

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2009
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and read the appointments, announcements and minutes of the October 27 selectmen's meeting. **Mike made a motion to make the following amendment: page two, paragraph 8, change 24th to 21st, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to sign the letter to the Groton Historical Society, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. The Board agreed the Historical Society may have the old lights from the town hall once they sign a waiver.

Pam spoke with Time Warner Cable representative Shelley Winchenbach. Ms. Winchenbach reported she had just received some maps of Groton which indicated that cable service was available the entire length of Sculptured Rocks Road and Jewell Hill Road. When Pam explained that cable is not run out that far Ms. Winchenbach said she would have to do further investigation. She is also awaiting another set of maps that should provide clarification. These will be forwarded to the Board for their review. **Mike made a motion to table this until further information is received, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the recommendations and the clarified bid for Gary Easson of G&E Electric. **Miles made a motion to award the bid to install the new town hall lights to G&E Electric, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike made a motion to sign & forward the letter to Timothy French, President of the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining due to a conflict. The club has requested to share a portion of Province Road with any logging companies who will be using it this winter.

After reviewing the building permit guidelines the Board determined that Mr. Aguiar needs a building permit for the construction of a roof for his dog kennel since it is larger than 100 sq. ft. **Miles made a motion to draft a letter to Mr. Aguiar noting the Board's findings, and include a copy of the building permit guidelines and a building permit application, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reported that RSA 31:95-b allows them to accept and expend unanticipated money. If the amount is over \$5,000 they must hold a public hearing. Groton Wind, LLC is offering the town up to \$10,000 for payment of out-of-pocket expenses and Professional fees incurred in the review of issues and execution of agreements related to the Wind Turbine project. **Miles made a motion to schedule a public hearing, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm at the Town House. Regular selectmen's meeting will follow.

The Board reviewed the memo from the Road Agent concerning the town's 67 River Road property. Glen Hansen discovered 2 wells on the property. Both have been temporarily covered. He recommends that one be filled in. Miles and Kyle would like to visit the site. **Mike made a motion to table this until Miles can do the research and come back with dimensions and any other recommendations, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** Helen Santoro suggested that if this site is to be used for a future cemetery, then the well be covered in such a way as to allow for a hand pump. She has noticed that people must bring their own water to the cemeteries for

watering plants at grave sites. Mike responded that if the town's people voted to have this as a future cemetery site this suggestion can be forwarded to the cemetery trustees.

To date there has been no response from Randall & Donna Goslin to the Board's September 15 request to remove some trees from their property that have fallen across the Cockermouth River. The Board would prefer to get written permission but would still like to go on the property if they only receive verbal permission. **Miles made a motion to contact the Goslins via phone to try to get permission and written authorization, if possible, to remove those trees from the river, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** The Board will be in contact with DES to make sure no permitting is necessary.

The Board reviewed a letter that was received by Peter & Sheryl David regarding the school bus that is parked on Campbell Lane. The author of the letter (signature not legible) alleges that he/she has spoken to the Board about this matter. The Board reported that no one has contacted them about this issue, and asked Pam to send a letter to the Davids letting them know this.

The Hardy Country Snowmobile Club has given the Board free tickets to one of their monthly meals as a show of their appreciation for the use of Groton land for their trails. A letter thanking the Club but declining the offer has been drafted. **Mike made a motion to sign and forward the letter to Hardy Country Snowmobile Club President Timothy French, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining due to a conflict.** Mike & Kyle do not feel they should accept the offer as they are not the owners of the land but are agents for the people of Groton.

The DRA will be here on Tuesday, November 10 at 1:30pm to set the 2009 tax rate. The Board will go into a work session immediately following.

Miles made a motion to sign the building permit for Maass, Map 7 Lot 35, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

The final 2009 Map changes will be ready to submit to Dollard Mapping by the end of this week.

The Board discussed a complaint received by Judie Demers regarding correcting the secretary during a public meeting. It appears that this revolves around whether or not a cover letter should have been sent to Ron Aguiar in response to his written request for public records. The Board feels that these specific types of corrections are administrative actions that should be dealt with in public. This was not a reprimand but a discussion as to how to go forward.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant