

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Audience members present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Miles made a motion to accept the minutes of February 22 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Pam spoke with Malcolm Washburn regarding payment for the damage done on Sculptured Rocks Road by We Log. Mr. Washburn explained that he has not yet been to see the repair work and he wants to do this in order to determine the accuracy of the numbers before paying the invoice. He does not believe that he will make it down here until late April/early May. The Board is willing to wait until spring for him to look at the area, but no longer than that.

Miles gave an update on the remaining schedule of tech sessions and hearings for the Groton Wind Project. The Site Evaluation Committee will be submitting their decision by April 26.

The Board discussed the posting of Town properties, particularly deeded properties. Christina said the Town of Bristol does not post their deeded properties. Miles noted that although insurance companies want this it is not necessary. Posting the properties is an added expense to the Town and it has not been the Town's practice to do so. The Board agreed to not post the properties at this time.

Christina motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Leone, Map 2 Lot 81, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to sign the letter to Yetman advising him that a claim has been filed with the Town's insurance company and future correspondence should be between him and the company, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Miles reported that he spoke with Mr. Egloff regarding the check he submitted to the Town. Mr. Egloff asked for the Town to make use of the money. His intent was toward any time taken to consider his letter.

The Board discussed the current Junkyard application and fee schedule. Up until now the \$35 fee has covered one background check. However, State Statute requires that the fee be returned should the applicant not receive a license. This means that the Town would end up paying for the background check. The Board would like all applicants to submit \$35 to the Town for the license and a second check, made out to the State, for the \$25 background check fee. Pam had junkyard application letters and packets prepared for Greenwoods, Faucher and Bixby. **Miles made a motion to sign the letters, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

After careful review of the current junkyard application and a new, more detailed application, the Board decided to use the new application. This application provides some descriptions and an area to draw or attach the plot plan.

Miles announced that there will be a Northern Pass 'scoping' meeting at the Plymouth Senior Center Wednesday, March 9 from 6-9pm.

The Board received a quote from Avitar for doing the Town's Tax Maps. Cartographic Associates has yet to submit their quote. Christina will contact them and give them a deadline of March 11 to submit their proposal.

The Board decided to not continue the Town's membership with Our Town Energy Alliance for heating fuel as they were able to get better pricing doing their own shopping around.

The Board decided to deny the Road Agent's request to rent a retroreflectometer machine to measure the amount of reflectivity on our road signs.

The Board signed Current Use release paperwork for Glose, Aprea and Farnsworth. Although the Land Use Change Tax for these properties was paid several years ago the paperwork was not submitted to the County Registry for recording.

Christina announced that the Library would not be opened on Saturday, March 5.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant