

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 5, 2012**

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

Absent: Kyle Andrews

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Miles proposed the following amendment to the May 29 minutes under the section titled Class VI Roads: replace 'pursuing written agreements' with 'determining what action to take'.

Miles motioned to amend the minutes as indicated, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to accept the May 29 minutes as amended, Miles 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Pam reported that Vickie Kimball is willing to hold Old Home Day even if she does not get any volunteers to assist her. Miles stated that someone has contacted Ms. Kimball and volunteered to help. They would like to hold a meeting at the Town House on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30pm. Miles will be on hand to open the building and participate in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

An All-Ways Accessible Company representative made the claim that the contract covers the same services and is the same even if there have been some changes in the language. **With that proviso, Miles motioned to sign the All-Ways Accessible Contract, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS

MHF Project Contract

Christina motioned to sign the MHF project contract, Miles 2nd, so voted. This contract is for the new police doors and removal and the teller window.

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) Warrants for M. Daniel Smith Revocable Trust, Yankee Forest LLC and Green Acre Woodlands Inc, Map 10 Lot 31, Map 9 Lot 1 and Map 9 Lot 2

The tax is for the land utilized by the Wind Farm Project which must come out of current use. The LUCT is broken down as follows:

- Smith: \$29,391
- Yankee Forest LLC: \$73,972
- Green Acre Woodlands: \$133,534
- Total: \$236,897

The belief is that Groton Wind will find these numbers acceptable as there were previous discussions with the Company regarding how the numbers were derived. However, the Company does have the right to file for an abatement and appeal to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) or to Superior Court. The Board met with Mark Stetson from Avitar yesterday. Mr. Stetson believes this is a fair and valid number which would be

defendable should this ever go to Superior Court or to the BTLA. The funds will be available when the tax rate is set later in the year.

Miles motioned to sign all three Land Use Change Tax warrants, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Driveway Permit for Gerry Shinn

The permit is for 1758 North Groton Road.

Building Permit for Paul Smalley, Map 6 Lot 14, North Groton Road

Christina motioned to sign the building permit for Paul Smalley, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Appraisal Inspection For Town Buildings.

This inspection is for insurance purposes and does not include building contents. Miles will be available to let the appraiser into the Town Buildings. The Board asked Pam to research how the building contents are appraised.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christina announced a Road Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 6 at the Town Office.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Dave Leone presented the Board with a diagram of what a former Select Board had discussed regarding the property across from the Transfer Station. The current Board walked the property last week then met with Bob Berti who is representing the property owner, Green Acre Woodlands. The owner is willing to consider allowing the Town to acquire this parcel. The next step is to walk the property with a representative of Green Acre Woodlands.

Jimmy Albert stated that when the roads are opened up for culvert replacement they should be filled in and paved over. There is an area on Sculptured Rocks Road and on North Groton Road where this has not happened. The areas have been dug up for over a year. This is hard on the front end of a vehicle. He feels there is no excuse for it taking this long to finish the job. Miles stated that initially after Hurricane Irene the Road Agent was looking into securing mitigation funds for redoing the area on Sculptured Rocks Road which is one of the reasons why it was not immediately done. David Leone stated that the State of New Hampshire has guidelines for working on these roads. They typically want a project done in 3 days including projects such as grading Edgar Albert Road, culverts, headwalls, etc. Helen Santoro said the area by Pilcher's on North Groton Road is washed out in a section. She would like that to be filled in. The Board agreed that these should be taken care of and will pass this along to the Road Agent.

Jimmy Albert expressed his thanks for a good job done on the Veteran's Memorial. The Groton Historical Society completed the project. The manual labor was done by Tony Tavares and Steve Lindsey.

Christina motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) , Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to return to public session at 8:20pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant