

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 22, 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. Appointments, announcements and minutes of the December 15 selectmen's meeting were read. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board reviewed the insurance rates/plans available for the employees. There are 3 possible plans: the current plan which could cost the town up to \$38,579, option 1 which has a different RX plan and could cost up to \$37,532 and option 2 which has a different RX plan, higher co-pays and deductibles and could cost up to \$36,594. Pam spoke with Laura and Glen about their plan preference. Pam and Laura would like option 1, Glen would like option 1 or 2. Miles thanked the employees for their willingness, two years in a row, to take a lesser plan in order to save the town some money. The Board agreed that they will have to sit down and figure out the best way to fund these premiums. Currently, employees are covered at 100% and any family members on the plan at 60%. **Miles made a motion to select option one for the employees health benefit, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

After reviewing the cleaning position applications the Board has determined that all applicants should be interviewed. **Mike made a motion to set up interviews with all four candidates, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Mike made a motion to set up the interviews after the holidays are over, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike made a motion to accept Bruce Jones' resignation from the ZBA effective March 1, 2010, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. There was some question as to whether or not his position can be placed on the ballot as the effective date is after the filing period. No one knew of any reasons why the position should not be on the ballot except in the case of Mr. Jones changing his mind. However, the Board is acting in good faith by accepting the resignation as is.

Miles made a motion to sign the 2010 contract for Andover Geologic for landfill monitoring, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Contract amount is for \$2,500. Ms. Wall has also asked for an additional \$1,000 to be placed in a contingency fund as there is some additional testing required this year and she might look to petition the state to have this testing suspended. This money can be released only after discussion and approval of the Board.

Mike read a letter from the Groton Planning Board notifying the Board that they will not be requiring Site Plan Review for Groton Wind LLC as the State pre-empts their site plan review process.

Mike made a motion to sign the 2010 Worker's Compensation Notice of Compliance Form, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted. State law requires this notice be posted.

Miles made a motion to sign the Building Permit for Groton Wind LLC for two 60 meter meteorological towers, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Groton Wind received their special exception and site plan review approval in August.

The Board reviewed the billing for the 2009 map changes. Actual total came to \$3,235, however, Dollard Associates is willing to cut that figure down to \$2,800 as that is the amount previously discussed. There were an

extraordinary amount of corrections and changes this year as no maps were done in 2008. The amount budgeted was \$1,500. **Miles made a motion to pay the \$2,800 and find the money elsewhere in the budget, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** The Board would also like a letter of thanks and appreciate sent to Mr. Dollard for volunteering to cut \$435 off the bill.

In 2008 the town voted to open an Old Home Day expendable trust fund which should be overseen by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. When the fund was set up, it was as a regular revolving fund. **Mike made a motion to cancel the regular fund and set up the correct trust fund account, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Pam reported that she has not been able to contact Lakes Region Two-Way or heard back from Mike Lemieux concerning gathering the necessary paperwork for the Board to be able to encumber the funds for the radios/repeater that were voted on at last year's Town Meeting. Miles asked that Pam call Mike instead of depending upon email correspondence alone. Also, if the funds are not encumbered this year a new warrant article would need to be submitted. **Miles made a motion to table this for a week and try to get a hold of Mike Lemieux to see if this can be resolved and, if not, it can be revisited next week, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board would like Pam to clarify through LGC whether or not the funds received from Groton Wind LLC for legal and professional expenses will need to be encumbered.

From the GRC: John Fischer will try to flood the ice rink sometime this week.

Jo O'Connor suggested the Mike Lemieux begin the radio license process ASAP. The Board will pass this along to Mike.

The Board reported that they have asked Tower Resource Management, the company that contacted the town about putting up a cell tower in Groton, to submit a proposal by January 15 for the Board's consideration for this year's warrant.

Mike made a motion to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 at 7:57pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to close the non public session at 8:30pm and go back into public session, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Miles let Mike know that he would like him to come back and be a part of the budget work sessions. Mike replied that he will be back and would have been there today but he was called in to work. He explained that he was having a difficult day the previous week which is why he left during the work session. He did not mean for any members of the Board to take it personally. He also does not want the Board to short change themselves as far as the budget is concerned just because the school budget continues to climb. The Town's budget is already very tight.

The Board asked Pam to set up a work session with Chief White for next Tuesday.

Miles made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public meeting, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant