

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

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the amended minutes of June 19, Miles 2nd, so voted Kyle abstaining (was not present at that meeting).

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of June 26 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining (was not present at that meeting).

UPDATES

Sewall/Friend Property Site Visit

The Board inspected the property and is satisfied with the clean-up. They have agreed that the property owners may keep the building up.

Groton Wind Request re: Issuance of Letter of Credit

The Board met with Ed Cherian on Friday morning. The Company is asking them to consider granting a waiver of the requirement to issue the letter of credit either temporarily or otherwise. Before making a final decision the Board would like to know how much it will cost the Company to issue this letter of credit and how long would they like the waiver to be for.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Grant Application

Kyle motioned to sign the number two reimbursement option for the Radio Grant, Miles 2nd, so voted. This allows the Town to invoice the state for their portion of the funds as expenses are incurred.

Town Garage/Library Grant

Christina will work with Pam on the initial language of the narrative portions of the grant application.

Building Elevation Certification

Miles motioned to have the funds for the Building Elevation Certification come out of the General Building fund line, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Market Analysis

Kyle motioned to have the funds for the market analysis come out of the Town Report line, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Administrative Inspection Warrant

The Board reviewed an administrative inspection warrant that would allow access to a junkyard. The Board agreed that Miles and Ken Knowlton, the Town's Junkyard Consultant, would conduct the inspection. Miles will take this to the court after he speaks with Ken Knowlton to discuss the best way to go about this such as should they call the property owner first, etc. The Board would like to coordinate this inspection with Mr. Knowlton's monthly inspection date if at all possible. **Christina motioned to have Miles sign the administrative inspection warrant, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Kirk Junkyard

Mr. Kirk has not responded to the Board's attempt to contact him, and there is no evidence that he has the required fencing and gate for his junkyard. **Christina motioned to draft a letter to Mr. Kirk giving him a deadline of August 31 to install the required fencing and gate for licensing and, once the letter meets the Board's approval, sign and send it, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Deposit Schedule/Delegation of Authority

The Board has the authority to delegate the frequency of deposit for the Treasurer if the funds received are less than \$1,500. The new policy will be to make deposits into the revolving funds (Park & Recreation and Police) and conservation fund once every 90 days or as needed.

Cemetery Road Work

The Board would like the Cemetery Trustees to present a voucher to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to use funds from the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund for some of the expenses involved in building the access road to Rolfe Cemetery. The Cemetery Trustees will decide the amount of funds and the Trustees of the Trust Funds will determine whether or not this is a qualified expenditure for that fund. If it is not then this issue will be revisited. Miles has volunteered to rake, seed and mulch the area between the new access road and the rock wall. In addition, he is willing to use his tractor to open up the wall into the cemetery should the Trustees request this.

NH Police Standards and Training Paperwork for Newcomb

The Chief of Police verified that Officer Newcomb satisfied the conditions required for entering into the Part-time academy. **Kyle motioned to sign the NH Police Standards and Training Paperwork for Newcomb, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Fletcher Disposal Agreement

Christina motioned to sign the Fletcher Disposal Agreement, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit for Stata, Map 7 Lot 41

Miles motioned to sign the Building Permit for Stata, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Application for Elderly Exemption

The Board received an application for elderly exemption. The deadline for application submission is April 15 unless the applicant can prove accident, mistake or misfortune has prevented them from filing on time. The Applicant is claiming that it is a mistake that the Town does not have the provision for this exemption posted and thus the Board should accept this application after the April 15 deadline. The Board does not feel the applicant has satisfied this burden. There is nothing in the Statutes requiring that this be posted. In addition, the back of each tax bill provides this information to taxpayers. The Board will inform the applicant in writing that they will not accept/review the application.

Intent to Cut for Jones, Map 1 Lots 97 & 100, River Road

Christina motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Jones, Map 1 Lots 97 and 100, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Possible Building Permit Violation for Gallant

Kyle motioned to sign the possible building permit violation for Gallant, Miles 2nd, so voted.

2012 Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs

Speaking as the ACO, Miles stated that there are still some people who have not registered their dogs. **Christina motioned to sign the warrant for unlicensed dogs, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining.** The Warrant authorizes the issuance of a civil forfeiture.

Work Session to Discuss NHMA 2013/2014 Legislative Policy

The New Hampshire Municipal Association is trying to get input from the state's municipalities regarding upcoming legislation. The governing body can also send a voting delegate. The Board will discuss the potential legislation and make a determination if they will oppose, support or have no opinion. Work Session is scheduled for August 7 at 5pm.

Welfare Guidelines

Work Session is scheduled for July 24 at 6:00pm to discuss the welfare guidelines

Old Home Day Committee Request

The Committee would like to use the Town House for their meetings as needed as long as there is no conflict. The Board is fine with this. The next meeting is Monday, July 16 at 6:30.

Select Board Office Closing

The Select Board Office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, July 25.

Road Committee

The next Road Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11. The committee is planning a site

visit of Sculptured Rocks Road.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Pam Yinger announced that the Hebron Fair Committee is still collecting white elephant items. They can be dropped off at the Church in Hebron.

Paul Smalley would like some help getting some answers from the Electric Company regarding power outages. He does not know why power will come on in half of the Town but not from the Town House south. He said the power comes in from the same direction. He cannot get any answers from the Company. When he calls they tell him the power has already been restored but that is not the case.

Mr. Smalley also had questions regarding the three campers across the river from the Town Garage. It appears that all three are hooked into one septic. In addition, the shed has a toilet, sink and shower in it. The system there is sufficient for one bedroom only. The Board asked Mr. Smalley if he would be willing to speak directly with the Health Officer. He agreed.

Joe Koslow reported that he has been in touch with Best Way, Casella and Waste Management regarding road side pickup and hauling fees, and is waiting to hear back from them.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant