

**Town of Groton  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2010  
7:00pm**

**In Attendance: Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Christina McClay, Pamela Hamel (AA)**

**Audience Members Present**

Miles called the meeting to order at 6:59pm and read the appointments and announcements. Kyle reviewed a few changes to the minutes that Miles and Christina had previously had the opportunity to review. **Miles made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

The DRA confirmed the Board's option to apply for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) if there is a cash flow problem. The Town Clerk prepared a print out of year to date revenues for this year and the same time period last year. Revenues are similar. The Board will now take a look at a comparison of expenses. Currently there are several bills that have been submitted to the Town. Among them are the annual Special Operations Unit (SOU) fee and the Genesis Behavioral Health annual appropriation. **Christina made a motion to table all but the Rumney Fire Contract bill, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

She would also like to know how the SOU amount is calculated as it is her understanding that Groton currently pays only \$100 less per year than Bristol. Pam will ask Chief Dickerson for this information.

**Miles made a motion to sign the Bentley abatement, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The total is approximately \$900.

**Kyle made a motion to sign the letter to Mr. & Mrs. Faucher and copy it to the Bentleys, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Groton Wind LLC has submitted their Wetlands Permit Application, Alteration of Terrain Permit application and their application for Certificate of Site and Facility to the State. Copies are available for view in the Selectmen's Office. In addition, Pam has created a link on the Groton Wind page of the Town's website for those who would like to view the applications online. The Town's attorney is currently working on the decommissioning guarantee with Iberdrola. Miles would like to verify with Attorney Mitchell that he has the authority to negotiate for a proposal but the Board will make the final decision on the agreement. **Miles made a motion to contact the Town's attorney, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

The Board verified that state statute has extended the existing junkyard licenses to a July 1<sup>st</sup> renewal date. **Miles made a motion to contact the Hutchins and Jim Rego to let them know their licenses are good until July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be acted upon at that time, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The Hutchins and Mr. Rego have already submitted their renewal applications and the Hutchins' background check has also been completed. The Board will send in Mr. Rego's background check request closer to the renewal date.

**Kyle made a motion to sign the amended building permit for Ken Martell, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Audience members, Judy Demers and Bonnie Lane, were both on the Planning Board in 2003 when the new Building Permit Guidelines were drafted by that Board. They explained that the intent of the guidelines was not to require a permit for interior changes or alterations that did not increase space, cosmetic changes or rebuilding in the same footprint. However, the current language does indicate that any change of use of an existing structure, or additions/alterations to existing structures over 100 square feet does require a permit. The Board would still like to hear from the 2003 Select Board members to get their thoughts on the guidelines. **Miles made a motion to table this until they get additional information, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The Board is not looking to impose any permit requirements the Town's people are not in favor of. If the current guidelines are changed they will hold a public hearing to get the Town's input.

The Board discussed the current phone plan the Town has with FairPoint. There are some inconsistencies in the long distance plan as well as some areas where costs can be cut. They would like to look into other possible plans and carriers. **Kyle made a motion to table this one week to investigate other phone options, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

The Board scheduled a work session for Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30pm with the Groton Historical Society to look at possible locations for the Veteran's monument. The inscription on the monument will read "Groton honors and thanks all of its Veterans for our freedoms." The GHS will be hosting a roast beef dinner on April 17 from 5-7pm at the Town House to raise money for the monument. Cost is \$10 per person, children under 10 free. A presentation by Chief Wolf Spirit will follow.

Christina would like the Police Department to receive a copy of the LGC Town and City publication. The Town receives 7 copies. Miles said the PD can have his copy and he will use the office copy when necessary.

Once the Administrative Assistant submits her draft of the meeting minutes to the Board, Kyle would like to have corrections made in the meeting only. This week some typos were corrected and word changes made after he received his draft copy. Unfortunately, he does not have the time to read through a new draft the day of the meeting. Pam explained that many times she does not sufficiently proof the draft as she is in a hurry to get it to them by Friday. Thus there are usually some typos that she would like corrected before she prints out a final draft copy for the public. Christina agreed to do a preliminary review of the draft before Pam submits the final draft to all three Board members. Once that draft is submitted, the only changes to take place will be in the meeting.

The Board agreed to wait until the signature card is completely filled in by the bank before signing it.

**Miles made a motion to go into a non public session at 8:15pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Miles made a motion to return to public session at 8:50pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Miles made a motion to adjourn at 8:51pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant