

**Town of Groton
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010
7:00pm**

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

Audience Members Present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Marilyn Lieto and Phil Preston addressed the Board and the audience. Mrs. Lieto and Mr. Preston are running for the House of Representatives for District 8.

Miles made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

On October 9, Miles, Kyle and John Faucher worked on Edgar Albert Road for the second hazardous tree removal day. Miles reported that there are a few remaining trees on this road that need to come down. John Faucher has suggested contacting the New Hampshire Electric Coop (NHEC) as these trees are very close to the electric wires. Miles is compiling a list of pole numbers corresponding with any trees that they feel should be taken down by NHEC. The third hazardous tree removal work day is scheduled for October 23. Any adult volunteers should meet at the Town House at 9:00am. The Board would like to once again thank John Faucher for donating his time and equipment.

Because the Town does not require a Hawkers/Peddlers or Vendors license they cannot require that a background check be done for any Hawkers/Peddlers or Vendors. They see no point in replying to the State's request on whether or not the Town requires just a State background check or State and Federal. **Miles make a motion to put the paper work in the circular file, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

The Board confirmed the meeting regarding the intersection of North Groton Road and Blanchette Lane. Pam will contact all parties involved. Meeting will take place on site on October 26 at 4:00pm.

The Board met with Ted Tichy from Dillon this afternoon to discuss the damage done by We Log trucking on Sculptured Rocks Road (SRR). Mr. Tichy maintains that Dillon is not responsible for the damage as they contract out the logging/trucking. The damage that was done off road has been repaired (no one is certain who did the repair work) but there still remains the repair of the pavement. Christina took photos of the damage and the Road Agent put up some traffic cones marking the area. The Board will contact We Log; however they will not get involved in any kind of run around. Mr. Tichy said he has a good relationship with the property owner on the corner of SRR and Orange Road. He will contact him and take care of any issue regarding possible damage to the property. He also offered to use a York rake on Orange Road and install a few small water bars. Bill Jolly said Orange Road is in better shape now than before the logging operation. The Board is fine with Mr. Tichy doing the proposed work. They would like Pam to give the Road Agent the okay to repair the pavement, making sure he keeps detailed records of all costs. They would also like her to contact the property owners on the corner and other side of the bridge to let them know their property has been impacted.

Regarding the local Auditor's position; State Statute allows for more than one local auditor. The Local Government Center recommended that the Board appoint one auditor and one assistant.

Miles made a motion that, based upon the recommendation of the Department of Revenue and Avitar, Robert Powell be assessed the dooamage penalty pursuant to RSA 74:12, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Health Officer Chuck Stata suggested that the Board require proof of septic as Mr. Powell's home is set up for a bathroom. The Board would like the Health Officer to follow up on this.

In a letter dated March 2, 1992, the Town gave a Victor Safe to the Groton Historical Society (GHS). If the GHS disbands or no longer wants the safe it will go back to the Town. There seems to be some discrepancy regarding the wishes of the GHS. President Roland Bixby alleges that most of the members want the safe returned to the Town yet some members have approached the Board letting them know that not only do they want to keep the safe but they did not even know that the President was trying to get rid of it. **Christina made a motion to table this until they hear more definitively from the GHS, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Christina confirmed with the Board that a representative of the Town was going to attend the next work shop put on by the Newfound Watershed planner. Pam reported that the Planning Board chairman was planning to attend.

The Board announced that Road Agent Glen Hansen has been taking courses with the Technology Transfer Center of UNH and has achieved his Level I, Level II and Senior Road Scholar.

Mr. Peverley brought to Miles' attention a large dead ash tree in the State's right of way on North Groton Road. The Board will forward this information to the State.

The Board has received a new proposed bond agreement regarding the Wind Farm decommissioning. They will set up a meeting with Ed Cherian to discuss the proposal.

The Library Trustees will be meeting Saturday, October 16, 2:00pm at the Library. They are planning to clean the library and move things around in preparation for having regular operating hours.

Kyle made a motion to sign the Intent to Cut for Upper Birch Holdings, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Christina made a motion to sign the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) and the LUCT release form A-5 for the Stanley Jackson Revocable Trust, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle made a motion to sign the possible building permit violation for Fitzpatrick, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles made a motion to sign the Election Warrant, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

The Board discussed the options given by the Town's Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) representative Michelle Clark regarding choosing a time to set the tax rate. They can do it over the phone, wait until some surrounding communities have all their paperwork submitted (Groton submitted their paperwork by the September 1 due date) and Ms. Clark visits all of them on the same day, or travel to her office in Concord. Pam reported that Ms. Clark is expecting to receive the necessary paperwork at any time. Since the Board has a work session on Thursday she suggested they wait until then before making the final decision. **Miles made a motion to table this until the Thursday work session, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Miles made a motion to adjourn at 8:25, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant