

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
November 5, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 29 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

APPOINTMENTS

County Commissioner Martha Richards

County Commissioner Martha Richards addressed the Board and audience. She gave a brief summary of various Departments within the County Government and their function including the County Nursing Home, Farm, Court, Corrections, etc. There are over 400 employees at the county complex, 50% are working in the nursing home. Ms. Richards reported that the wood chip biomass plant is online and expected to save thousands of dollars in heating costs and thousands of gallons of heating fuel (estimated decrease from 90,000 gallons to 9,000). She also reported that they are seeing a significant increase in the number of court cases. This year, County taxes were raised by 1.6%. The County has a Forester on staff whose services are available to the Town. Ms. Richards encouraged residents to visit the complex.

OLD BUSINESS

Bruce Barnard: Town House Septic System

Bruce Barnard submitted a sketch and gave a description of the repairs he did to the Town House septic tank. He also adjusted the inlet pipe to have a more consistent pitch. He suggested that each time the tank is pumped the exit screen should be cleaned as well. In addition he recommended an inspection of the leach field. This is something he could do in the spring.

Transfer Station Roof Repairs

Miles and Christina reported that on the downhill, road side of the Transfer Station roof, it appears as though a couple of screws did not catch the end or trim board. The Board will contact the contractor to come back and take care of it.

Cemetery Access Road

Culvert: The Board feels that a small culvert does need to be installed in the driveway entrance for the access road. Pam will pass this information along to Glen Hansen who will have to submit a new change order for a shorter/smaller culvert than what was specified in the bid.

Wood: There were two names submitted for the wood: George Evers and Christina Goodwin. Kyle and Miles agreed that the wood would be split between the two.

Amended Construction and Demolition/Debris Policy

Christina motioned to sign the Amended Construction and Demolition/Debris Policy and Fee Schedule, Miles 2nd, so voted. The amended document includes the recent changes to the policy.

Building Permit for Tkuchuk, Map 7 Lot 1 Halls Brook Road

In an email, the Tkuchuk's stated that they are intending to use an outhouse for the time being with the possibility of adding a composting toilet in the future. There is no running water on the property. Health Officer Chuck Stata can look at the pit to insure that it is built according to the required specifications. **Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Tkuchuk, Map 7 Lot 1, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Letter to Northway Bank

Miles motioned to sign the letter to Northway Bank, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The letter affirms that Trustee Marilyn Lieto is the sole Trustee who will be signing checks on behalf of the Library Trustees.

Intend to Cut for DiCecca

Kyle motioned to sign the letter to Mr. DiCecca, Christina 2nd, so voted. The letter is asking Mr. DiCecca to submit supporting documentation regarding his authority to sign the Intent to Cut by Nov 22 or they will have to deny the Intent. Mr. DiCecca is not the owner of record.

Junkyard

The Junkyard Dog had not yet submitted his official inspection reports but he met with Pam and reported that improvements had been made on the two properties and they are now considered marginal. Kyle confirmed that he has seen improvements on the Kolomick property. The Board will ask the attorney for her recommendation regarding the court case. If she feels the appropriate way to move forward is to draft a letter admonishing Mr. Kolomick to stay in compliance they are in agreement. The other property will be monitored next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

The Senior Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 23 from 11am-2pm at the Town House. Please contact Alyson Bagley at 744-6258 if you know of someone who is homebound and would like a meal delivered, or needs a ride to the Town House. Volunteers are welcome.

Workers' Comp, Property/Liability & Unemployment Insurance Quotes

Christina motioned to sign the paperwork to receive Workers' Comp, Property/Liability and Unemployment Insurance quotes from Primex, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Disposal Agreement for Patti Bailey

Patti Bailey is requesting the fill from the Cemetery Access Road project. The Board discussed the possibility of future use of this fill for the Town. It will be top soil which they believe the Town could utilize elsewhere. For this reason they did not approve the disposal agreement. Pam will inform Ms. Bailey. The contractor will pile the fill in a low spot in the back section of the Jenny Decoste Smith

Annex to the River Road Cemetery.

2013 Equalization Assessment Data Certificate

Christina motioned to sign the 2013 Equalization Assessment Data Certificate, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Building Permits for Patti Bailey, Map 2 Lot 109

Christina motioned to sign the building permits for Patti Bailey, Map 2 Lot 109, Miles 2nd, so voted.
It was noted that some building had already begun. The Board would like Ms. Bailey to be made aware that permits should be secured prior to building.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chuck Stata reported that the foresters chosen by KHPAC to do the timber cruise are unable to do it as they are currently working on a different project. The Committee is meeting on Thursday to discuss alternatives. They have chosen an assessor who will be sending a contract for their review. The projected cost for both is a little less than \$10,000. Lou Lieto stated that the Conservation Commission has offered up to \$7,000 but asks that the Town pay at least half of the costs or perhaps the total. Miles stated that he would be looking for them to split the cost. No decisions were made as final numbers are not yet available.

Kyle requested that they contact Bob Berti regarding the status of the lot across from the Transfer Station.

Tuesday's work session has been changed to 5:30 pm.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:58 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel