

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 28, 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.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of May 14 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Christina reported that during the first meeting of the RSA 195 Danbury/School Board Committee, a financial committee was created. They will research the costs of Danbury to withdraw from the district, positive versus negative, and have a report ready for the next meeting which is scheduled for June 24. There are a few other committees that will need to be established based upon the report from the financial committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Reschedule Park Inspection

The park will be inspected on Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00pm. In the event of rain the Board will meet at 6:00pm at the Town House to discuss the financial policy. Christina stated that she participated in a recent Park and Recreation safety class that reviewed requirements and recommendations for parks. One item was the use of wood chips instead of sand for a base under playground equipment. She will bring the information for the Board's review.

Solid Waste/Recyclables Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Board awarded the following bids:

Solid Waste - disposal and transportation with compactor maintenance included in the price to Casella.

Recyclables - disposal and transportation to Waste Management. The Board also agreed to change from commingled and cardboard/paper recycling to single stream recycling (all recyclable items are in one container).

Construction and Debris (C & D) - disposal and transportation to Casella. Time period for having a C&D dumpster available will be determined by the Town.

Miles motioned to award the Solid Waste and C&D bids to Casella and the Recycling bid to Waste Management, Christina 2nd, so voted. The Board would like the Companies to submit a three year contract with options to extend for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Committee Request for Proposal (RFP) Recommendation

The Board reviewed the preliminary RFP recommendations submitted by the Road Committee. Glen included some options for the Highway Department to do specific work in order to cut costs. However, the way the warrant articles were proposed at Town Meeting all of the work was going to be contracted and none was going to be done by the Highway Department. The Board reviewed all the specs, making a few changes/additions taking into consideration some feedback from Glen. A site visit for any prospective bidders will be required. The date will be decided once the amended specs have been completed and approved by the Board. The RFP will be posted on the LGC web site, Record Enterprise and Laconia Citizen.

Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee (KHPAC): Appointments and Confidentiality Agreement

Appointments:

At the request of the KHPAC, **Christina motioned to appoint Pam Ferriere and Bill Jolly to the KHPAC, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining.**

Confidentiality Agreement with Timbervest:

The Board has some concerns about the Agreement that Timbervest has requested them to sign including an overriding concern about how this might conflict with the Right to Know law. Pam will forward the agreement to the attorney to review it with that in mind and point out any other legal issue/concerns.

Conservation Commission

Lou Lieto has asked the Board to consider soliciting some help with cleaning the pond. There is no access to the pond via a vehicle but it can be accessed on foot. There are 25-30 tires in the water and bushes. Christina stated that there is other debris on site as well. The clean up is scheduled for Sunday, June 9 at 9:00am. Bring trash bags and wear gloves.

All-Ways Accessible Maintenance Contract

Kyle motioned to sign the All-Ways Accessible Maintenance Contract, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Fill Disposal Agreement

Miles motioned to sign the Fill Disposal Agreement, for wood chips, with Mike Lemieux, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Groton Wind Sound Study Work Plan

The Board concurs with Groton Wind's sound studies work plan. As a part of the wind farm's Certificate of Site and Facility, they are required to conduct post construction sound studies. As a sound meter will be set up at the Town House the Company has asked for the Board's agreement with the plan.

Junkyard

Court filing:

The Board does not believe that what was filed with the court is accurate because at one point the property owner had made some effort to come into compliance and the filing indicates that no effort was made. They would like the attorney to revise the filing to include this information.

Introductory letter:

Christina motioned to sign the junkyard introductory letter for a possible violation on North Groton Road, Miles 2nd, so voted. Christina asked the Board members if, going forward and specifically in light of the summer schedule, the Administrative Assistant should send these introductory letters right out or do they need to make a specific decision on each one. Miles and Kyle would like to make a decision on each individual case.

Timber Tax Warrant for Hall

If he is still interested, the Board would like to have Gordon Coursey review Reports of Cut before the warrant is issued. However, if he is unable to do this within a week of being notified Pam should generate the warrant for their signature.

Christina motioned to table the Timber Tax Warrant for Hall until next week, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council (GCSCC) Chore Corps

The GCSCC offers a program called Chore Corps which is designed to help older residents stay in their homes. Volunteers assist property owners with some basic chores such as shopping, general home maintenance, small carpentry jobs, yard work, etc.

Transfer Station

Joe Koslow stated that he will be making some contacts to get quotes for the repair of the gate. He also reported that a portion of a sill plate beam on the far building is rotted. He does not know the extent of the rot. Miles stated that he took a look at it and it can be repaired. The Board will look at it tomorrow during their work session.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Library

Christina reported that the Library Trustees have extended a conditional offer of employment to someone as Library Assistant.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Memorial Day

Christina stated the Groton Historical Society hosted a very nice service in honor of our Veterans on Memorial Day. About 50 people showed up to hear a variety of speakers, witness the raising of the flag and share some refreshments. She felt it was a great event and hoped that GHS would consider holding it again in the future.

Wind Farm Open House

James Joyce asked if the Wind Farm will be hosting an open house. Pam will reach out to them.

Christina motioned to go into non public session at 9:18pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a, d), Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to return to public session at 9:36pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:37pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel