

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2013**

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

Absent: Miles Sinclair

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of December 3 as written, Kyle 2nd so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfer Station

Monitoring Well

Joe Koslow gave an update on the situation with water monitoring well 1 at the Transfer Station. Geologist Judd Newcomb looked at the monitoring well today. He believes that the way the well is secured right now is sufficient. He will submit a report of his findings to Suzanne Wall and the Town. He is recommending that the Department of Environmental Services make the decision regarding whether or not the well must be replaced. If replacement is required he can be onsite for that process. Joe would like him to be considered as a future consultant as he is a qualified geologist and is able to do all of the sampling as well. This would streamline the process.

Lighting

The lights that Gary Easson proposed for the Transfer Station are being replaced by a different model. Mr. Easson will be purchasing a few models to use as demos which he is offering to install. This will allow the Board to see the output for each and make a decision. He is willing to install these at no cost as they will be used for demonstration purposes. The timer, the outside boxes and all wiring will be completed with the demo installation. Once a final model is chosen and installed, the town will be billed for the lights and one installation fee. The Board agreed to this proposal and will pay him \$25 toward fuel expenses for the demo installation. Mr. Easson's goal is to have the lights installed by Christmas.

Christmas and New Years' Schedule

The Transfer Station will be closed on the December 25 and January 1 for the holidays. It will be open on Thursday, December 26 from 1-7pm instead.

Wood from Tree that Came Down Across the Town House Driveway

Christina is the only person who expressed interest in the wood. She will make arrangements to pick it up. The insurance company will not pay for the clean up of the tree. There was discussion regarding whether or not the property owner is responsible. The Board is not going to pursue this. It was a small expense to clean it up.

NEW BUSINESS

139 River Road

Kyle motioned to sign the Quit Claim Deed for 139 River Road, Christina 2nd, so voted. This property was taken for delinquent taxes in 2009. It has been listed on the open market with Old Mill Properties, and the Board signed a purchase and sales agreement for \$22,500. The official closing date is Friday, December 13. **Christina motioned to sign the remaining closing documents, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** Christina will drop off the paperwork at Old Mill Properties tomorrow. Old Mill Properties is representing the Town at the closing and will deliver the check to Christina when it is ready.

Propane Delivery

The Board reviewed 3 bids submitted for a propane delivery to the Town House for the generator.

- Fuller Fuel: \$2.29 per gallon plus \$89 inspection fee
- Amerigas: \$2.39 per gallon
- Dead River: \$2.09 per gallon and complimentary inspection fee.

Kyle motioned to accept Dead River's bid for a propane delivery for the Town House, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Petition & Pole License

New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) has submitted a Petition and Pole License for NHEC and FairPoint for a pole on River Road. Due to the current FairPoint court case **Kyle motioned to forward this to Mitchell Municipal to review the paperwork, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Supplemental Intent to Cut for Nevers, Map 1 Lot 31

Christina motioned to sign the Supplemental Intent to Cut for Nevers, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

Christina motioned to stay with Property Liability Trust for Workers' Compensation insurance until June 31, 2014, Kyle 2nd so voted.

Release from Exclusive Right to Sell Agreement

Three Town properties that were taken by tax deed have been listed on the open market with Old Mill Properties. The Board is pulling the properties off the market for the winter, and will reassess and make determinations on how to list and which properties to list in the spring. **Christina motioned to sign the Release from Exclusive Right to Sell Agreement for the 3 properties, Kyle 2nd so voted.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Signs for Town House and Everett Hobart Park

Christina reported that she contacted Laconia Monument last Tuesday regarding the signs for the Town House and park. They promised to get numbers to her by last Wednesday. The Town has not heard back from them. In order for these funds to be available they must be encumbered or they will go into the general fund. The Board's original decision regarding this gift money was to purchase signs one year and

a printer/copier, tables and a folding chair cart the following year. The Board agreed to look into purchasing these other items this year and pursuing the signs with a different company next year.

Select Board Office Hours

The Board discussed closing the office at 1pm on Christmas Eve. No decision was made.

Kyle motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 8:19 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 9:25 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:26 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel