

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2014**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of February 25 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Pole Licenses

The Board chose Monday, March 31 to hold the public hearing for amending the pole licenses. This will allow the Sheriff's Department more time to serve the notices which must be served at least two (2) weeks prior to the hearing. The Select Board meeting for that week will be changed to Monday and will begin immediately following the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Groton Wind Community Support: Old Home Day (OHD)

This year the Board will submit a request for \$1,200, which is an increase of \$200 over last year. Christina explained that the band that played at last year's event is no longer together, and she feels the Town will have to pay more for a different band this year. The OHD Committee will potentially meet in April.

Surplus Equipment

The Board would like all Department Heads to submit a list of their surplus equipment for the Board's review by next Tuesday.

Signs for Town House and Park

The Board reported that Laconia Monument never followed through with final quotes for signs for the Town House and Hobart Park. The Board will look into other companies who can provide the service.

Highway Safety Committee

In order for municipalities to be eligible for certain grants, they must have a Highway Safety Committee. With a grant deadline of March 3, the Police Department put together a committee that includes the Road Agent, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, the Police Chief, and Christina as the liaison to the Select Board. Christina has no problem serving in this capacity but wanted to run this by the other Board members first. The Committee should meet at least once a quarter. Christina will call a meeting for them to get organized.

Intent to Cut

A bond was posted for this Intent and will be submitted to the Treasurer. **Miles motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Dan Plumer, Map 2 Lot 115, River Road, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Town Garage

The heating bill for the Town garage is already over \$1,700 thus far this year, and the tank is scheduled for another fill in a few days. There are no fans in the building to circulate the warm air or drive it down from the ceiling. The Board directed Pam to get a price from Gary Easson for fans and installation, and move forward with this as soon as possible. The weather stripping around the doors needs to be replaced as well.

Town Report Proof

The Board has allocated \$900 for this year's annual report. The dedication photos will be printed in color if can be done within budget. The Board determined which financial pages would be printed on color paper and where the note page will be located.

Affordable Care Act Informational Events

The Town received some flyers with information on how/where/when to get assistance with applying for medical insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Pam will post them at the Town House. Jo O'Connor will include this information in her column.

Groton Historical Society (GHS)

The GHS will host "An Evening with Thomas Edison" on April 13 at 2:00 pm. **Christina motioned to approve the GHS request to use the Town house on April 13, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Office Closings

The Select Board's office will be closed on Friday, March 14 (FEMA audit) and Friday, March 21 (MS-5 audit).

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The logger working on North Groton Road addressed the Board. He stated that he had spoken with the Road Agent and Tony Albert from the State regarding the road postings. He asked the Board if the Town allows loggers to work even after the roads are posted as long as it is cold. He said that all the trucks would come in empty and all would exit via Halls Brook Road. Every town that he has worked in thus far has allowed them to continue working as long as it is cold, such as in the early morning or at night. The Board stated that they will defer to the Road Agent. They directed Pam to contact Glen to let him know that they deferred to him, and that he needs to be fair and consistent. If the weather supports it and the roads are not being damaged then they are fine with it.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:59 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant