

**Town of Groton  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2009  
7:00pm**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and read the appointments, announcements and minutes of the August 18 selectmen's meeting. **Miles made a motion approve the minutes as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the letter to Mr. Ethier concerning his Intent to Excavate. They would like Pam to include a few specifics as reported in last week's minutes explaining why they are unable to sign his intent. **Mike made a motion to table this until the Thursday work session, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Miles made a motion to sign the deed waiver for the property with unknown ownership, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Miles will do some research to try and determine ownership. In the meantime, this property will remain in lien.

The Board discussed whether or not their signature is required on a deed waiver for a property in chapter 13 bankruptcy. The law does not allow them to deed a property that is in bankruptcy. Mike would like to see the RSAs that deal with this. **Kyle made a motion to table this until Thursday, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the MS-4 and the MS-1. **Mike made a motion to sign the MS-1, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** The MS-4 is a report of the town's estimated revenues for 2009 and does not require the Board's signature. The MS-1 is a report of the property value (land/buildings) of the town. The DRA will use both of these reports when calculating the 2009 tax rate.

The Board reviewed a letter from Salvator & Gail Catanzaro regarding wood chips that were dumped on their property at the corner of Sculptured Rocks and Orange Road. The Catanzaro's feel the town should not have allowed that to happen. They also do not think that the town has been supportive in their efforts to resolve this issue. They reported that Chief White wanted to make arrangements to have the chips cleaned up by the town and bill the logging company but the Selectmen were not in support of this. The Board responded that although they were aware of a problem with a street sign in that location that had been pushed over by the loggers they were not aware of any action by the Chief to make arrangements to have wood chips cleaned up. They also do not feel that the police should become bill collectors. The Road Agent had resolved the sign issue with the logging company. As far as the wood chips are concerned, they consider this to be a civil issue between the Catanzaro's and the logging company. The Catanzaro's avenue of relief is in the courts. If this had happened on Town property, the town would have the same recourse. If this was a case of illegal dumping, a police report should have been filed, and charges filed in court. The Board would like to speak with the Road Agent and the Chief to get their side of the story. **Miles made a motion to table this until they speak with Glen and the Chief, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the Timber Tax Warrant for Bardsley, Map 7 Lots 21, 45 & 46; Map 10 Lot 4 and Map 6 Lot 1. Mike asked if the state had gotten back to them to verify the numbers on the Report of Cut. Pam said they are still working on it. The Board has 30 days to bill this. **Mike made a motion to table this until they hear back from the state, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) is seeking a grant from the state to continue their work on the watershed project, and asking DES to classify Newfound Lake as a high-quality water of special significance. They are requesting a letter of support from the various watershed communities as a part of this grant application process. Miles has some questions about NLRA's request such as will this plan bring restrictions in and of itself, and will the towns become financially responsible once the grant money has run out. He also believes it is primarily the Planning Board's job to review the watershed master plan, and should they want the town to implement part or some of it, present this to the town. NLRA director Boyd Smith was unable to attend this evening's meeting but is available next week. **Miles made a motion to table this until they can hear from Boyd Smith, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant