

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2013**

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

Absent: Christina Goodwin

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of June 4 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE BIDS

The Board reviewed the 3 bids submitted for painting the Town House:

- Black Diamond Paint and Power Wash: \$11,700
- DeAngelis Painting & Drywall: \$5,580 (bid awarded)
- Home Partner: \$5,360

Kyle felt that the DeAngelis bid was more complete and comprehensive than the Home Partner bid. Miles stated that he would defer to Kyle as Kyle has more expertise in this area.

Kyle motioned to award the painting contract to DeAngelis, Miles 2nd, so voted.

The Town received only one bid for the construction projects (fire escape, Transfer Station roof and Salt Shed repair) and all quotes were higher than the amount allocated at Town Meeting. The Board will discuss how to proceed during a work session. **Miles motioned to table this until they have the opportunity to address it in a work session, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

OLD BUSINESS

Groton/Plymouth Return of Perambulation

The Town of Plymouth did sign off on the acknowledgement of perambulation. **Miles motioned to sign the Return of Perambulation, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Waste Management Recyclables Disposal Agreement

Kyle motioned to sign the Waste Management disposal contract, Miles 2nd, so voted. This contract is for single stream recycling and will begin this week. An educational flyer detailing what is to be recycled will be handed out at the Transfer Station, posted on the web and available at the Town Offices.

NEW BUSINESS

Webinar: Right To Know Requests

The Select Board's office will be closed from noon to 1:00pm on Wednesday, July 24 for this webinar.

Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee (KHPAC)

Chuck Stata reported that the KHPAC met with Brian Hotz from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) to discuss the Kimball Hill property. SPNHF is willing to assist the Town/Committee with a number of things including a formal evaluation of the property. Funding options for this evaluation are being investigated by SPNHF. The Committee is looking for a formal request from the Board to have SPNHF assist. Kyle and Miles agreed that the Committee already has the authority to conduct whatever research necessary without expending funds and thus a formal request is not necessary.

The Committee is also recommending that the matter of a confidentiality agreement between the Town and TimberVest be handled by the Town's Attorney. Chuck stated that SPNHF has never had to sign a confidentiality agreement, and they did not have to do so when they negotiated with TimberVest a number of years ago. If a confidentiality agreement is going to be signed they would like to look it over first. The Board agreed that the Attorney should handle this. They also want TimberVest to know up front that SPNHF will be involved; that they will be used as an agent. **Miles motioned to refer the confidentiality aspect of things to the Town's Attorney to reach out to the attorney for TimberVest to resolve this if it can be resolved quickly and easily with minimal expense, and to inform the Board if it cannot be resolved quickly and easily, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** The next KHPAC meeting is scheduled for June 25 at 7:00pm.

Sewall/Friend Property

The Board was made aware that recently there were several trucks coming out of the Sewall/Friend property loaded with gravel. Miles stated that there was excavated material on site which had been excavated some years ago and taxes already paid. The Board asked Pam to contact Mr. Sewall to clarify.

FairPoint Phone Service

FairPoint is offering a one price package that includes all calls whether local or long distance. It does require that the FairPoint Voice Mail system be used. Because of this the Board will give each department the option of whether or not to change phone service.

Schedule Work Sessions

A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30pm.

Green Acre Woodlands Conservation Easement

Kyle motioned to sign the Green Acre Woodlands Conservation Easement paperwork, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Green Acre Woodlands is putting the following lots into a Conservation Easement: Map 1, Lots 29 & 33, Map 3 Lot 1, and Map 10 Lots 15 & 25.

Realtor Request

Lorna Platts from Old Mill Properties would like a Board member to accompany her as she looks at two (2) properties on River Road in preparation for listing them for sale. Kyle is able to meet with her in the late afternoon either on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week. **Kyle motioned to table this until Lorna Platts can be contacted, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Board will be ready to submit changes, error corrections, etc. by the end of next week.

Building Permit for Bowen

The Board needs to have the Road Agent verify whether or not the intended carport will be in the Town's right of way (ROW). **Miles motioned to direct the Road Agent to immediately determine whether the carport will be in the ROW and immediately inform the Administrative Assistant, and for the Board to sign the building permit if the structure is not in ROW, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Casella Contract for Solid Waste Removal

Casella submitted a contract proposal with the tipping fee amount based upon the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District contract amounts. However, they also increased the hauling fee and added an environmental surcharge fee which makes the contract amount higher than the original bid. The Board did not want a new bid for solid waste disposal; they want a contract for the amount of money initially proposed by Casella. They are willing to meet with Casella representatives to discuss this if necessary.

Letter from Alexandria re: EDP Renewables Building Permit Application

Pursuant to RSA 674:53, the Alexandria Select Board submitted a letter to the Groton Select Board giving them notice of EDP Renewables' building permit application for a Met tower. Access to the site is via Groton roads. The Alexandria Board will be reviewing the application on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00pm. The Groton Board will contact the Local Government Center to get clarification on the statute such as which Board has jurisdiction (Planning, Select, etc) and the extent of their authority.

Bill Jolly expressed concern over what will be used as an access way. Mark Watson showed the Board a copy of the building permit application and a map showing the location of the Met

tower. The application does not specify which road will be used; it only says existing “skid trails”. Mr. Jolly believes the Board should exercise risk mitigation for whatever impacts Groton such as wetlands impacts, water quality, etc. for the project. Miles believes that their responsibilities lie with what is happening in Groton. The Board will also contact Alexandria to clarify road usage.

Wetlands Permit Application

Neil McIver asked for the Conservation Commissions’ endorsement of the wetlands engineering plans he has drawn up for the access way to the Town pond area. Pam will contact the Commission chair and ask to have Mr. McIver placed on the agenda. In addition, Mr. McIver reported that he needs a signed letter from the Board authorizing him to submit a wetlands permit application to the wetlands bureau on behalf of the Town of Groton. The Board responded that a letter will be drafted and signed after their nonpublic session.

Kyle motioned to go into non public session at 8:40pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 9:18pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to sign the letter authorizing Neil McIver to submit wetlands permit application to the Department of Environmental Services on behalf of the Town of Groton, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 9:20pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel