

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and read the appointments, announcements and minutes of the December 1st selectmen's meeting. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board set up a tentative work session with TWC representatives for Thursday, January 7, late afternoon, specific time to be determined.

Several weeks ago David Yetman asked to meet with the Board, Gordon Coursey and the Road Agent to discuss the cutting on Province Road. He was going to be away for a few weeks and had stipulated that he would call some time after his return to set up an appointment. Since the Selectmen have not heard from him, Miles feels it is appropriate to make contact with Mr. Yetman as it is best to deal with any concerns or possible conflicts. Mike feels that it would be better to wait for Mr. Yetman to be in touch with them. **Miles made a motion to contact Mr. Yetman, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

The Board requests that anyone who has a picture they would like considered for the cover of the Town Report should submit it to their office. They would like Pam to solicit bids for printing the report, and to put together a memo to all Department and Committee heads to submit their annual report for publication in the Town Report.

The deadline to submit applications for the town house cleaning position is Tuesday, December 15.

Mike made a motion to sign the 2009 tax abatement for Toshack, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. The Toshacks were paying taxes on a camp they owned which was on state land. In an agreement with the state, they were allowed to continue to use this camp until they passed away at which time the life estate to the property held by the Toshacks would be extinguished and all rights would be held by the State of New Hampshire (which is tax exempt). Mr. Toshack passed away in 2005, his wife passed in 2007.

Mike made a motion to sign an abatement for the inventory penalty for Mike Lemieux, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. The Administrative Assistant made a clerical error in assigning a penalty as Mr. Lemieux had submitted his inventory in a timely manner.

The Board discussed the status of the unknown property and whether or not the taxes should be abated. They expressed concern over abating and then discovering who the owner is. **Mike made a motion to table this until further research has been done, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Timbervest, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to sign the Intent to Cut for Comeau, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles opposed as he does not feel it is legally necessary. This cut is exempt from taxation under RSA 79 as the trees being cut are either within the striking distance of the house or part of land conversion. However, the logger would like to have the Intent in case he is questioned by others.

Mike made a motion to deny the building permit for Blanchette due to the inadequate description of the building, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Based upon the building permit application and guidelines, the Board needs a more precise description of the building. Current description reads “at least a 2 stall garage 24x24 or more.”

The Board set up a budget work session for Tuesday, December 15 at 2pm to meet with the Police Chief and Road Agent.

The board is sending a letter to the Grafton County Conservation District requesting assistance dealing with the trees that have fallen from the Goslin property into the Cockermouth River. Mike wanted to stress that the Board is being very careful to assist the Goslins only as far as this assistance is a benefit to the community. Miles voiced that he believes the Board’s level of assistance is for the benefit of the town as a flood affects everyone. **Mike made a motion to sign the letter to the Grafton County Conservation District, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Pam Yinger reported that the GRC’s craft fair went well, better than last year’s, and the recreation committee made a profit. The committee is currently working on having the ice rink ready for use this winter.

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant