

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
December 3, 2013**

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

**Audience Members Present**

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Miles motioned to approve the minutes of November 26 as amended, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted, Kyle abstaining.** The word 'have' was missing in the second paragraph.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Transfer Station

*Monitoring Wells*

The Board reviewed the emails from Suzanne Wall regarding water monitoring wells 1 & 2 at the Transfer Station. Well number 2 needs to have the top ring tightened. Kyle and Joe Koslow will take care of this. The inner pipe on well number 1 is sticking out above the well casing and needs to be repaired. Until that can be accomplished Ms. Wall is concerned that the well be protected from frost. In an effort to confirm exactly what is needed to repair this well, Joe Koslow will contact Judd Newcomb, the geologist who did the most recent sampling round and informed the Town of the issue with well number 1.

*Lighting*

The Board discussed Gary Easson's lighting recommendations. They want to provide a sufficient amount of light for the most reasonable cost. After an explanation of the options, Gary recommended the 152 watt LED. They are comparable to a 250 watt Metal Halide and come with a 3 year warranty. A total of 2 lights are needed along with a timer and 2 weatherproof fixture boxes. The lights have a money back guarantee which means that if, after installation, the Board decided that an upgrade is necessary they could exchange these. The Board will order the bulbs from the company directly and Gary will supply the timer and fixture boxes.

*Video Surveillance Cameras*

Joe Koslow apologized to the Board for not discussing the video cameras with them prior to their installation. He stated that he misunderstood how the process works. He then explained the video system and camera placement. The video surveillance signs have come in and will be posted.

Intent to Cut for DiCecca

There continues to be some question regarding the document submitted by Mr. DiCecca. It appears that he and another person had petitioned the court to be made trustees but it is unclear whether or not Mr. DiCecca was granted the petition. The Board will clarify this with the Town's attorney. **Miles motioned to take the action recommended by the attorney, Christina, 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Town House Driveway Wood (fallen tree)

The Board will contact the Town's insurance company about seeking recovery for the expense of cutting up the tree and removing it. With regard to the wood, the property owner has given the Town permission to dispose of it. Anyone interested in the wood should contact the Board by Friday.

### Highway Department

#### *Covering the Sand Piles*

Glen Hansen stated that the sand piles will be covered on Wednesday (December 4). The Board wants this done no later than Friday.

#### *Catch Basin*

The Board discussed the catch basin at the bridge over the Cockermouth River (North Groton Road near the former Town Offices). The basin appears to be sinking. There is a cone in the hole right now. Glen stated that he believes it is the State bridge crew that would take care of this. The Board will send a notice of insufficiency to the Department of Transportation (DOT) which will compel them to address it.

#### *Trucks Entering Sign*

The State has not gotten back to the Town regarding placement of 'Trucks Entering' signs for the upper entrance way to the Transfer Station. Christina will contact DOT District Two Supervisor David Flynn. In the meantime, the signs will be ordered.

### Building Permit for AT&T

AT&T submitted a building permit to replace some existing antennas and add some additional antennas and equipment to the tower on Tenney Mountain. Under recently enacted legislation (Senate Bill 101), the Town has no jurisdiction over a project of this type and size. **Christina motioned to sign the building permit letter to AT&T, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** AT&T's packet of information will be returned along with the letter stating that the Town has no jurisdiction over this project and referring them to the State Fire Marshal's office.

### Newfound Newspaper

The Newfound Regional High School is now publishing a newspaper. **Christina motioned to allow The Newfounder for the High School to be placed out for distribution at the Town Offices, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted. Miles abstained as his daughter is on the staff of the newspaper and submitted the request to leave papers at the Town House.**

### Welfare Guidelines

There has been a change in the RSA regarding general assistance benefits for those whose receive cash assistance through New Hampshire's Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled or Old Age Assistance programs allowing municipalities to provide assistance if the guidelines adopted by the governing body authorize this. The law is unclear regarding eligibility requirements. The Board will contact the New Hampshire Municipal Association for clarification and their recommendation.

### Library Trustees Request

The Library Trustees are requesting that the fees for disposing of some old shelving in the Transfer Station C&D dumpster be waived. The Board granted their request.

### Abatement

**Christina motioned to approve the abatement for the Veteran's Credit, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** This credit had inadvertently been left off the final tax bill. The property owner has paid the corrected tax amount. This abatement provides the proper paper trail.

### 2014 Medical/Dental Transmittal

**Miles motioned to sign the 2014 Medical/Dental Transmittal, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted.** The Board will keep the same medical plan for the employees.

### Board Meetings/Work Sessions

The December 17 Select Board meeting has been changed to December 16. There will be no Board meetings on December 24 and 31. The December 30 meeting has been changed to a work session. The Board scheduled the following work sessions:

- Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 pm
- Monday, December 16, 5:30 pm
- Monday, December 30 at 6:00 pm.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Mark Watson asked if the Board has looked into a replacement for EMS services since Rumney will no longer be covering as of January 1, 2014. The Board responded that the Fire Chief has already been looking into this.

**Christina motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d) at 8:46 pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to return to public session at 9:07 pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:08 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel