

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2014**

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 8:13 pm, and announced the candidates for office. Candidate's night is scheduled for February 11.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of January 28 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Rumney Fire Contract Proposal

The Board is proposing an article to see if the Town wants to continue with Rumney Fire and EMS Services. **Christina motioned to table the contract until after Town Meeting, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Proposed Legislation

The Board reviewed letters written in response to two proposed Senate Bills (SB). SB 219, which would permit a legislative body to determine whether funds received from the sale of a cemetery lot shall be deposited into the Town's general fund or included in a cemetery trust fund. SB 289, which allows for the abatement of property taxes assessed for prior years' taxes. **Miles motioned to sign both letters to our Legislators, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Groton Wind Agreement Amendment

Groton Wind eliminated one paragraph that the Board was asking clarification on, and added the requested language to the amendment. **Kyle motioned to sign the amendment to the agreement with Groton Wind, Christina 2nd, so voted.** It is the Board's understanding, that this amendment will still need to be adopted by the Site Evaluation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Concern

Christina spoke with the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the rating on the bridge at the top of Halls Brook Road and was told that the bridge is not deficient and is the type of bridge that does not require a rating. DOT suggested that she contact the Bridge Division of DOT in Concord to verify or clarify further. The bridge on Halls Brook Road (known as Blanchard Bridge) and the bridge just past Snowburk Road on North Groton Road are both rated E2. There have been some concerns that the logging trucks coming out from Edgar Albert Road are exceeding the weight limit of these bridges. No board members have seen any of the trucks. Kyle stated that the DOT Weigh Team has said they would come out here. However, they are under-staffed with only two guys to cover the state. He has seen them on Route 25 in Rumney. The Board stated that if the Road Agent feels that the trucks are definitely overweight that he should call the State. However, his primary responsibility is the Town roads.

Regarding the new bridge behind the garage; the Town would have to hire structural engineer to inspect the bridge in order to determine the weight limit. The wetlands engineer who drew up plans for the project did not design the bridge.

Generator Maintenance

The generator had its annual maintenance check last week. The company did not do it last year even though the Town had paid for it. They have offered to return in the fall for another check this year. The Board does not want to do a second maintenance this year. They will not pay the contract fee for 2014 and will wait until 2015.

Primex Paperwork

The Company would like the Board to sign a three year contract. The Board would like to wait at least one year to determine if they are satisfied with the services before signing a multi-year contract. Regarding the Loss Mitigation Agreement; the Board has some questions regarding the applicability of Worker's Compensation in the Resolution. **Christina motioned to table this until next week's meeting, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Intent to Cut for Faucher, Map 2 Lots 46 & 47

Mr. Faucher submitted a check for \$58.08 as a bond for his proposed cut as he owes some back taxes. The Board discussed the need to set these funds aside in an interest bearing account. The Treasurer will look into this. **Christina motioned to sign the Intents to Cut for Faucher, Map 2 Lot 46 & 47, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Marina Chase would like a copy of Department of Revenue's review of her property. Pam will have that available.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:54 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant