

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of February 19 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Groton Wind Signage

Groton Wind has already built and delivered the signs. They requested that the large sign be allowed to remain as is, especially since it includes emergency contact information. The Board acknowledged that the project is not subject to Town's Site Plan Review Regulations and as such have no objection to the signs remaining as built.

Letter Re: Fire/EMS Coverage

Christina motioned to sign the letter to the property owners directly affected by a potential contract change for Fire/EMS coverage, Miles 2nd, so voted. The public hearing to discuss this issue is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm at the Town House.

Return of Perambulation

Miles motioned to sign the letter to the Town of Plymouth regarding the Groton/Plymouth boundary perambulation, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Board has not heard back from the Towns of Hebron or Alexandria regarding perambulating those boundary lines this year. They will send a second letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Agent/River Road

Glen Hansen reported that he has received a complaint regarding how River Road is being maintained this winter. Glen stated that the complaint included a damaged mail box, and road edges and front yards being cut up. He has noticed that the Dorchester Road Agent has been pushing back too far with the wing and digging out the ditches too much. If there is a shelf over the ditch, it helps to eliminate freezing and ice on the roadway. He asked the Board if they want him to speak with the Road Agent or if they would prefer the discussion to be between the two Boards. The Board agreed that it is best to resolve this between the two Road Agents if possible. Glen will also try to talk to the residents on River Road to get a better understanding of the plowing work being done.

Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge

Glen and Pam met with a representative from North Country Council (John Krebs, Principal Planner) to discuss the Town's submission of the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge replacement for acceptance into the State's Ten Year Plan (TYP). The project was originally submitted in 2010. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has asked that all projects be resubmitted using their new project application form. Mr. Krebs was here to assist with the paperwork and discuss the project. In addition to a site visit with Glen, Mr. Krebs looked over the most recent DOT bridge inspection report and the current funds available in the Town's Capital Reserve fund for bridge replacement. Due to some changes at the State level on the distribution of funds, Mr. Krebs stated that there is a possibility that the State will take on this project for partial funding. As the quickest and cheapest replacement, he recommends that the bridge be replaced with a box culvert. The Town has not made any specific decisions regarding the replacement of this bridge. The Board expressed that whatever is chosen be sufficient enough to handle the weight of legally loaded logging trucks.

Hebron Ambulance & Fire Services Contract

Due to the upcoming public hearing regarding future Rumney Fire/EMS coverage, **Christina motioned to table signing this contract until after the public hearing, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Announce Candidates

Christina announced the names of all candidates for local and school offices. She reported that the State determines the order in which the names appear on the ballot.

Library Trustees

The Library Trustees will hold a book sale on Election Day, Tuesday, March 12. The Moderator has approved this.

Groton Historical Society

The Groton Historical Society will set up a display of memorabilia in the Library on Town Meeting Day, Saturday, March 16. The Moderator has approved this.

Town Meeting

The Town will supply coffee/tea during the meeting. Residents are asked to bring a donation of food to share.

Records Retention Policy

Pursuant RSA 33-A:3, "municipal officers or their designee together with the clerk, treasurer, an assessor, and the tax collector of each town shall constitute a committee to govern the disposition of municipal records." Before pursuing this, the Board will contact the Local Government Center to ascertain whether or not all Select Board members must be on the committee. **Christina motioned to table this until they get this answer, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Signature Cards for Meredith Village Savings Bank

Christina motioned to sign the signature cards, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The cards include the new Deputy Treasurer.

Road Agent Assistant

Christina announced that Robert Ellis will be joining the Road Department part-time as an assistant to the Road Agent.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Road Committee meeting has been rescheduled for March 1 at 6:00pm at the Town House.

The Library Trustees have cancelled their meeting until after Town Meeting.

Sherry Nelson requested that the Board member who did not support the warrant article designating funds for the Groton Historical Society, explain the reasons. The Select Board recommendation for this article is 2-1 and Miles confirmed that he is the opposition. She believes that as an elected official Miles owes the public the reasons why he is against the article. Miles stated that he will give his reasons at Town Meeting.

Christina motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 8:55pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 8:19pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel