

TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2014

**In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere, Kyle Andrews and Sara Moores
(Administrative Assistant)**

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

APPOINTMENTS

- 7:30pm: Kevin Maes - State Representative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Select Board Work Sessions at the Town House

- Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 5:00pm
- Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 6:00pm

Planning Board meeting at the Town House

- Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00pm
- Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7:00pm

Conservation Commission meeting at the Town House

- Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00pm

Public Library meeting held by the Library Trustees at the Town House

- Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00pm

RSA 195 Committee Meeting at the Newfound High School

- Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:00pm

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014 as written, Bob 2nd, so voted.

KEVIN MAES

Kevin Maes introduced himself and explained that he is a candidate for Grafton 6. He is a first time candidate for State office. He is a retired educator, taught in special education for his entire career. He has also been in law enforcement for over 30 years and was a former Selectman in Rumney.

His main platform is for stability to be brought back to government, quality public education is the key to our future, job growth, and everyone should be able to talk. He doesn't think that any one party has a monopoly on good ideas so it is important that government listens to everyone. He has common sense. He grew up in a time where politics were not adversarial and everyone

was working for a common good. He doesn't see voting for one party. He encourages everyone to vote on the 4th as one vote can make a difference.

Joe Koslow mentioned that only 19% voted at the primary. He asked if there is any indication of turnout for this election. Kevin said they are expecting it to be higher but he would be surprised if they go over 50%.

Chuck asked how he would feel about getting a cell tower on the north end of our town. He said any time you can open communication up is important and people survive on the internet now. As a first time candidate he doesn't have a lot of background on this but he is a quick study. He said after he wins he would like to come back to the towns so he can go to Concord with what the towns need.

Joe Koslow mentioned when Jeanie Forrester was here she talked about infrastructure and how the roads are lousy and need a lot of work everywhere not just on Interstate 93. Kevin agreed. He said he would be the advocate for the roads and justify why that should be addressed.

Chuck asked where he taught. He explained he went to Keene State. He started teaching at Easter Seals the first year that they ran a high school program in 1976 in Manchester, then went to NH hospital as an adult ed teacher. He then became Director of Education at the hospital then to Toby school for special ed students. He was at the state hospital for 15 years and taught for the city of Manchester at West High School for a year. He was the director of student services for a year but then spent the next 16 years back in the classroom. His last 16 years were at Manchester at West High School and then he retired a few years ago.

Chuck asked what Kevin's position on for charter schools. He is a big fan of public schools but have to look at what works best for the kids. He explained he realized that public schools are not for every child.

Christina thanked Kevin for coming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Junkyard reports - 56 North Groton Rd, 38 Giovanna Rd, 24 Old Rumney Rd, Sculptured Rocks Rd

56 North Groton Rd

Christina said as long as they are continuing to clean up then we can work with them. Her only concern that the comments are more personal and we release these to the property owners. Kyle mentioned that these are the junkyard dog's opinions of what he inspected so he is fine with sending these.

38 Giovanna Rd

Christina explained that when the Board met with the Junkyard Dog, he had mentioned that he didn't know we went to court with this person last time. He feels he should be involved in these cases since he is the professional who has done the inspections. The Board agreed. Also, Christina explained that this is one that he had listed as marginal on previous reports, but was asked to take a stand one way or the other by the Board. In the meeting Christina explained to

him that if he feels it is marginal it should be in the report so that we do not take the next step. The Board agrees that this property should be on the radar for next year.

24 Old Rumney Rd

Bob mentioned this is in compliance now. The Board is very happy that this is good now but it has been in and out of compliance so we should continue to keep an eye on it. Sara will create a thank you letter for this property to have ready for next week's meeting.

Sculptured Rocks Rd

Christina mentioned this one does not constitute a violation anymore and the Board has been keeping an eye on it. This will be kept on the watch list.

Sara will send these reports to the property owners.

Signs for Laconia Monument

Kyle asked if the concrete for the signs has been poured yet. Christina explained that it has been and Sara said that Glen called Laconia Monument and left a message for Frank that they were ready for the installation.

Christina was concerned that the legs for the Town House need to be placed in the concrete and did talk to Glen about this. He said he will mix it up and pour it the day they come if it is required. Christina explained this is a tall heavy sign that if it is not in the concrete the wind will blow it over.

Kyle asked Sara to touch base with Glen and if he hasn't heard back to have Glen call Frank again about this as these signs need to be put up as soon as possible. Kyle said he would like these done by the end of the month. Sara confirmed that she will touch base with Glen.

Christina discussed the cost with the Board members. It was agreed that the cost of the signs will come out of the Groton Wind Community Support fund. If there isn't any money left over the cost of the installation, concrete, etc will be split between the park maintenance and the town house maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Permit - 177 Brock Lane

This building permit is for a 24'6" x 32'6" cape style log cabin, 1536 sq ft with two 8' x 32' porches. Christina explained this property is off grid with solar and wind power. Christina asked if they would need PUC approval. Kyle doesn't think that it would. The Board agreed if it is off grid it doesn't need to be energy efficient so they can sign the permit without the PUC approval. This permit also had the Release of Municipality Liability and Responsibility form that the Board also needs to sign as Brock Lane is a private road. **Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for 177 Brock Lane, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Posting for Voting

Laura created a posting for voting which includes the place and times. The voting we will be 8am to 7pm at the Town House. **Kyle motioned to sign the posting for voting, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Corrective Land Use Chase Tax (LUCT) form and letter

Christina explained that we were asked by Tom Hahn from FORECO to fill out a corrective form to be recorded with Grafton County Registry of Deeds for Map 9 Lot 2. Christina explained that Avitar confirmed these changes could be made. Sara called Grafton County Registry of Deeds to see what was needed to be done and they said a letter along with the corrected form. The Board reviewed the changes. **Christina motioned to sign the letter and form, Bob 2nd, so voted.**

Benefits of joining the Spectacle Pond Association (SPA)

Christina motioned to table this until budget, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund

Christina explained the memo is requesting the \$42,000.00 be transferred from the Truck Capital Reserve Fund to the Meredith Village Saving Bank account as directed on the Warrant Article for the new truck. **Kyle motioned to sign the Memo to Trustees of the Trust Funds, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Christina mentioned we will also be submitting the paperwork for the grant. We could get up to \$25,000.00 but may not get the entire amount.

Land Swap

Joe Koslow asked what the status is on the land swap with the Town Garage. Christina explained that it is still under review.

Scrap Metal

Joe Koslow mentioned that he and George went to a Department of Environmental Services (DES) class on Scrap Metal. George will be getting his renewal in the mail and Joe's is just for continuing education. This class was mainly for the commercial operations.

He also talked to Glen about moving the scrap metal and to get it done while there are three trucks available. He said they may get to it this week depending on where they are at with the paving. If it is not done this week it will be next week.

Joe submitted a flyer from Plymouth with their transfer station charges for comparison so we can know where we stand. He also said that he talked to them and they will take the refrigerators and appliances. They charges \$10 for each. We charge \$10 to take it so it will cost us a little for the labor and fuel. Joe said Sara can make out a check to the Town of Plymouth and will let Sara know how much to make the check out for. The Board said they are okay with this as long as it is efficient. The Board also explained that checks are only cut on Tuesdays so Joe needs to work with Sara on this.

Glass quote

Joe asked about the status of the quotes for the window at the Transfer Station. Sara explained we received a quote from MHF Builders for the window and it was in the Board's review folder. Joe will get a quote from Granite State Glass as well.

Signs

Christina told Joe Koslow that she doesn't have an update on the signs for the transfer station at this time. She mentioned she will call Thursday.

Election Day

Christina mentioned that election day would be a good day to do a marathon budget session, but Kyle has to work that day. Christina confirmed what time Bob will be in for elections, and advised that she may be a little later in the morning.

Warrant Article Submissions

Christina mentioned that we should check on the deadline for the departments to submit warrant articles to the Board by comparing to last year's requests. Sara will confirm.

Joint Loss Safety

Christina said that the Board is required to have a Joint Loss Safety Committee meeting at least once a quarter but she cannot remember the date of the last one. Sara will look up this information and bring to the Board to schedule.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Budget Meetings

Joe Koslow asked if the Board has started budget meetings yet. Christina explained that they have done a few and are thinking about doing a marathon session on a Saturday or Sunday to get it all done in one meeting. Joe mentioned a Saturday or Sunday may not work for him. The Board said he can come in at night then. Joe also mentioned he liked when they had a meeting with all of the department heads together and hopes this will happen again.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:02 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Moores
Administrative Assistant