

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 8 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Access Road

The Board reviewed the two bids that were submitted with the changes discussed last week: bonding amount and a culvert size change. They decided that the bond will be required. The Board feels that both bidders are qualified however, only one bid is within the amount appropriated at Town Meeting.

Christina motioned to award the bid to G.R. Hansen for \$8,217.50, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Glen will submit change orders for the bond amount (increase already reflected in the award amount) and culvert size change (decrease). Completion date is set for November 22. Glen does not feel that this project will interfere with the Bridge project.

There was some discussion regarding whether or not a culvert is needed for the project. Glen will look at the area and report back to the Board.

Anyone interested in the fire wood generated from the project should submit their name to the Board by November 5.

Junkyard

Miles motioned to sign the letter to the Ljunggrens thanking them for bringing their property into compliance, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Quote for Salt Shed Repairs

The quote for repairs to the salt shed is \$2,500. It does not include the roof. **Kyle motioned to award the salt shed repairs to MAV Remodeling for work to begin on October 19, and cut a deposit check, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Kyle reported that MAV Remodeling will submit a quote for a dormer for the fire escape as well.

John Fitzpatrick

Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed the Board regarding his building permit violations. After some discussion it was agreed that an assessor from Avitar will conduct a site visit to determine exactly what is there. In the interim Mr. Fitzpatrick will submit permit applications and PUC approvals for all the projects that he does not have the proper permits for.

Construction & Demolition Debris Policy

Miles reported that over the weekend he spoke with an attendant at the Transfer Station who was under the impression that if a load contained one shingle then the shingle rate would be charged. Also, there was some question regarding what is considered construction debris. There was a door and some vinyl siding in the overflow dumpster which he considers to be construction debris. The Board changed the Construction & Demolition Debris Policy as follows: strike the word 'any' before shingles and change the sentence to "All mixed loads that contain 25% or more of shingles will be charged the shingles rate." The attendants will exercise their discretion when determining the percentage. The Board will contact Casella to discuss what they consider to be construction debris.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Eastern Analytical

Christina motioned to sign the letter to Eastern Analytical, Miles 2nd, so voted. There has been some question regarding the accuracy of the testing results so the Board will be utilizing a different lab for the foreseeable future in order to establish consistency and correctness. The Town's consultant, Suzanne Wall, has recommended that the Board take this action.

Landfill Water Testing Quote

The Board reviewed the Landfill Water Testing quote submitted by Absolute Labs. One quote was for Absolute to draw the samples and do all the testing, the other was for Absolute to draw the samples and ship to ACT Labs for the metals testing. There was some question regarding whether or not the second quote included the fee for ACT Labs. In addition, in an email Suzanne Wall from Andover Geologic stated that a discount may be possible.

Miles motioned that if the issues are approved to the Board's satisfaction that they accept the quote for ACT Labs to do the metals testing, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Yield Tax For Green Acre Woodlands

Christina motioned to sign the Yield Tax Warrant for Green Acre Woodlands, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Heating Fuel Quotes

The Board received quotes from Irving Oil, Dead River and Fuller Fuel. **Kyle motioned to go with Fred Fuller, Miles 2nd, so voted.** Quoted price is \$3.275 per gallon which was the lowest price.

Building Permit for Carpenter, Map 2 Lot 69-2, Edgar Albert Road

Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Carpenter, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Memo to Trustees of the Trust Funds re: 2013 Trust Fund Appropriations

Christina motioned to sign the memo to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to transfer the funds as appropriated at Town Meeting, Miles 2nd, so voted.

After tallying up all the funds received from Old Home Day (OHD), the OHD Committee has a balance of \$208.71 remaining from the \$1,000 OHD donation received from Groton Wind. The Board agreed to transfer those funds into the OHD Expendable Trust Fund. Pam will have a memo ready for the Board's

signature next week.

Worker's Compensation Notice of Compliance

Miles motioned to sign and post the Notice of Compliance, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Tolman Request re: Involuntary Merger of Parcels

The Board has received a request from Frank Tolman to unmerge three lots that he owns which he says were involuntarily merged. The burden of proof to show that the lots were involuntarily merged falls to the Governing Body. The Board has spoken with the New Hampshire Municipal Association and learned that the intent/usage of the property by the owner is one of criteria used to determine whether or not the lots can be unmerged. They will continue to research the history of the property. In addition, they asked Pam to contact Mr. Tolman and let him know that should the lots be unmerged they could potentially be considered 3 buildable lots and would be taxed accordingly.

Christina motioned to table this until they have further information, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 8:38pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 9:02 pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:03 pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel