

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 26 2009
7:00pm**

In Attendance: Michael Brogna, Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Pamela Hamel (AA)

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. He read the appointments and announcements to the audience, and then began the public hearing to discuss amending the Town's Ordinance Relative to Prohibiting Alcoholic Beverages on Town property.

Mike made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:51 and open the Selectmen's meeting, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike read the minutes of the May 19 Selectmen's meeting to the audience. He requested that whenever a motion is made to go into a nonpublic session, the RSA's citing the reason for the nonpublic be included in the minutes. **Mike made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Donna Arena had contacted the selectmen's office requesting an additional week before turning in the TWC petition signatures. She has a few more signatures to gather and Dawn Lemieux was unable to bring hers into the office this week. **Mike made a motion to grant additional time to gather more signatures, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board began the discussion on the Kennedy application for elderly exemption. Miles said he did not have the time to review this application or the Cross Veteran's Credit application and did not feel comfortable rendering a decision. **Mike made a motion to table this application and the Cross application for Veteran's credit, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the letter and pictures Health Officer Chuck Stata had supplied of the trailer that was removed from Map 7 Lot 40. The Board wanted to know if the pictures were of the insides of the trailer or of things that had been stored behind the trailer. Pam will contact the HO.

Mike read the update on the Stevens trailer on Map 5 Lot 54. Mr. Stevens pulled the trailer onto the lot in mid April. It is currently up on blocks. He plans to keep it there for 2-3 years. He knows he will be taxed on it. He has also filled out a building permit application for it. Bruce Barnard left a message saying that the original septic designs are for the RV but include a system large enough to accommodate 3 bedrooms. Mr. Stevens will have to have the plans amended when he builds.

Miles asked the other board members to read the Flood Ordinance. The ordinance is very specific about what is necessary when building in the flood zone. There is certain criteria that need to be met for building and septic designs. When building permit applications are submitted, he would like the Board to have a way of verifying whether or not these properties are in the flood zone.

Mike read an update on the unrecorded Quitclaim Deed. John and Sheila Psaledas are the owners of the property. They have the original notarized deed and will make sure it is recorded. There was some discussion on who is responsible for the transfer tax. Mrs. Psaledas is checking to see if they have a receipt indicating whether or not they paid that tax to the town at the time of purchase. Normally, this tax is paid to Grafton County Registry of Deeds at the time of recording.

The Board reviewed the building permit for Fleming. Chuck Stata had confirmed that they are not using a holding tank, just an outhouse. He also confirmed that there is no running water on the property. He said there is nothing in the town's health ordinance nor in state statutes limiting the amount of bedrooms when there is no septic, only an outhouse. Mike wanted to know what the additional room was going to be: a bedroom, living room, etc. He does not feel comfortable making a decision until he has this answer. **Miles made a motion to table this until all the questions and concerns have been taken care of , Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will contact the home owner and verify the status of the room, holding tank and running water.

Miles reviewed the road file regarding the status of Groton Hollow Road. He came upon some conflicting accounts, and still needs to review the minutes of various town meetings. Miles will continue to research and report his findings once he has finished.

Miles gave a brief update on the work session with the NH State Police Highway Enforcement officers. Sgt Begin and Cpl Huddleston had both taken a look at the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge and believe the Board's concerns about the bridge are legitimate. They reinforced that the E₂ bridge weight limit should be adhered to. They are willing to help enforce the weight limit and ask that the town let them know when the trucks are running.

Anne Tobine gave an update on the work done at the park. Two loads of stone dust were used on the baseball diamond. They also received a free load of sand. Don Merrill and his brother volunteered their labor and Mr. Merrill paid his crew out of his own pocket. Several Groton volunteers assisted in the work. What remains is to put lime and fertilizer on the baseball and soccer fields. Mr. Merrill will volunteer his time for this. One game has already been played at the field and the local Little League All-Stars have requested to use the field on Sunday for practice. Mrs. Tobine submitted paper work for payment for the stone dust. Total came to \$540. **Mike made a motion to approve the \$540 expenditure and forward the paperwork to the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Ms. Tobine also requested \$900 for the lime and fertilizer. Mr. Merrill will be making the purchase but does not have the upfront funds to do so. There was some discussion about taking money from the capital reserve fund when there are no receipts and the exact amount needed is not known. The Board discussed taking the money from the GRC revolving fund, making the purchase, and submitting the paperwork with the receipts and exact amount to the Trustees to take the money out of the GRC capital reserve fund to reimburse the revolving fund. **Mike made a motion to take the money out of the GRC revolving fund which will be reimbursed from their capital reserve fund once the purchase has been made, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mrs. Tobine asked the Board for permission for the GRC to hold a 'Spring into Summer Day' at the park on June 20. **Miles made a motion to allow the GRC to use the park on Saturday, June 20, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike asked Mrs. Tobine to submit a schedule for the Tapply Thompson Center baseball games once it is available.

Mike made a motion to ask the Road Agent if someone from the highway department would like to attend the Protecting Outdoor Worker Health & Safety Seminar, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to table the building permit for Stevens Map 5 Lot 54 until next week, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike would like to set up a work session with the Cemetery Trustees to discuss Town policy and procedure. Miles would like to discuss the Flood ordinance afterwards. A tentative meeting will take place on Monday, June 1st at 7:30pm.

Anne Tobine reported that the propane tank for the GRC's gas grill that was purchased last year is missing. She has asked several people if they know of its location. It appears to have been taken. It had been stored in the town garage over the winter. Miles believes the initial step is to notify the police department that it is missing. Mike does not believe that the GRC should have to pay to replace it. Kyle said he had an extra one for them. Helen Santoro also offered one.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant