

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
January 14, 2014**

**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 January 7 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rumney Fire Contract Proposal for January-March

Fire Chief Roger Thompson addressed the Board. He does not recommend extending the fire contract with Rumney. The proposal for January through March asks for 50% of last year's contract amount, and the Board has not yet received the new proposed contract for April 2014-March 2015. Roger is concerned with the possible number that will be issued. In addition, Rumney has dropped EMS coverage for Groton as of December 31, 2013. Roger has spoken with Hebron Fire Chief John Fischer. Hebron responds to all Groton calls but has deferred command to Rumney Fire for those calls north of Halls Brook Road. Chief Fischer stated that he does not have any problem with responding to all the calls in Groton as they are already doing this. Roger spoke with Wentworth Fire Chief Ames regarding the possibility of Wentworth providing fire coverage for the north end of Groton. After discussions with the Wentworth Fire Commissioners and Select Board, Chief Ames reported that Wentworth is not prepared to extend their coverage beyond what they are currently doing. Roger will speak with Chief Ames about responding on an automatic for building fires only. This year Hebron responded to 63 calls, Rumney responded to 4 calls. Before making a final decision, the Board would like to hear back from Chief Ames and get something in writing from the Hebron Board that they are in agreement with this change.

**Miles motioned to table the contract, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Letter to Fire Marshal re: PSNH Project

**Christina motioned to sign the letter to the Fire Marshal for the PSNH Project, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Intent to Cut for JH Treehouse

The Board will allow JH Treehouse to exceed the posted weight limit on Edgar Albert Road subject to the Road Agent's discretion/determination that the road can sustain the exceeded weight. Glen Hansen will meet with the loggers before the project begins, document the condition of the road and take photos. He will monitor the road during the project. **Christina motioned to sign the JH Treehouse letter regarding weight limit, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

January-June Workers' Comp Renewal Confirmation

Christina explained that after a conversation with Scott Weden from Property Liability Trust, the Town is able to drop the Worker's Compensation coverage as of December 31, 2013. The Board will draft a letter of cancellation tonight.

### Photo Submission for Town Report

The Board has agreed to use a photo of the Veteran's monument for the cover of this year's Annual Report.

### Transfer Station Lighting

Kyle and Miles looked at the lighting at the Transfer Station and have agreed to go with Joe Koslow's recommendation. The Road Agent asked that the light on the south end of the building be adjusted as it is shining into oncoming traffic coming up the hill.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Primex Paperwork

The Board changed the start dates for Workers' Compensation from July 1 to January 1, 2014.

**Christina motioned to sign the Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation and Property Liability Insurance policy contract with Primex, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to sign the Power of Attorney paperwork, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** This will allow Primex to directly handle any unemployment cases.

### Application for Renewal of Groundwater management Permit

**Miles motioned to sign the renewal for the Groundwater Management Permit, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

The Department of Environmental Services issues a new permit every five (5) years. The State has reduced the amount of required testing at the Landfill from two (2) water and one (1) gas test per year to one (1) water and one (1) gas test.

### Letter from Senator Forrester

Senator Forrester is soliciting the Board's opinion regarding 3 pieces of legislation:

- Increasing gas tax: as long as it is used for highway purposes only, the Board supports this
- Expansion of Medicaid: no as it is too costly and not adequately regulated
- Expansion of gambling: no, it is opening a Pandora's box.

### Moonlight Computer Billing

The Town's IT person has not submitted the end of the year billing. The Board will allow him to submit by tomorrow so the Town can close the books. In addition, the Board would like him to submit some numbers for any potential computer upgrades due to the Microsoft XP issues.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Dave Leone asked if there is a list that he can put his name on so he can have the end Brock Lane sanded. He stated that there are school children who wait for the bus there, and he has seen the ends of private roads being sanded by the Town. Glen Hansen reported that he has number of private contracts and is being paid by the property owners for this work. He is using his own equipment.

**Christina motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 8:20 pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Miles motioned to return to public session at 8:45 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Pam drafted a letter cancelling Property Liability and Workers' Compensation insurance with Property Liability Trust. **Christina motioned to sign the letter to Property Liability Trust cancelling both Workers' Compensation and Property Liability Insurance, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:52 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant