

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Appointments, announcements and minutes of the January 5 selectmen's meeting were read. Miles asked to amend the meeting date from January 2 to January 5. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Updates: Judie Demers has been hired to fill the cleaning position.

The Board did receive a copy of the water test results but has not had the opportunity to review it.

Mike made a motion to sign the letters to Faucher and Bentley regarding the trailer on Bailey Hill Road, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. The Board reported they have been advised by the Fire Chief and Health Officer that there are no fire or health violations on the property.

The Board met with 2 representatives of TWC and discussed the requirements for build out. TWC will accept 20 houses per mile as this fits into their rate of return ratio. The Sculptured Rocks area has about 10 houses per mile. They discussed cost sharing options including having a warrant article to allow the town's people to decide if they would like to subsidize this. The Board is not in favor of supplementing private business. TWC would pick up some of the cost. There is also the option of allowing the property owners to work out a payment plan. They did say that TWC looks very closely at areas that have businesses as they are usually able to sign contracts with them. There are 2 businesses off Sculptured Rocks Road. TWC should be supplying the Board with some numbers within the next few weeks. Jo O'Connor does not feel the town should supplement this. If property owners choose to live beyond services they normally must pay to have those services brought to them. She cited electricity as an example. Again, the Board is not in favor of supplementing private business.

TWC is required by law to notify the municipality when any of their network contracts are expiring. This is done by certified mail. The Board can opt out of receiving this mail and visit a TWC website set up specifically for this reason. **Mike made a motion to leave the situation as status quo, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The CPR and AED training class scheduled for Saturday, February 13, will be held at the Hebron Safety Complex. Although this training is not mandatory the Board does encourage attendance. Pam is willing to volunteer her time to attend the class but would like the town to pay the \$20 for the class and the CPR mask. There is an AED machine in the Town House and she believes she should know how to use it. Mike feels the town is not responsible to pay for this training, and that the Administrative Assistant should pay for it herself. Both Miles and Kyle disagree. They feel the town should pay for the training in order to have someone in the building who knows how to use the machine. **Miles made a motion that if Pam is willing to donate her time to take this class the town will pay for the course and mask, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Mike opposed.**

The Board reviewed the 1999 warrant article establishing the Town House Capital Reserve Fund. The fund can be used for maintenance and repairs. This article did not give the Board authority to expend from the fund. Pam will print out a copy of that article and also research any other articles dealing with this fund. **Mike made a motion to table this until they look at all the articles dealing with the Town House Capital Reserve Fund, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Mike made a motion to have Wednesday, January 27 as the snow date for the budget hearing, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted. Time for this meeting would be 7pm.

Glen Hansen submitted a written response to Mike's question about clearing the first driveway on Edgar Albert Road. His assistant Kevin Wilbur was plowing the area to some extent in order to push back snow drifts. He was not the party plowing the entire area. The Road Agent has no info on who has been doing that.

The Board reviewed the 3 quotes for printing the Town Report. This year they received quotes from Venture Print, Town & Country Reprographics and Whitman Communications. **Miles made a motion to award the bid to Town & Country, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** Their bid was not to exceed \$1,010 for 300 copies. This was the lowest bid. Also, neither Whitman nor Venture Print could supply the same wire o binding that was used last year and both required print ready copy for their quoted price. Although Pam is hoping to supply print ready copy (except the cover) she is not certain if she will be able to.

The GRC requested permission to use the Town Hall on Saturday, March 20 for a St. Patrick's Day BYOB dance from 8-11pm. No one under 21 allowed. **Mike made a motion to grant their request, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** Pam will notify the Police Chief to arrange to have an officer on duty.

The Groton Historical Society requested permission to use the Town Hall on Sunday, January 31 at 1pm. to present "Memories of Horse Logging" by the Old Timers Club. There is no charge and all adults who attend will be eligible to win a \$50 cash prize. The Historical Society is hoping to increase membership by hosting these interesting events. **Mike made a motion to grant the Historical Society permission to use the town hall on January 31, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Newfound School Budget Committee has a 2 year opening for a Groton representative. Interested parties should file with the Town Clerk from Jan 20 through the 29th. The moderator position is also open. Interested parties should file directly with the Newfound School District. **Miles made a motion to post this information, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board set up a budget work session for Thursday at 6:30pm.

Lewis Albert reported that the old Minnich house was taken down. Mike suggested looking for a picture of the place for the cover of the Town Report.

Mr. Albert also asked about the Road Agent using his personal vehicle to plow and sand town roads. Miles has spoken with Glen who explained that he occasionally donates the use of his vehicle. Mike said he was not in favor of the Road Agent using his personal vehicle and feels he shouldn't be using it if the town vehicles are available. Mr. Albert asked about liability. The Board will look into.

Mr. Albert said that asphalt prices are up to \$400 a ton and the town should not be looking to do any paving next year. Miles let him know that Glen has something to present at Town Meeting to stretch the paving budget. They do not know the current pricing for asphalt.

Mike made a motion to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to return to public session at 8:37pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted

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

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant