

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 25, 2014**

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Miles Sinclair, Robert Ferriere, 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 March 18 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Town House and Everett Hobart Park Signs

Frank from Laconia Monument addressed the Board. He explained the delay in getting back to the Board, and stated that the Company will make both signs staying within the allotted amount. This will include setting the stones but does not include the concrete footings or site preparation if needed. There was discussion regarding the recommended footing requirements for each sign. The Board approved the final layout of the park sign and gave Frank the photo of Everett Hobart which will be on the sign. Frank assured the Board that the original photo will be returned. Pam reported that she forwarded the mountain scene file to the engraver who will create a proof for the Board's review. Frank should have the final proof of the Town House sign within a week.

Perambulation: Rumney & Hebron

The Board discussed what services they believe need to be included in the surveyor's quotes for perambulating the Hebron/Groton and Groton/Rumney town lines. In addition to the services listed on the Alexandria/Groton quote from last year, the Board would like to add resetting existing monuments where necessary, setting of monuments or markers (not steel pins) at all road crossings, GPS coordinates for all monuments and a final report for both municipalities including pictures.

MS-2

Miles motioned to sign the MS-2 report, Bob 2nd, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS

River Road Mailboxes

Glen stated there has been an ongoing problem with mailboxes being hit on River Road by the Dorchester Highway Department. He has had complaints from Fire Chief Roger Thompson and Roger's family members, and another resident who has contacted Glen on three separate occasions. Now there is a complaint by someone else. Glen believes that the Dorchester Highway Department is doing some very aggressive and improper winging. There was a problem with this last year. He feels that with a little extra care the problem could be rectified. Christina thought that Dorchester has reinstalled or replaced at least one mailbox already. Glen confirmed that he thinks one was replaced. He has spoken with the Dorchester Road Agent but it does not seem to have made an impact. He would like our Board to speak with the Dorchester Board. The Board agreed that Glen should speak with their Road Agent again. In addition,

they would like to know the status of the mailbox from the most recent complaint. If it needs to be replaced the Board believes the first step is for the resident to contact the Dorchester Board.

Building Permit for EDP Renewables

The Board addressed the fee amount for the permit. The applicant stated that the footprint, including the guide wires, will exceed 1,000 square feet. The original application was submitted with a \$10 fee attached. This was returned to the applicant. The new application included the correct fee amount of \$25 and the required bond. **Miles motioned to approve the building permit for EDP Renewables conditioned upon compliance to all the Zoning and Planning Board requirements, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

USDA Grant Application

The Board reviewed the grant application for the truck. The sander has been included in the overall cost of the project. They authorized Pam to apply for the System for Award Management (SAM) number. **Christina motioned to sign the Balance Sheet and Operating Budget Sheet, Miles 2nd, so voted.** The MS-2, MS-5 and MS-6 will be attached to these documents. **Christina motioned to sign the assurance form, Bob 2nd, so voted.** Based upon the recommendation of the Road Agent, the Board will purchase a Dodge Ram 5500. Auto Serve's quote is about \$400 less than Bonneville's. Glen said that the Bonneville bid is more complete and also includes the power take off prep. The Board would like Glen to verify everything in the quotes so they can compare "apples to apples" including whether or not there is a dealer fee to be added to the Auto Serve quote. Bob suggested that Glen make a list of all the features, submit it to Auto Serve and ask for their price. Submission of the application is not contingent upon choosing the vendor. Once all the changes are made and the numbers finalized the Board will sign the application if it meets their approval. **Miles motioned to sign the application once all the corrections are made, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Signature Cards

The Board reviewed the signature card for the Town's Meredith Village Savings Bank account for the Park and Recreation Revolving Fund and made a few adjustments to the powers granted section of the resolution page. **Miles motioned to make the corrections and sign the signature cards, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Schedule Safety Committee Meeting

The Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:00 pm.

Next Week's Select Board Meeting

Since the Board will be here for the public hearing on March 31, they will conduct any necessary business afterward.

North Groton Road

The logging trucks have left markings on the new pavement due to the use of chains. Glen believes that a slurry mix is what is needed for repairs. The affected area could wear faster than the non-damaged pavement if not repaired. The markings are similar to the marks left on asphalt by a snowmobile with picks in the tracks. There is no law that prohibits this. The Board directed Pam to contact the forester to let him know that about the issue.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mark Watson reported that a lawyer qualified for Rights Based Ordinances will be answering questions at the Bristol Library on April 5 from 10am-2pm.

Ann Joyce asked about the light above the porch. The Board believes it just needs a new bulb. Once the snow is gone they will address it.

Christina motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 8:55 pm, Miles 2nd so voted.

Miles motioned to return to public session at 9:45 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 9:46 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant