

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

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

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of January 22 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

APPOINTMENTS

Iberdrola representatives Doren Emmett and Ryan Haley addressed the Board. Mr. Emmett gave a construction update of the Groton Wind project. There remain some 'punch list' items to finish (erosion control, reseeding, close out all permits, etc.). This will take place in the spring and summer. Mr. Emmett's work here is pretty much completed and Ryan Haley will be taking over as the plant manager. Mr. Haley also has some 'punch list' items to complete. Public Service of New Hampshire is working on some line upgrades as well. The Company plans to have their Operational Safety and Spill Prevention Control plans ready and submitted to the Town within 30 days. Maintenance of the roads will be addressed in the safety plan. Signs are posted at the project site and substation. Included on the signs is a 24 hour manned 866 number in case of emergencies. The Company has direct remote control over the wind farm. Currently their output is not limited by ISO-NE. They are at full production but because they are still finishing up punch list items not all turbines are running. Lifts are being installed in the turbines at this time requiring them to power down during the installation.

UPDATES

Groton Wind LLC: the Town of Groton still has intervener status.

SB 36 legislation: replaces current statute, is automatic (does not require adoption by the municipality), has no cap. The Select Board will draft a letter to our representatives suggesting some type of limitations (perhaps a cap) and a provision that this and other credits and exemptions be attached to the owner, not the property. Currently if someone who receives an exemption or credit sells their property after April 1, the exemption or credit does not get removed until the following year thus the new owner benefits.

Town House Furnace: Fuller does not believe that the issue with the clogged filters is because they are delivering dirty fuel. They strongly recommend servicing the boiler every 12 months and suggested using an additive as sludge can grow in the tanks. Mark Watson stated that when he was at sea they added germicide to their tanks because of this problem. Bill Jolly also stated that he has dealt with this before.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT)

The Board agreed that Miles will meet with a representative from DOT, Bob Berti, Alan Barnard and Glen Hansen to discuss possible access locations to the lot across from the Transfer Station at 10am on Friday, Feb 1.

Letter Rumney re: Fire/EMS Services

The Board drafted a letter regarding the increase in personnel costs proposed by the Town of Rumney for Fire/EMS services. They are looking for a \$4 an hour raise per person and a 3 hour minimum per call. In

addition, it appears as though that on a number of recent occasions Rumney has been unable to respond to calls. The Groton Fire Chief Roger Thompson is looking into this. **Kyle motioned to sign the letter to the Rumney Select Board, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Letter of Thanks to Mike Lemieux

Miles motioned to sign the letter of thanks to Mike Lemieux, Kyle 2nd, so voted. As the Town's Emergency Management Director (EMD), Mike updated/completed the Emergency Operations Plan, assisted in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and worked with our local departments and Hebron Fire/EMS to ensure the safety of Groton's residents. Fire Chief Roger Thompson will be taking his place as EMD.

Town Meeting Snow Date

Before choosing a Town Meeting snow date the Board will check the statutes regarding timing and deadlines.

NEW BUSINESS

Groton Historical Society (GHS) Request to use Hall

The Historical Society would like to use the Town Hall on Saturday, March 23 to host the program "350 Years of NH Wildlife".

Miles motioned to table this until they have information regarding a snow date for Town Meeting, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Abatement for Michael Kelley

Miles motioned to approve the abatement request for Michael Kelley, Map 1 Lot 40, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Veteran's Credit Application

Christina motioned to sign the veteran's credit application, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

FEMA

Christina motioned to sign the Project Completion & Certification Report and the Acceptance of Audit Requirements for FEMA, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Meeting with Alexandria, Grafton and Danbury Select Boards

The Board will meet in the large hall and set up tables to allow all Board members to be facing each other.

OTHER BUSINESS

Christina stated that she must move the Library circulation desk by Feb 9 or 19. She will take measurements of the desk as the Board had discussed possibly storing it at the Town Garage (second floor storage area) if able.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:02pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel