

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2012**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of August 7 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Auditor's Report/MS 60A

Miles motioned to sign the memo to the Auditor and the MS-60A form, Christina 2nd, so voted. The MS-60A amends the original MS-60 anticipated completion date.

Amended Septic Plans for Vintage Lands, LLC

Kyle motioned to sign the amended septic plans for Vintage Lands LLC, Christina 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 MS-5 Contract

Kyle motioned to sign the 2012 MS-5 contract, Miles 2nd, so voted. The contract represents a 2% increase over 2011. The MS-5 is the year-end financial report.

Letter from School Board

The School Board is asking the Select Board for their opinion of the interpretation of a school policy regarding tuition for seniors who move out of the district the summer before their senior year or during their senior year, and choose to complete their education at Newfound High School. The Board believes the language is clear; it requires that any students who have moved prior to the start of the school year should pay tuition, and those who have begun their senior year may remain without paying tuition. There is no other interpretation. Board will send a written response via email and snail mail.

Voting Delegate Authorization for Legislative Policy Conference/WS to Complete Discussion

Christina motioned to appoint Miles as the voting delegate for the Legislative Policy Conference, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining. The Board will review the policies in advance and state their position, and Miles will cast a vote on the Board's behalf during the conference. The Board scheduled a work session for Tuesday, September 4 at 5pm to finish reviewing the proposed policies.

Bixby Junkyard License Renewal

Kyle motioned to sign the Bixby Junkyard License Renewal Application, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Quotes for Engineering Services for Stream Crossing to Access Town Pond

The Board reviewed the quotes for the engineering services required to design a stream crossing to access the Town pond. The McIver quote is \$4,200 plus DES permit fees. The Moser quote is for \$4,500 plus DES permit fees and additional copy fees. **Miles motioned to award the engineering services to Neil McIver, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

2012 MS-1 Extension Request

Christina motioned to sign the MS-1 extension request, Kyle 2nd, so voted. There is some date entry that needs to be completed by the assessing company before the MS-1 can be filed.

2012 MS-4

The Board reviewed the MS-4 which is an update of estimated revenues. They agreed to \$10,000 for an overlay amount. Overlay money is used for items such as abatements.

Building Permit for Holland, Map 1 Lot 54-3, North Groton Road

Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Holland, Christina 2nd, so voted. Permit is for a 3 bedroom home.

Building Permit for Amaral, Map 2 Lot 9, North Groton Road

Christina motioned to sign the building permit for Amaral, Map 2 Lot 9, Miles 2nd, so voted. Permit is for a pavilion type structure.

Intent to Cut for Lounsbury, Map 6 Lot 86, Dodge Road

Kyle motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Lounsbury, Map 6 Lot 86, Christina 2nd, so voted.

NH DHR "Request for Project Review" workshop

Pam will attend the September 12 morning workshop in Concord. The office will open at 1:30pm. The Board will have to file a request for project review with the New Hampshire Department of Historical Resources as a part of the Acquisition/Demolition/Relocation of the Town Garage and Library grant.

Groton Wind Letter of Credit Form

Miles motioned to table this and forward to the Town attorney for review, Christina 2nd, so voted. If this results in causing Iberdrola to be in violation of the 60 day time period for issuing the letter of credit the Board is willing to extend them additional time if necessary.

Newfound Forestry Roundtable

Miles will represent the Board at the Newfound Watershed Forestry Roundtable scheduled for September

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Fill Disposal Agreements for Thompson and Goodwin

Kyle motioned to sign the fill disposal agreements for Thompson and Goodwin, Miles 2nd, so voted, Christina abstaining from voting on the Goodwin agreement.

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) Warrant for Belanger, Map 1 Lot 48-9

Miles motioned to sign the LUCT Warrant for Belanger, Map 1 Lot 48-9 Bailey Hill Road, Christina 2nd, so voted.

LUCT Warrant for Rodriguez, Map 1 Lot 48-2

Christina motioned to sign the LUCT Warrant for Rodriguez, Map 1 Lot 48-2, Miles 2nd, so voted.

LUCT Warrant for Montague, Map 10 Lot 4

Kyle motioned to sign the LUCT Warrant for Montague, Map 10 Lot 4, Stage Coach Road, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Septic Design for Chapman, Map 1 Lot 16

Christina motioned to sign the septic design for Chapman, Map 1 Lot 16, Bailey Hill Road, Miles 2nd, so voted.

September 14 Office Closing

The office will be closed on Friday, Sept 14.

Welfare Guidelines Public Hearing

The Board will set the public hearing after they review the final draft of the Guidelines.

Town Park Flag

Proper flag etiquette specifies that flags flown at night should be lit. Kyle suggested using a solar spot light. The Board agreed to leave the flag up for now and investigate the cost for a light. The flag will come down for the winter.

Meeting With Bob Berti

The Board would like to meet with Bob Berti to discuss the new appraisal for the lot across from the Transfer Station. A tentative work session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 4 at 5:00pm.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Old Home Day

The Board reported that this year's Old Home Day was a nice event. Only a small group of people showed up for the day time activities. There was a larger group for the evening events. They stated that

Glen Hansen did a good job with the fireworks. Miles noted that there is a lot of effort that goes into this event, and if they eliminated the vendors, those who organized the event and the politicians, it is a very small group that attends. Perhaps the Board should consider a change in the future. Christina stated that someone suggested having an evening only event: BBQ, music and fireworks. It could still be called Old Home Day. The Committee will have a closing meeting to discuss the event and how to go forward.

Road Committee

The next scheduled meeting for the Road Committee is August 29 at 6pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Miles stated that someone is dumping diapers on the roadside. Anyone with any knowledge of who might be doing this should contact the office.

The Board will move forward with listing three Town properties for sale with Old Mill Properties. They will also clarify the law regarding informing the former owner(s) of any tax deeded properties that were deeded by the Town less than 3 years ago and now being considered for sale.

Chief Pivirotto reported that there is a strip of road on North Groton Road that he believes needs some signage warning motorcyclists of the uneven road surface. There are some cones at the sight now but he does not think they offer sufficient advance notice for someone on a motorcycle, particularly at night. The area is scheduled for paving. The Chief would like signage to be in place until the area is paved. Pam will contact the Road Agent.

Miles motioned to tell Glen he has one week to get the new speed limit signs up on River Road, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant