

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:54pm. With the approval of the other Board members Christina agreed to continue as chairwoman.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of March 5 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Christina reported on two pieces of legislation:

- SB 36 regarding a veteran's exemption has gone to committee for further study.
- SB 121 regarding the meals and rooms tax distribution was determined to be inexpedient to legislate.

OLD BUSINESS

Rumney Fire/EMS Coverage

After various discussions which included Groton Fire Chief Roger Thompson, Rumney Fire Chief Ken Ward, the Rumney and Groton Select Boards, and holding the public hearing, the Board has agreed to send a counter proposal which includes a change in compensation for non-certified personnel, a change in roll call procedure, and Chief Thompson's approval for any specialized training for the Town of Groton. Chief Ward and the Rumney Fire Commissioners are in agreement with this counter proposal.

Groton Pre PILOT Donation

The Board continued their discussion regarding use of the donated funds. Options include:

- purchasing additional tables
- folding table/chair cart
- new granite sign for the Town Hall
- new granite sign for the park
- new copy/print/scan/fax machine for the office.

In order for the donation funds to not go into the general fund the Town must earmark them for specific purposes. Pam will have a letter ready for the Board's review next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Lou Lieto: Conservation Commission

Mr. Lieto reported that six people have expressed interest in serving on the Conservation Commission. **Miles motioned to appoint Lou Lieto, Alison Bagley, David Demers, Robert Ferrierre, Paula Stata and Nancy Watson to the Conservation Commission with the terms of office to be determined,**

Christina 2nd, so voted. The Commission will meet to appoint a chair and determine initial terms of office which will be staggered in one, two and three year lengths.

Mr. Lieto stated that there is a daylong workshop being offered for Conservation Commissions. The fee is \$60. The Board stated that the Conservation Commission has a line item in the operating budget that can be used for this purpose.

Kimball Hill Property Committee

The Board asked Pam to post a notice on the website soliciting interest from the public to participate in a Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee. They believe a committee of 6 or so members with representation from the public, the Select Board, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission is best. The Board is asking for the public to respond within two weeks.

Lou Lieto asked the Board to consider creating an email distribution list to keep those interested informed and up-to-date on Town business. A message soliciting interest could be posted on the website.

House Science, Technology & Energy Committee

Anyone who wishes to comment on industrial wind farms may do so by emailing Representative Borden, Chairman of the House Science, Technology & Energy Committee at david@oursustainablenewhampshire.com.

Liability to be Taxed Hearing

Pursuant to RSA 74:10, anyone wishing to discuss their liability to be taxed with the Board may do so on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm.

Solid Waste Request For Proposal (RFP)

Pam presented the Board with the draft RFP for solid waste removal. The proposal also includes recyclables and construction & demolition debris removal. The Board will be ready to discuss the proposal on April 9. Joe Koslow reported that NRRA has agreed to take the glass still at the Transfer Station. In order to save on cost, the Town will transport the glass to Littleton where it will be recycled and used as aggregate.

US Census Bureau Request to use building

The US Census Bureau is looking for locations to host a recruiting session for anyone interested in working for the Census Bureau. The Board agreed that they may use the Town Hall for this purpose as long as the session is held during the week while the building is normally open.

Memo regarding 3/26 & 4/2 Payroll

As the Administrative Assistant will be out of the office from March 26 through April 2, all timesheets must be turned in by noon on the March 25th and April 1st.

Intents to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands, Map 9 Lots 2,8,10 & Map 1 Lot 29, 33

Kyle motioned to sign the Intents to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Veteran's Credit Application

Pursuant to RSA 72:28 IV, applicants for the veteran's credit must have received an honorable discharge. After speaking with the New Hampshire Veteran's Council and the Department of Revenue, the Board determined that the current applicant does not qualify as he is still on active duty and has never been discharged.

Town of Antrim, Antrim Wind/DRA Court Case

Howard Moffat of Orr & Reno is representing the Town of Antrim and Antrim Wind in a case against the Department of Revenue (DRA) having to do with DRA's methodology for assessing industrial wind farms that have a PILOT agreement. As this methodology has the potential to affect the Town of Groton, the Board would like to contact Attorney Moffat for a possible meeting before determining whether or not it is in Groton's best interest to become involved.

Coat Rack

Miles reported that Pam Yinger has donated a coat rack to the Town. Unfortunately, when the Board took it out of the box for inspection they found that it was actually a small drying rack and cannot be used by the Town. Pam will contact Ms. Yinger.

Christina motioned to adjourn at 9:35pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel