically their reasoning for the language changes. **Miles motioned to table this until Pam can get some clarification on this, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so**

**voted.**

MHF Project Contract

The Contractor for replacing the Town House entry doors and adding some overhangs is asking for a materials deposit. Kyle stated that this is rather common in this type of business, and he does this for his painting jobs. Although he cannot vouch for this particular contractor, Kyle has worked with him before and there was no issue regarding his work. The deposit amount requested is the price of the materials. Audience members concurred that it is typical to give the contractor a materials deposit. **Kyle motioned to sign the contract with MHF Building and Remodeling, and sign the deposit check, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Schedule meeting with Bob Berti re: property across from Transfer Station

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00pm.

Police Doors

**Kyle motioned to grant the bid to MHF Building and Remodeling, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** MHF was the only bidder.

Timber Tax Warrant for Iberdrola Renewables, Map 9 Lot 2,8,10

**Christina motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Iberdrola Renewables, Map 9, Lots 2,8,10, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Cemetery Survey Quotes

The Board received two quotes for the River Road Cemetery expansion survey work. **Kyle motioned to award the bid to Barnard Survey Assoc., Inc. for the cemetery survey work, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted, Miles abstaining.** Pam will notify Sabourn Associates of the bid results.

LGC Request for Participation in Health and Safety Group Discussion

After reviewing her work schedule for June, Pam feels that she has too many ongoing projects and would rather not take the time out to attend this group discussion. The Board agreed.

Schedule Meeting with Avitar re: LUCT for Wind Farm Project

Avitar has been negotiating with Iberdrola regarding this Land Use Change Tax (LUCT). The Board wants to touch base with Mark Stetson regarding his perception of the results of these negotiations. They will try to arrange a meeting for June 5 at 5:30pm.

Road Agent Assistant Position

The Board announced that Tom Lord has resigned from the Road Crew. They will post an ad for the position in the Penny Saver and online.

**Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:08pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant