

TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
December 30, 2014

**In Attendance: Kyle Andrews, Robert Ferriere, and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant)**

**Absent: Christina Goodwin**

**Audience Members Present**

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

**Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of December 16, 2014 as written, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Flagpole Light Quote*

Tabled to next week's meeting to review with a full Board.

*Moving the copier*

Tabled to next week's meeting to review with a full Board.

*Donated Laptop*

David Switaj mentioned that for the Supervisors they should get a new one but the Cemetery Trustees could use this one. This was tabled until next week's meeting to review with a full Board.

*Plow issues*

Glen talked to the Dorchester Road Agent and he stated the issues will improve. Glen will watch this for the next storm and let the Board know if there are any issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*MS-60A*

Sara presented the MS-60A form to the Board. The form must be submitted to the Department of Revenue each year, indicating the Town's audit option. As the Town elects an auditor, the locally elected auditor option was selected. **Bob motioned to sign the MS-60A, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted**

*Land Use Change Tax form for Map 1 Lot 48-9*

Avitar submitted their recommendation for a Land Use Change Tax to the Board to review. A tax warrant will be issued to the owner which reflects changes to the properties Current Use status. Kyle explained this is what Avitar is paid to do as the Assessing firm for the Town. **Kyle motioned to sign Land Use Change Tax for Map 1 Lot 48-9, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Schedule January Meetings*

Next week's meetings are already scheduled so the Board tabled until then to review.

*Letter from Library Trustees*

The Library Trustees submitted a request for disbursement of unused funds from the Town budget. This is done yearly and is allowed by statute. The Board approved and will have a check cut to disburse the funds.

*Memo to Trustees of Trust Fund*

Sara and Glen went over the charges caused by the storm damage not covered under any federal funding. The total amount of \$7,710.89 will be transferred from the Disaster Relief Fund to the General Fund to cover these charges. **Kyle motioned to sign the Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Nancy and Mark Watson- Letter to Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) regarding polling of Groton residents*

Mark Watson wants the Town to take a position on the Windfarms. The Planning Board sent out the questionnaires and 65% of the voters returned. The tally reflects that the Town overall is not in favor of any new wind turbines. Mark requested that the Board send the SEC a letter stating this information. He would also like the Board to consider a provision that any work that the Administrative Assistant does due to this wind turbine project should be kept track of in a separate spreadsheet and then billed accordingly. Rumney didn't track the Administrative Assistant's work so they were not able to claim the costs. Nancy said that she has a copy of the letter that other Towns have used and she will send it to Sara so the Sara can create a letter to the SEC regarding this.

Kyle and Bob are in favor of the letter and all wages being kept separate and anything they ask of the town. Sara will draft the letter and have ready for next week's meeting.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

*Kimball Hill property*

Mark Watson explained that there are funds for municipalities for grants that act as a middle man that they will pay it in the mean time. Will Abbott has this information. Chuck will call Will tomorrow to make sure he is talking to Brian Hotz regarding this. The Board mentioned the next Negotiation Committee meeting is January 6, 2015 at 4:00pm.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:17pm, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant