

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2011
7:00PM**

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

Audience members present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

Miles made a motion to accept the minutes of January 18 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Newfound School District will be holding a public hearing in each community in the district sometime between February 14 and 25 to discuss a petitioned warrant article they have received. The Board will let the public know as soon as they know the date and time for the public hearing in Groton and the subject matter.

The Board set a tentative time of Tuesday, Feb1 at 6:00pm for a work session.

As there are currently no members on the Groton Recreation Committee (GRC) Miles put together a brief draft GRC report for submission in the Town's annual report. After reviewing the draft, Kyle and Christina did not suggest any changes.

Christina submitted a draft of the Select Board's submission for the Town Report. Miles and Kyle thanked her for the excellent job she did on the report. A few minor changes were proposed.

Kyle announced that he will be running for re-election.

The Board reviewed the 2011 landfill monitoring proposal submitted by Andover Geologic. The proposal is for \$2,100 for the reporting with a \$400 contingency. This represents a \$1,000 decrease over the 2010 proposal. **Christina made a motion to sign the contract with Andover Geologic, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Kyle made a motion to approve the Forest Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Issuing Agents appointments submitted by Groton Fire Chief Roger Thompson and Forester Bert von Dohrman, Miles 2nd, so voted.

In the Planning Board's Site Plan regulations there is a reference to the Selectmen's grandfather policy. Miles explained that when the Planning Board drafted these regulations they used some borrowed language which included this statement. However, the Selectmen have no such policy. In response to Alan Barnard's inquiry, **Miles made a motion to notify Alan Barnard that the Selectmen have no such policy, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Miles reported that the Town Clerk had found some documents leading her to believe that Mike Ethier had been double taxed on his property in 2004. The Board conducted an inquiry to determine how this had been dealt with at that time. They found that Mr. Ethier had several conversations with former Administrative Assistant Rachel Twombly which culminated in a meeting with a representative of Avitar, Mike Ethier and Ms. Twombly. Mr. Ethier's property cards were adjusted to make the necessary corrections in 2005. However, Mr. Ethier neglected to file for an abatement in a timely manner. This letter is to inform him that the current Select Board had been informed of this situation and had conducted an investigation. **Kyle made a motion to sign the letter to Mr. Ethier, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Jo O'Connor reported that the Groton Historical Society will be hosting a program featuring Benjamin Kilham, the "Bear Man", at the Russell Elementary School in Rumney in March. More details will follow.

Christina reported that the Groton Public Library is open Saturdays from 10:00 to 2:00. In addition, she will be viewing some books being donated by the Newfound Memorial Middle School this week.

Kyle made a motion to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b) at 7:37, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:19pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant