

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
March 5, 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.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of February 26 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES**

Wind Development

Pam reported that she received a phone call from Alan Barnard regarding another wind farm lease agreement. Pam found a recorded agreement at the Grafton County Registry between property owner Auke-Jewell Hill, LLC and Alpine Ridge Wind Farm, LLC. Auke-Jewell Hill owns the 1,300 acre Jewell Hill tract. Miles reported that he had a conversation with someone from Timbervest who told him that a wind company had looked into something similar with their Kimball Hill property but that it had never progressed. He believes that the Town needs to be aware of these things. Miles stated that up to this point he has been fairly pro wind. He believes the current wind project in Groton is a good fit. But by no means is he looking to see the Town overrun by wind turbines. He believes wind energy is part of our energy solutions going forward but with the right balance.

Town Report

Pam reported that the Town Reports were printed today and will be available this week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rumney Fire/EMS Coverage

The Board reported that they received a letter from the Rumney Select Board requesting that the Fire/EMS contract be signed within 10 days. As the Board has scheduled a public hearing on March 19 to discuss future fire services for the north end of Groton, they are requesting an extension for signing the contract. In addition, Rumney has always asked that the contracts be signed after Town Meeting when the budget has been approved. **Miles motioned to sign the letter to the Rumney Board regarding the Fire/EMS contract, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Records Retention Policy

State Statute allows the Board to appoint a designee to the Municipal Record's Committee. **Christina motioned to appoint Pam as the Board's designee to be on the Committee, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** State Statute also requires that the Committee include an assessor. As the Select Board is considered the legal assessor for the municipality, Christina volunteered to serve on the committee. The Treasurer and the Tax Collector make up the rest of the committee. Pam will contact them and a meeting will be scheduled.

### Groton Wind pre PILOT payment

The Board reviewed the costs to install electricity at the park. The NHEC charges a \$190 engineering fee plus a \$142 easement fee, and \$25+/- pre foot for any distance over 250ft for underground lines or over 100ft for overhead lines. Minimum monthly electric fee is approximately \$25. In addition, the Town would be responsible for all materials and digging the trench. Solar options could also be researched. The Board will discuss this and any other ideas at the upcoming work session on Election Day.

### Cabinets

Kyle stated that he will try to have the strapping needed for hanging the cabinets ready by Election Day.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2013 Annual Inventory

Pam will have the Inventories printed by Election Day. Christina volunteered to start folding that day. Miles volunteered to come in on Friday, March 15 to continue the job.

### 2012 MS-5

**Christina motioned to sign the 2012 MS-5, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Emergency Management Grant Paper Work

**Kyle motioned to sign the FEMA paperwork, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The paperwork includes the Acceptance of Audit Requirements and the Final Performance & Expenditure Report. This paperwork along with a request to release the matching grant funds will be submitted to FEMA as the project has been completed.

### Memo to Trustees of the Trust Funds

**Christina motioned to sign the memo to the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** This is for the transfer of funds from the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the GPS used when perambulating the Groton/Plymouth boundary.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Christina announced the next Road Committee meeting scheduled for Friday at 5:00pm.

Slim Spafford asked when the roads will be posted. Pam will contact the Road Agent.

David Leone had some questions regarding the 2012 All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan has not been finalized or approved, nor has the Select Board received a copy. Kyle was the Board member who served on the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan committee. He stated that they are still waiting upon Planner June Garneau for the final plan. When asked where he saw this plan Mr. Leone stated online but did not say where. He also said it was not the complete document.

- Page 56: Mr. Leone stated that the plan says the Town has no local road standards. Mr. Leone believes the Planning Board has some road standards in the Subdivision Regulations.
- Page 77: Mr. Leone stated that the plan says the Road Committee and Road Agent will establish an accurate program for storm water upgrades and maintenance, and the location of culverts.

Currently, work done is on an as needed basis. This plan was supposed to be finished by January 2013. Christina responded that the Road Committee is working on a proposed plan which will include culverts but there was no January 2013 date and the Committee has not been approached by the Planner to give a definite time frame. Kyle stated that the plan was still in draft form and questioned whether or not this was a wrong date.

- Mr. Leone asked if there is a tree removal program as this is mentioned in the plan. The Board responded that there is a line item in the budget for hazardous tree removal however the electric company is responsible for a maintenance program for trees near their power lines.
- Mr. Leone stated that the plan says nothing will be done with the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge until 2017. Christina responded that this probably has to do with the current funding. Chuck Stata said this was based upon the last bridge inspection and that the project is listed as one of the top priorities. The date in the plan does not mean that the project cannot be acted upon sooner.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:40pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel