

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 8, 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, announcements and minutes of the September 1 selectmen's meeting. **Mike made a motion approve the minutes as written, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Miles gave the following updates:

- Currently soliciting bids for the generator
- Waiting to hear back from fire Chief re work session time
- Waiting for a reply from LGC to find out what the town needs to do to represent their interests in a property that is in lien and in bankruptcy.

Letter to Plymouth Area Prosecutors is not yet drafted. **Mike made a motion to table the PAP letter, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining.** Pam will have it ready for the next selectmen's meeting.

LGC's advice to the town was to get the town's attorney involved in the Sewall/Robertie building permit and zoning violations. **Miles made a motion to forward the facts of the boat storage facility to the town's attorney, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the Groton/Dorchester Mutual Road Aid agreement and addendum. They made a few clarification changes. These will be typed up this week. **Mike made a motion to table this until the changes are made, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The DRA reviewed all 3 Reports of Cut submitted by Groton 1 Realty Trust/Gary Bardsley. They recommended billing 2 of the reports as is. For the third report, they recommend charging dooamage based upon RSA 79:12. The report submitted to the town was different from the report submitted to the DRA and from the mill slips. No hardwood, aspen or hemlock pulpwood was reported on the Town's copy of the report but it was included on the DRA's copy. Pulpwood has been included on the timber tax warrant based upon the DRA's recommendations. **Mike made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrants for Groton 1 Realty Trust, operations 08-193-09 & 16, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Mike made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant which includes dooamage for Groton 1 Realty Trust, operation 08-193-11, and attach the response from DRA to the bill, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Per warrant article 26, the Board of Selectmen will be replacing the Town Hall lights. A list of light fixture choices is available at the Town House. Residents are asked to review the selection and submit their choice by Tuesday, September 22.

The Board reviewed the DRA's mandate to update the current use files to separate wetlands from the unproductive category. Pam will be working on this project with some assistance from DRA during the next year.

Miles reported that according to the Emergency Operations Plan, the town should have a record of any special needs, including medical needs residents might have in case of an emergency, as well as animals/pet needs. The Board discussed the possibility of putting together a letter to town residents to include in the fall tax bill.

Mike announced that the Town house cleaning lady will be away for 2 weeks.

Dave Yeaton addressed the Board of Selectmen. He owns property on Province Road. Mr. Yeaton said 40 trees were recently cut when the town's right of way was cleared. He had spoken with the logger, Gordon Coursey, and marked 4 or 5 trees that were okay to be cut, but no others. He said Mr. Coursey assured him that only those marked would be cut. Mr. Yeaton asked the Board to refer to page 23 in A Hard Road to Travel. Anything over 4.8 inches in diameter at breast height cannot be cut without first notifying the landowner in a hand delivered letter or by certified mail. He suggested that the Board contact the town's attorney concerning this matter as he would like to see this issue taken care of amicably. He would appreciate a letter of response. He also said that some dead trees were left standing even though Mr. Coursey had said he would cut them.

Miles made a motion to set up a work session with Glen and Gordon, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Shirley Leone wanted to know if property owners have the first right to trees cut on their property when clearing the right of way. The Board will be looking into this.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant