

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Miles motioned to approve the minutes of January 15 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Christina abstaining as she was not present at the January 15 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter to William Jolly

Christina motioned to sign the letter to William Jolly, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Groton/Plymouth Perambulation

Miles submitted his report on the perambulation of the Groton/Plymouth Town line. Under RSA 51:4, a return of the perambulation shall be made, recorded in the respective town books, and filed with the Secretary of State. Miles asked the other Board members if they felt they needed to follow up on this as the Town of Plymouth did not participate. He does not feel that a statutory perambulation was done. Pam will contact LGC regarding the necessity to send a report to the Secretary of State.

Letter to the Town of Hebron

Christina and Kyle would like to modify the letter Miles drafted regarding the Hebron Fire and EMS contract. Christina stated that she would keep the facts in the letter but perhaps tone it down a little. She agreed to work on a possible alternative that would be ready for the Board's review at tomorrow's work session. **Christina motioned to table the letter to Hebron, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Groton Wind, LLC

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) has scheduled a public session to discuss two matters; one of them deals with Groton Wind, LLC. Anyone wishing to intervene in these matters shall file a motion to intervene on or before February 8, 2013. **Christina motioned to contact the SEC to determine whether or not the Town of Groton is still considered an intervener, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Proposed Legislation

Christina stated that there is new legislation which would give a 100% property tax exemption for veteran's who are totally and permanently disabled. She has a number of questions regarding this:

- Would this legislation need to be specifically adopted by the municipality?
- Does it replace the current statute?
- Is there a cap? If an eligible veteran builds a million dollar home would he/she be totally exempt from property tax?
- When is the hearing?

Pam will contact LGC about these particular items and get the proposed language.

There is also proposed legislation that would be a permanent fix to the unintended consequences of the tax cap that was recently adopted by the Newfound Area School District. Fast track legislation addressed these consequences for this year. The Board is in favor of the permanent fix. Pam will contact Senator Forrester.

Resignation of Deputy Treasurer

The Deputy Treasurer has resigned from her position (she has relocated to another community). **Christina motioned to accept the resignation, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** Anyone interested in filling this position should contact the Treasurer, Darlene Andrews.

Emergency Management Director's (EMD) Position

Michael Lemieux will be stepping down as EMD in March. Fire Chief Roger Thompson has volunteered to take over that responsibility. The Board will send a letter of thanks to Mr. Lemieux for his work and dedication to the position.

Budget Work Session(s)

The Board will hold budget work sessions on the 24th and 28th at 5:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Candidate's Night

Candidate's night will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00pm. Anyone running for office may address the audience at that time. This includes candidates for School Board or Budget Committee. Anyone who cannot make it on the 12th may address the audience on the 19th.

Library

The Library has been given a circulation desk. Christina asked the other Board members about a possible location for storage of the desk. She will have pictures for them to review tomorrow.

Christina announced that the Library Trustees will be advertising for a Library Assistant's job.

Zoning Board

The Zoning Board will hold a rehearing on the EDP Renewables application for a meteorological tower on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00pm.

Christina motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:45pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 8:14pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel