

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and read the appointments, announcements and minutes of the October 6 selectmen's meeting. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike made a motion to sign the A-5 Land Use Change forms, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. These forms go along with the LUCT warrants that were signed last week. Pam redid the forms to look more professional as they will be sent to the registry for recording.

Mike made a motion to sign the building permit for Rawlinson, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to contact the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club and let them know that the Board is willing to forward invitations for them, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The Town records and microfiche which were sent to Ernie Blood for preservation have been returned. There were some questions concerning supplying a copy of the DVDs for the Historical Society:

- Does the Historical Society need to submit a request for copies to the Board?
- Who pays for the DVDs?

Miles made a motion to table this until they can review the minutes of the Board's original discussion about this, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The Board gave an update on the Police Chief search. LGC will re-advertise the position with an application deadline of October 23. Currently, three other New Hampshire towns are also advertising on Craig's list. **Kyle made a motion to advertise on Craig's list, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The road agent reported that he is ready for winter. Currently he has 200 yards of sand with an additional 250-300 scheduled to be brought in next week. He was able to get the sand at .50 per yard cheaper than last year. The salt shed is full. The plow and wing of the truck have been painted, and there is still a little painting to do on the dump body. Kyle asked if the hauling of sand was put out to bid. Glen replied that the bids he solicited last June were generic for hauling, not for a specific job. That bid was awarded to Gordon Coursey as long as his prices remained the same. The only one who responded to the road agent's request for a back up truck for plowing was Gordon Coursey. He has not yet submitted his numbers. Glen still plans to fill a few pot holes with asphalt and spot rake the gravel roads.

The Board gave an update on setting the 2009 tax rate. The school has not yet submitted their MS-24 and MS-25. These reports were due on September 1st. The tax rate cannot be set until this paperwork is

in. **Kyle made a motion to draft a letter to the superintendent, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** The letter will explain the predicament that the school's tardiness has put the town in which could potentially result in withholding payment to the school district if other payments need to be made.

Mike made a motion to grant the Historical Society permission to use the town hall on Saturday, November 14 for a presentation of Covered Bridges of New Hampshire, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Presentation is from 7-9, with a short business meeting beforehand.

The Board set up a work session with Mike Lemieux for Thursday, October 15 at 7pm. Topic of discussion is the Emergency Operation Plan.

Miles reported that Groton Wind (Iberdrola) is expected to make a proposal to the town for a PILOT agreement. This will include a sum of money for an attorney to represent the town during these negotiations. The Board is still looking to review agreements Iberdrola has made with other communities. Pam will contact Ed Cherian for more agreements.

Miles made a motion to approve the Leone building permit for a barn on the condition of personal use, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The Board asked Pam to be in contact with Mr. Robertie regarding permission to go onto the property, and to ask him if any additional work has been done on the building. If work has been done, the town's attorney will be contacted. The Board would like to focus on the building permit aspect of this. A cease and desist letter was sent via certified mail 2 weeks ago. Town has received the certified mail receipts.

Miles made a motion for Pam to contact Mr. Robertie and the Town's attorney, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant