

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
July 2, 2013**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Miles motioned to approve the minutes of June 18 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted, Christina abstaining as she did not attend the meeting.**

**UPDATE**

RSA 195 Danbury/School Board Committee

The Committee met on June 24. The Finance Committee reported that it is feasible for Danbury to withdraw from the school district. However, the Danbury Select Board has said there were factors that had not been considered originally and at this time they would not support a withdrawal. A motion was made during the meeting that it is feasible but not suitable for Danbury to pursue the withdrawal at this time. The Committee will make this recommendation to the State. The research conducted by the Committee thus far will be condensed into a report, and pending response from the State, no additional research will be done.

**OLD BUSINESS**

TimberVest Confidentiality Agreement

The Town's attorney has submitted an amended draft of the Confidentiality Agreement with red-lined changes. The Board would like the attorney to explain/clarify the paragraph regarding non public sessions as it seems to indicate that the minutes are to be available to the public right away as opposed to when negotiations have ceased. In addition, would this agreement apply to the agents as well?

The Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee will also review the draft agreement and submit their input (if any) to the Board. They will also forward a copy to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests for review.

Webinar: Right to Know Request

The Select Board's office will be closed at noon on July 17 for part one of the Right to Know webinar.

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Christina and Kyle have not completed their review of the document. Miles has completed his review and will meet with Pam to go over any corrections/changes. Chuck recommended that the Board meet with planner June Garneau to go over the proposed changes/corrections. The Board feels the original All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee should meet with Ms. Garneau with the Select Board liaison. Pam will contact Ms. Garneau and the Committee members to arrange a meeting once all Board members have

completed their review.

#### Building Permit for Bowen

As it appears that the proposed structure is very close to the Town's right of way, **Christina motioned to table this until they verify that the proposed structure will not be in the Town's right of way, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** During a work session Kyle agreed to visit the property in the near future and take the necessary measurements.

#### Casella Contract for Solid Waste and C & D Removal

As the Board did not have the opportunity to read the contract, **Miles motioned to table this for two (2) weeks, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Office Closing: July 17-19

The Select Board office will be closed from noon July 17 through July 19.

#### Letter From Representative Jim Grenier regarding HB 305

Representative Jim Grenier from Sullivan District 7 sponsored HB 305 which is a bill to study the taxation problems of towns with electric generation facilities. As a member of the study committee he is asking for a local contact for Groton as well as the name the Groton state representative the Board would like him to dialogue with. The Board feels he should dialogue with both representatives and our senator. Pam will be the local contact at this time and will forward a copy of Representative Genier's letter to our representatives and senator.

#### KHPAC

Regarding the Administrative Assistant's role in assisting the Conservation Commission and the Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee; she will assist them as she does other committees/departments but will not be doing research, etc. for them. If there is something that comes up that either Committee needs additional assistance with they will contact the Select Board.

#### Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission Chairman Lou Lieto asked the Board what the Town's/Board's vision is for Groton Pond. The Board will look at the wording of the 2008 warrant article/Town meeting minutes that gave the oversight of the pond to the Conservation Commission for clarification first. Regarding liability issues; Pam will get contact information for the Town's Property/Liability insurance and forward this to Lou.

Regarding access to the Pond: the Conservation Commission agreed to have the Chairman sign the wetlands plans as drafted by Neil McIver. However they have expressed reservations on the design of the abutments and would like to meet with the person who designed the bridge (Glen Hansen). Lou reported that Mr. McIver maintained that it does not matter for the wetlands application whether poured concrete or waste block is used. The Board had also expressed concerns over the use of waste block and would rather see poured concrete. Glen had relayed to them that cost is a factor as they only received a certain amount of FEMA funding for this project. Pam will contact Glen regarding meeting with the Conservation Commission during their July 18 meeting.

### Schedule Work Sessions

A work session was scheduled for July 16 at 5:00 pm.

### Local Government Center (LGC) Health Trust Surplus

LGC will be issuing a refund for Medical and Dental premiums paid in 2010 and 2011. The Town has the option to receive a check or a 'contribution holiday' which is a credit toward current premiums. The Board chose to accept the check. The Town's portion of the refund is \$4,101.37. Those employees who contributed will also receive refunds. The Board agreed to keep this refund in mind when they set the tax rate as they believe the Town's portion should be applied to reduce the tax rate.

### Junkyard License Renewals: Rego & Hutchins

**Miles motioned to approve the Rego and Hutchins Junkyard License renewals, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Junkyard Inspection Reports

Giovana Road: the Board has not changed their decision regarding this property and will move forward with the current process.

Old Rumney Road: Based upon the most recent inspection this property is no longer in compliance and the property owner will receive a 30 day letter.

North Groton Road (active case): Significant progress has been made. The Board agreed to the property owner's request for a re-inspection in 2 months.

North Groton Road (new case): Property owner stated that they will become very busy with a construction project thus indicating that progress toward compliance will halt. The Board will send a letter stating that their policy has been to work with property owners to come into compliance but that there must be progress even when the construction begins.

North Groton Road (new case): The Board agreed with the Junkyard Dog's recommendation to re-inspect in one month.

Christina recommended and the Board agreed that they should keep an eye on a property on Halls Brook Road.

### Building Permit for O'Brien

The Board discussed possible future building permit requirements for lots that have been approved by the Planning Board with restrictions such as steep slopes, etc.

**Kyle motioned to approve the building permit for O'Brien, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### A.M. Rand Account Update

The Board updated the Town's A.M. Rand account including authorized purchasers, credit limit, etc.

### WebEOC Webinar

The Select Board's office will be closed Wednesday, July 10 at noon for a short webinar.

### Request by Painting Contractor

The painting contractor is requesting access to the building to remove screens in certain offices. Pam will make sure that all rooms on the first floor are made available to the painter. Screens from second floor offices do not need to be removed.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Christina announced that the Library Trustees have hired Cassandra Viger as the library assistant. At this time they are considering opening the library on Tuesdays from 3-7pm beginning July 16. The Trustees will confirm this after meeting with Ms. Viger next week.

**Christina motioned to go into non public session at 8:55pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a,d), Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to return to public session at 9:34 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:35 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel