

**Town of Groton
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2010
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Miles made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Old Business

Glen Hansen reported that Timbervest had resolved their issues with the Town of Dorchester regarding the use of the bridge over Buck's Brook. They will continue to use that route until they finish their logging operation and will not need to use the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge.

Ted Tichy, Forester for Dillon, requested permission to do some improvements to Orange Road for their timber operation. He apologized for being after the fact; calling it an oversight. He said he had made improvements to this road a few years ago. None of the existing culverts will be touched. They have cleaned the existing water bars and cut outs. Miles asked if Mr. Tichy had spoken with any abutting property owners as it appears some of these cut out areas are beyond the Town's right of way. Mr. Tichy said he had not as there were no new cuts through the bank that were not there before. They have also restored the crown which, along with the water bars and cut outs, will keep the road from washing away in the case of a major rain storm. Glen Hansen has visited the site to look at the improvements. At his suggestion the Company will be putting silt fence in any areas where run off might be close to the brook. The Company recognizes the weight restriction on the bridge. They have spoken with their loggers and have agreed to run light loads; loads will be 2/3 full. This is a small job that will take 2-3 weeks, a month at most. It would be cost prohibitive to place a temporary bridge over the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge. They will not be hauling any wood chips. They are also fully aware that everyone on the road will be watching them. When asked if the company would make the truck slips available Mr. Tichy replied that it is possible but it does add an additional administrative step. Because calculating load weights is not an exact science he expressed concern to the Town's response should they have loads that are 80,500 lbs, 500 over the limit. The Board is not looking to nitpick the project but would like to have the option to view slips should the need arise. Mr. Tichy also assured the Board that should he have another logging operation in town which would require making improvements to a Class VI road he will be sure to meet with the Board prior to doing any work.

A concern regarding how a Class VI road would be known was raised. At this time the Board is waiting upon a second quote for signage to post all Class VI roads as such.

Since the Administrative Assistant will be at Grafton County Superior Court next week the Board would like her to get copies of any older deeds (prior to 1960) or maps the Town's Attorney might need regarding Blanchette Lane. This will save the Town the Attorney's fee to travel to North Haverhill.

Christina visited Mr. Cross's property on Coolidge Woods Road and reported the following:

- The berm has been removed
- The rocks have been removed
- The ditch has been flattened out some but this area could now be worse than before

- Some work has been done on the water bar but it is still high. A vehicle could attempt to go around but there is a log off to the side that could hinder passage
- The slash between the bridge and the old Coolidge place is untouched
- There is still some slash between the bridge and Province Road

Dave Leone reported that there was a culvert in the road prior to the logging operation. In the letter to Mr. Cross describing how he was to leave the road the Board did not specifically request that he leave a culvert. There was also a gate (which Mr. Cross claimed was his). The gate is no longer there. At this time Mr. Cross has not fully complied with the Board's request. Within reason he could have additional time if needed. **Miles made a motion for Pam to contact Mr. Cross and address the issues discussed, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Kyle made a motion to sign the Building Permit for Piggyback Mtn. Realty Trust, Map 4 Lot 10, Christina 2nd, so voted.

As Chief Dickerson had been designated as the point of contact (POC) in the original grant application for the base radio, **Christina made a motion to assign the Police Chief as the POC to complete the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and be present for the installation of the radio, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Christina reported that the Library Surveys have been mailed out. The Trustees are looking forward to hearing from the Town's people regarding what they would like to see for the Library. The Board set of a tentative site visit date for September 13 at 5pm. They will meet at the old Library building.

All three Board members had the opportunity to attend the Spectacle Pond Association's annual meeting on August 14. The Association is continuing to move forward with their plans to restore the dam, spillway and dike on the pond. Their goal is to raise \$290,000 to accomplish this project.

Miles made a motion to table discussion with Marilyn Lieto as she was not present at the meeting, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Administrative Assistant has been subpoenaed to appear in Grafton County Superior Court on Wednesday, August 25. The case regards a land issue. Her role is to authenticate whether or not documents presented as evidence as Town documents are indeed Town documents. The Board agreed that she would receive her hourly wage while there because her appearance is related to her employment with the Town. The Town will also reimburse her for the difference in mileage (witnesses receive \$.17 a mile for mileage, Town pays \$.4459 per mile) should she choose to put in for it.

Christina made a motion to approve the Cemetery Trustees' request to use the Town House for a bean and hot dog supper on Saturday, August 21, Miles 2nd, so voted.

September 30 is the deadline for departments to submit their 2011 budget requests. Pam will send a memo out to all department heads. Board would like her to stress the deadline date.

Miles made a motion to sign the Forest Land Reimbursement Form, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle made a motion to grant the Groton Historical Society's request to use the Town House on Sunday, October 17 for a Humanities Council Program, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Board set up a work session with the Road Agent for Tuesday, August 24 at 6:00pm.

The Antique Tractor & Equipment Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park. Rain date is Sunday. For further information please leave a message at 744-0402 or 744-3768. Your call will be returned in the evening.

Dave Leone submitted some paperwork regarding the Stevens property on North Groton Road and a possible septic and/or building permit violation. He also submitted some paperwork regarding his 2008 request for a building permit for cabins for his campground. Both of these items will be taken up at next week's meeting.

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

Miles made a motion to return to public session at 9:26pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant