

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and read the appointments and announcements.

Superintendent of Newfound Schools Marie Ross, and Tom Gill, Groton's School Board representative, addressed some concerns the Board of Selectmen had over the recently received student list for Groton. There were several students listed that no longer live in the town. Ms. Ross verified the dates of transfer for all except three. One of the three attended a private school this year. Two children moved from Groton to another town within the district in October but remained on Groton's roll. Ms. Ross explained the difficulty in tracking students who move to another town within the district. The school is dependent upon the parents to notify them of a change of address. Without this notification, the school has no way of knowing when a child moves from one town to another within the same district. The state tracks when students move from one district to another. Miles asked how often student lists are updated and about compensation to the town when they discover that a student has moved to another town. Ms. Ross replied that student enrollment is tracked daily as each child has a state assign ID number, and financial adjustments can be made. Any Federal Aid the school receives is based upon the enrollment as of October 1st. She will be verifying the status of the 3 students in question and get back to the Board about compensation. She will also be verifying the new list for the 2009/2010 school year. Mike asked if the student list is confidential as a resident has offered to call parents to verify student enrollment. Ms. Ross would like to contact the school's attorney as there could be some confidentiality issues with children who are in foster care. The Board asked Pam to contact LGC with the same question.

It was noted that the increase alone in Groton's responsibility for the school budget is equal to about 40% of the Town's operating budget. This is in part due to the increase in the school's overall budget and the percentage of the student body that is from Groton. That is why the student enrollment list must be accurate and up to date.

Mike asked about the steps to recede for the district. There are a number including the approval of the towns in the 2 districts involved.

Mike read the minutes of the July 7 selectmen's meeting. On page 2, paragraph 3, Miles asked to change **Mike to Miles** who had made the motion to appoint Susan Jayne as a cemetery trustee. **Mike made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reported that the Administrative Assistant will be assisting the Zoning Board much as she does other Boards: to work with them not for them.

Mike made a motion to table the Intent to Excavate for Ethier until all the necessary documentation is received, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Miles verified that the 1975

warrant article deals with building permits not permits to excavate. Thus a permit to excavate would be issued by the Planning Board. The Selectmen are responsible for the Intents to Excavate as these Intents deal with taxation.

Miles found no warrant article which prohibited parking at the Town garage as Mike Ethier had asserted a few weeks ago. He researched all the warrant articles starting in 1985. However, there might have been an ordinance voted on by a previous Board.

The Board met with the Library Trustees, and Richard Verville and Paul Hatch from FEMA to discuss the grants available for moving the library as well as the Town garage out of the flood way. FEMA money may be available. The town has already submitted a letter of Intent to file for a grant. The detailed application is due by November. By next spring the Town will hear whether or not the project has been chosen for further review. A final decision will not be made until the following fall. The process takes from 1½ to 2 years. There is a lot of leg work to be done in the meantime including determining the new location for the buildings. With respect to the garage, FEMA would acquire it and demolish it. Money from the acquisition would be used to rebuild in a new location.

Mike made a motion to table the Intent to Cut for Upper Birch Holdings until Gordon Coursey reviews it, Miles 2nd asking Pam to see that it is ready for the Thursday work session, all in favor, so voted.

Mike announced there is a survey from the Newfound School District available at the Town Clerk's office and Selectmen's office. Filled out surveys can be dropped off at the Town Clerk's office.

Betty Smolinsky reported that while the cemetery worker was mowing at the North Groton Cemetery someone drove by and threw a small bag of garbage into the cemetery.

Pam Yinger announced the 55th annual Hebron Fair, Saturday, July 25. The Church basement is open for anyone who wants to drop off auction items.

Shirley Leone asked about the duct work left on the power lines. Mike replied that the police had checked it out. The duct work belongs to Tim Pilcher and it is on his land.

The Conservation Commission and GRC made a small profit on the dance in spite of the rain. Over 60 people showed up. Officer Thompson has submitted a report for the Chief's review. It will be forwarded to the Board.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant