

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 29, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 22 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Transfer Station Roof

The roof repairs were completed today. The Board will take a look at the job before next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Access Road Change Orders

The Board reviewed the three change orders for the Cemetery Access Road project. They discussed the need for a culvert and decided to take a look at the area before signing the third change order which is for the removal of a culvert. **Christina motioned to sign the first two change orders, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

67 River Road

Kyle reported that he put a new padlock on the door and left the keys in the office. He also took the porch roof (which had been removed for safety reasons) and the old screen door and left them behind the building.

Electronics Recycling Day

The Board confirmed the location (Town House parking lot) and date/time (Saturday, May 31 from 9am-noon) for the Electronics Recycling Day.

Construction and Demolition Debris Policy

Pam confirmed that Joe Koslow had asked to have the one ton truck category removed as it was the same pricing as the large truck/large bed category. The Board agreed to remove that category. The one ton dump body will remain.

Junkyard

Miles motioned to sign all the Junkyard letters, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The letters are to schedule appointments for Ken Knowlton's final inspection for this year on November 4, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer Station Lighting

Kyle stated that there are 2 exterior lights at the Transfer Station that are not working. The Board discussed the type of bulb needed. Kyle will look into the options and costs.

Safety Committee Meeting

The Board scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for Tuesday, November 5 at 5:30 pm to complete the pre-winter inspection and preparation for the Town Office.

Old Home Day (OHD) and Groton Recreation Committee (GRC) Annual Report Submissions

Christina offered to write the OHD report but will confirm this with Vickie Kimball first. As the Town has no active Recreation Committee the Board agreed to use the same GRC report as last year.

UNH Cooperative Extension Workshop

Pam will attend the Forest Laws for Municipal Officials Workshop on Wednesday, November 20 in Campton. The office will be closed for the day.

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) Abatement

Christina motioned to sign the LUCT abatement for Bilodeau, Miles 2nd, so voted. The assessor had originally considered 2 acres as qualifying for removal from current use. However, after meeting with the owner for a site visit and reviewing the map submitted by the Bilodeaus, he determined that only .68 acres would be removed which will decrease the LUCT by \$130. The Bilodeaus have already paid the original LUCT filing fee. As this acreage change is due to assessor error, the Board agreed that they should not have to pay for any additional recording fees to correct with Grafton County Registry. Pam will contact the Department of Revenue (DRA) regarding properly filling out the MS-1 to account for the acre change and the annual 3% LUCT payment submitted to the Conservation Commission.

Workforce Housing Survey

Miles stated that he is not a proponent of government social engineering programs which he believes workforce housing is. There are efforts to repeal workforce housing legislation. The Board supports this effort. **Christina motioned to sign the position statement supporting the repeal of workforce housing legislation, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** This position statement will be forwarded to the State of New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senators.

Building Permit Application

Miles motioned to sign the building permit application for Lane, Map 2 Lot 7, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Library Trustees' Requests

The Board gave their permission for the Library Trustees to hold a Christmas party in the Town Hall on December 7 from 1-3 pm.

At the request of the bank, Trustee Marilyn Lieto asked for a letter from the Select Board affirming that at

this time she is the only trustee who will be signing checks on behalf of the Library Trustees. The Board agreed to draft a letter and reminded the audience that there is still one Trustee position open.

Amended Septic Plans for Morgan

Kyle motioned to sign the amended septic plans for Morgan, Map 6 Lot 12, Miles 2nd, so voted. The Board noted that no building has taken place since the foundation was put in last year. Ms. Morgan was sent a letter on October 8 giving her 30 days to apply for a building permit.

Intent to Cut for DiCecca

Charles DiCecca has submitted an Intent to Cut for his late father's property located off Hardy Country Road. Mr. Dicecca is claiming that he was appointed Trustee of the estate. However, the Town has no record of this appointment nor has Mr. Dicecca produced any documentation when asked, and there is no entry of a property transfer recorded at the registry. He maintains that he has been managing the property for 40 years and paying the taxes. The law requires that the owner of record sign the Intent, although the Trustee or someone with power of attorney may sign in the owner's stead. The Board is concerned with approving the Intent without supporting documentation. **Christina motioned to table this until Pam has spoken with the New Hampshire Municipal Association or the Town's attorney and Jesse Bushaw from the Department of Revenue, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

DRA Draft Value for Groton Wind

The DRA has released a draft value for the Groton Wind farm, which is \$126,156,101. The Board will contact Skip Sansoucy as he is involved in efforts to question the validity of Wind Farm values and potential legislative efforts to remedy the situation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Soccer Nets

Miles volunteered to take the nets down.

Transfer Station

Joe Koslow informed the Board that he will be replacing the locks on the gas and water wells at the Transfer Station. Many are rusted and unusable.

Joe asked about the signs for the lower entrance way to the Transfer Station. The State has not yet responded regarding the location for the signage. Christina will contact David Flynn who is the engineer for District 2.

Laconia Monument

Pam reported that she has not heard back from Laconia Monument since their visit here. The Board will contact them regarding the Town House and Hobart Park signs.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:33 pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel