

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2010
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Appointments, announcements and minutes of the February 16 selectmen's meeting were read. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Vincent Paul Migliore, candidate for the Newfound Area School Board, addressed the audience. Mr. Migliore represented himself as a fiscal conservative, proactive candidate who votes to lower taxes.

The date on the February 9 Selectmen's minutes reads February 7. **Miles made a motion to amend the date on the February 9 Selectmen's minutes, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so vote.**

The Board has been trying to arrange a meeting with John Faucher to discuss the issue of the Bentley trailer which is on his lot on Bailey Hill Road. Miles happened to be at the site last week when Mr. Faucher arrived. He explained the position the Board has taken about abating the back taxes on the trailer so Mr. Faucher can have it removed. He also explained that if the trailer is not removed then it becomes a potential junkyard issue. Mr. Faucher did not commit to attending the work session scheduled for this evening. As the Board still has not met with him, Mike does not want to abate the taxes without some kind of agreement that the trailer will indeed be removed. **Miles made a motion to make one more attempt to meet with Mr. Faucher, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.** If possible, they would like to meet with him next Tuesday during the selectmen's meeting but are willing to have a work session if Mr. Faucher would prefer.

The Spectacle Pond Association put together an Emergency Operations Plan. Miles and Kyle have reviewed the plan and noted the Association has made assumptions regarding the town's response should there be an emergency with the dam. These assumptions include keeping a stock pile of sand at the Town Garage to be used for sand bags and using town employees to fill bags. The Association had not contacted the Board of Selectmen prior to drafting this plan. The Board would like to send a letter to the Association letting them know they have no authority to commit town services on their own. This would need to be a mutual agreement. **Miles made a motion to draft a letter to the Spectacle Pond Association, Mike 2nd, all in favor, so voted.**

Litter Free New Hampshire is once again looking for communities to participate in road side cleaning. Chief Dickerson will spear head this for Groton this year. He did this last year for the town of Center Harbor in coordination with the Highway and Recreation Departments. He would like to do the same here. Details will be posted on the web once available.

Mike made a motion to grant permission to the Groton Historical Society to use the Town House on Friday, March 5 for a presentation on Africa, Kyle 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike made a motion to sign the supplemental Intent to Cut for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Map 6 Lot 13, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Mike asked how the town keeps track of the 1600 hour requirement for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to determined eligibility for medical insurance. Pam replied that the number of hours worked each week is on the pay stub as well as being recorded in Quick Books. Mike did not believe the hours were on the pay stub. He

would like to have this researched. He does not want it to look like they are only requiring the Road Agent to work the 1600 hours.

Mike also commented that the Transfer Station Superintendent was paid additional money for working on the compactor. He feels this is what the stipend is for, and that it is no different than the stipend the Board receives. They receive the same compensation regardless of the task or hours put in. He would like this to be reviewed. Miles agreed the Superintendent should not receive additional compensation for what falls under his responsibility, but he should be paid for something outside of his normal responsibilities. This will be on next week's agenda.

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, Miles 2nd, all in favor, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant