

**Town of Groton
Candidate's night
February 16, 2010
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Selectmen:

Christina McClay

- 15 yr resident
- 2 children in NFSD
- No agenda
- Can't affect change if she is not willing to hold office
- Has municipal experience, currently is assessing clerk in Bristol, assisted with municipal budget
- Concerning possible large revenue from Wind Farm- would consider tax rate decrease, road repairs, building repairs, wants input from the town's people
- Flexible work schedule allows her to be available. Can commit at least 10 hours per week to this position, ready for this commitment.
- Concerning shortfall due to \$252,000 in unpaid taxes: would need to consider grant options, selling of municipal properties if applicable, need to look at the whole picture
- Term limits can be good

Peter Bailey

- Term limits: limit to one term
- Sees Wind Farm as a liability issue
- Does not believe town will ever see revenues from Wind Farm
- Talked about the need to investigate the burning of the Minnich house: illegal burn
- Should be more monitoring of what is built and torn down in town
- No answer as to how to pay for services
- After being asked to show proof that the Wind Farm would not provide revenue said he has the answers but did not supply any documentation or place where documentation could be found

Mike Brogna

- Running because others have told him they will not vote for anyone else
- Would be third term
- Although all three board members do not always agree he is able to work with others and move on even when his ideas are not utilized
- No agenda
- Here to work for the people of the town
- Schedule not as flexible as in the past as he is no longer self employed
- Concerning shortfall due to \$252,000 in unpaid taxes: never knew these numbers in the past, not sure what it means as he never knew what the unpaid taxes were in past years. There are some properties owned by the town that are available for sale.
- Record speaks for itself

Pattie Bailey thanked Mike for his service to the community thus far.

Moderator

Lou Lieto

- Currently holds the position
- Position comes with a certificate of insanity (joke)
- Although the position pays \$10 per hour, Lou does not take any payment

Road Agent

Glen Hansen Due to snow storm Glen was unable to attend. Miles gave the following update:

- Sander on 6 wheeler down. Glen contacted state to request that they do one run so people could get here for candidate's night. He also contacted Kevin so he could follow him in the one ton and sand.

Library Trustee

Christina McClay

- Would like to see some changes in the library
- Has 2 children who would like to use the library
- Open to searching for grants that would benefit the library
- Feels the library needs a little push
- In order to affect change she needs to be willing to be a part
- Not aware of the grant current trustees are working on for moving the building

Pam Yinger added that Christina's children were very faithful to the library and events when they were in the other building and had regular hours.

Planning Board

Celine Richer

- Currently a PB member
- Would like to be involved in how the town evolves
- Came from a noisy and congested area
- Would like to see the rural character remain as the community grows
- Proactive growth management-does not want to see little suburbia, would like to see a combination of retired people and families as they will bring an influx of ideas.
- Flexible schedule allows her to be available for seminars etc.
- Still learning
- Currently reviewing the subdivision regulations with the thought that Wind Farm could affect growth
- Would be in favor of limiting the # of dwellings on a 2 acre lot.

Pattie Bailey

- Was interested in planning board if they needed more candidates. However, since there are only 2 openings and current PB members would like to fill those spots she is happy to withdraw.
- Would be interested in serving as an alternate
- More interested in the ZBA position that is open

Jennifer Burnett

- 7 year resident
- Currently on PB

- Works for Forest Service
- Her jobs allows her to work with a lot of people and be exposed to a lot of different ideas
- Exciting times with the opportunity for growth but in a planned, deliberate way, a way the town wants
- Feels she has a balance perspective
- When asked about what to do if the town acquired a large track of land she suggested the possibility of a managed forest.
- Discussed possibility of endowments and scholarships

Supervisor of the Checklist

Pam Yinger

- Currently a supervisor
- Enjoys serving the community in this way and the opportunity to meet everyone
- Encouraged everyone to vote and be a part of the community

ZBA

Pattie Bailey

- Has lived in many places thus has a lot of experience with a variety of committees
- Very fortunate to be in New Hampshire as she feels true freedom is here
- Opposed to losing our freedom as far as property issues are concerned
- Wants to keep the rural aspect to this community while being fair to businesses
- Originally wanted to live here because there were no rules and regulations regarding property, then realized that others wanted to be here for this reason in order to develop without rules and regs, and not all developers where interested in fairness, freedom and honesty

NFSD Budget Committee

Lou Lieto

- Because of his position as moderator law does not allow for him to be on the school ballot
- Seeking this position as a write in candidate

A community can only be as good as the people who contribute to and invest in it.