

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
August 7, 2012**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Miles motioned to approve the minutes of July 24 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

New Hampshire House Representatives Charles Sova (District 16) and Lester Bradley (District 6) addressed the Board. Due to re-districting the Town of Groton is now in Districts 6 and 16. Topics discussed included the Board's concerns regarding school funding, the State's downshifting of costs and the State Retirement System.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Town Garage/Library Grant

The Board reviewed a draft of the application for the grant to construct a new highway garage and library out of the flood way. The draft application will be forwarded to Lance Harbour, State Hazard Mitigation Officer for an initial review. Christina is meeting with Gordon Coursey tomorrow to discuss moving or demolishing the former library building, etc.

Old Home Day Notice

The Old Home Day Committee will be having live music from 7:00pm to dusk on Old Home Day. They would like this to be included in the notice to residents regarding the fireworks scheduled for that night.

Light Fixture for Porch

The Board chose the Cannon Lake flush mount light in chestnut color as the first choice for a new exterior porch light. Second choice is the Barrington flush mount with sage finish. Pam will get pricing.

Administrative Office of the Courts

The check received from the Administrative Office of the Courts was for an alcohol fine and will go into the Police Revolving Fund.

Local Auditor's Report

This report has not yet been filed with the Department of Revenue. The Board will send a note to the auditor requesting that he submit the report to them by September 1.

### Perambulation/GPS

Within the next few weeks the Board will discuss a date to walk the Plymouth/Groton line. Money to purchase the GPS will come out of the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. Kyle will look into which one to purchase.

### Province Road/Schedule WS with Road Agent

The Board discussed the agreement made with the Town of Dorchester to maintain their portion of Province Road from the town line to where the bridge used to be in exchange for the winter maintenance of Groton's portion of River Road. At this time no work has been done on the Dorchester section of Province Road and it is basically unchanged since hurricane Irene. In addition, the Board wants to meet with the Road Agent to discuss the remaining road projects as it is already August and there are a number of projects to complete. A work session with the Road Agent is scheduled for Monday, August 13 at 6:00pm.

### Police Doors

The contractor has stated that he cannot return the door with the small window but he can get a 16" x 24" glass kit and have it installed in the door. The Chief would prefer a larger window; at least 24"x30". He will do some research on possible options and get some quotes. Kyle will talk with Ashland Lumber about taking the door back.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Building Permit for McClain, Map 5 Lot 146, 10 Patterson Lane

**Christina motioned to sign the building permit for McClain, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Flag for Everett Hobart Memorial Park

The Old Home Committee will purchase a flag specifically for events at the park. Funds will come out of the Patriotic Purposes line.

### Disposal of Town Property

The Board reviewed the proposals from two auctioneering companies and discussed the option of also using a realtor for selling some Town owned properties. Slim suggested that when properties go to auction the abutter be given the opportunity to match the highest bid and get the property. The Board will look at the list of properties on August 21 to determine which ones to list with a realtor and which ones to auction. The auctioned properties will be handled by James R. St. Jean Auctioneers.

### Groton Historical Society (GHS)

**Miles motioned to approve the GHS request to use the Town House for their annual meeting on September 22, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Inventory Penalties

James & Jody Alves: The Alves do not believe that they ever received the inventory form from the Town

but did not say they did not receive it leaving room for the possibility that it was misplaced etc. In addition, their history indicates that they either do not submit the form or they submit it late.

Terranova: sent in an inventory for one of two properties. However, with the waiver request, they did submit a copy of the original inventory for both lots indicating their intention to have submitted both to the Town prior to April 15. In addition, a review of their history shows that they consistently submit both inventories in a timely manner. The Board will give them the benefit of the doubt.

Girouard: maintain that they only received the inventory form on April 14 and mailed it on the next business day which was the 16<sup>th</sup>. The inventory was received by the Town on April 19. The stamp on the envelope was difficult to read and could be interpreted as either the 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board will give them the benefit of the doubt.

**Miles motioned to approve the inventory penalty waiver requests for Girouard and Terranova and deny the waiver request for Alves, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Forest Lands Reimbursement

**Christina motioned to sign the Forest Land Reimbursement application, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Request to use Everett Hobart Memorial Park

The Select Board granted Edward and Rita Smith's request to use the park on Sunday, August 26 from 1-4pm. The use of a grill is allowed but alcohol is prohibited at the park.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 2012 Tax Rate PDF Authorization

The Board authorized receiving the 2012 Tax Rate and accompanying paperwork via a PDF file.

#### Future Select Board Meetings

**Miles motioned to continue meeting every other week through the month of September with meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Speed Limit Signs

The new speed limit signs for River Road are not yet up. The Board will address this at the scheduled work session with the Road Agent. Slim Spafford would like to add the building permit signs to the same posts.

**Christina motioned to go into non public session at 9:19pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a,b), Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to return to public session at 9:37pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:38pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant