

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2012**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Don Hart of My Pharmacy Saver address the Board and the audience. He stated that his company donates discount pharmacy cards to towns and cities. These cards are free to the residents to use at the pharmacy to get a prescription filled. The card cannot be combined with insurance. The Company encourages people to bring both the discount card and their insurance card to see which one provides the best price. Other organizations provide these types of cards (such as the United Way) but My Pharmacy Saver is the only one that pays a portion to the town. The Town gets \$3.00 for the first time the card is used and \$.30 for each additional usage. The initial contract is for 3 years and there is no cost to the municipality. The Town's of Monroe and Colebrook have just agreed to work with them. The Town of Gorham, Maine, has been working with them for about four months. The card covers medications that can be used for people and pets. A website is set up for each town so the residents can check which local pharmacies in the area are participating in the program. The Company receives all donations and forwards the town portion to each corresponding municipality.

The Board asked Pam to contact Gorham, Maine before they make a decision.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of November 13 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Power Line Spraying Prohibition

The Board reviewed the minutes of the 1972 Town meeting discussing spraying the power lines. There was no clarification of the intent recorded in the minutes. Miles stated that the courts normally use the plain, ordinary meaning of the words. He feels they mean the main transmission line. Christina's feels that all electric lines are power lines. Kyle refers to the main transmission lines as the power lines. When the issue was revisited a few years ago the discussion was about the main transmission lines not the CO-OP electric lines.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow Up on Junkyard 30 Day Letters

Kyle and Christina reported that there were no changes on the Fleming and Kolomick properties. The 30 day deadline issued by the Town has passed. **Kyle motioned to forward this to Town's attorney, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Transfer Station Roof

Kyle said he took a closer look at the Transfer Station roof and he believes it is safe. Miles agreed. However, they both believe that it will need to be replaced in the future. At this time they will try to close the holes, tap the nails down, etc. and through the budget process discuss replacing the roof. Ron Madan will provide roofing nails for the repair work.

Joe Koslow asked about trading out the old metal desk currently in the Transfer Station office for a desk that the Police Chief just took out of his office. The metal desk will go for scrap metal. The Board is fine with this. In addition, Joe will look to get doors installed on the back section of the building before year end.

Miles stated that a resident has asked about making the large blocks in the recycling area more visible now that it gets dark early. They are having difficulty seeing the blocks when they back up to the recycling dumpsters. The Board discussed painting the blocks with reflective paint or attaching some kind of reflective strips to the blocks. Kyle will look into what is available.

Quotes for Printing Welfare Vouchers

The Board looked at two quotes for printing the welfare vouchers and decided to purchase one hundred 3-part vouchers from the Department of Corrections for \$50.

2013 Perambulation Letters

Kyle motioned to sign the letters to Hebron and Alexandria regarding perambulating the town lines in 2013, Christina 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandra Hutchins re: Inventory Penalty

Ms. Hutchins asked the Board about the penalty on her tax bill for being 3 days late returning her inventories. She explained that she forgot to submit them because of her work load the week they were due. She does not mail them in but prefers to hand deliver them. The Hutchins own two lots and were assessed a fee for each. The Board explained that both the due date and the assessed penalty amount for each lot is set by state statute. They have abated this fee in the past for good cause. However, they do not believe that forgetting to hand it in constitutes good cause. Ms. Hutchins said she has always been consistent and feels there should be some leeway, especially for the first offense. Christina stated that the Board is trying to be consistent with this and have already set a precedent for what may or may not be considered good cause.

Inventory Penalty Abatement for Slim Spafford and Sharon Nelson

The Board agreed to abate the inventory penalty assessed on the vacant lot near Mr. Spafford's residence as he and Ms. Nelson only purchased the lot in September and therefore did not own the property last spring when the annual inventories were sent out.

Miles motioned to abate the inventory penalty for Slim Spafford and Sharon Nelson, Christina 2nd, so voted.

MAXAM Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

MAXAM's EAP is an internal operations plan for MAXAM and does not obligate the Town to do anything. Federal and State agencies oversee this facility. The Board asked Pam to make sure the Fire Chief gets a copy of the plan if he does not already have one. A copy has already been given to the Police Chief.

Abatement for Map 10 Lot 40 (unknown property taken by tax deed)

Christina motioned to sign the abatement for Map 10 Lot 40, Miles 2nd, so voted. This lot was taken by tax deed in August and will now be changed to exempt status, but an abatement of the 2012 taxes is required to clear the records.

2012 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate

Kyle motioned to sign the 2012 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate, Christina 2nd, so voted. The certificate documents that the Town has completed the trial equalization assessment and released the information to the Department of Revenue.

Purchase Order for Fire and Highway Radios

Christina motioned to sign the purchase order for the Fire and Highway Department radios, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The 50/50 grant for these radios was recently approved.

Hebron Fire/EMS Contract

Miles reported that the Board recently met with the Hebron Select Board and Fire Chief to discuss renewing the Fire/EMS contract. Hebron presented them with a proposed \$5,000 increase. The Board is looking to maintain good service at an affordable cost to the taxpayers. They are discussing the contract proposal and possible options.

Town Report Photos

The Board will be using two photos supplied by Groton Wind for the front and back covers of this year's Town Report. Also, a photo of Paul Adams who celebrated his 100th birthday this year will be in the report. Pam Yinger has volunteered to submit a short write up to accompany the photo.

2013 Tax Map Contract

Miles motioned to sign the 2013 tax map contract with Terra-Map, Christian 2nd, so voted. The contract price is the same as 2012.

Questions and Comments

Ron Madan inquired about putting the graphics on the trucks. The Board is meeting for a budget work session with the Road Agent next week and will discuss decals for the vehicles at that time.

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

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 9:40pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:41pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel