

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 31, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Audience members present

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

Minute Approval

Miles made a motion to accept the minutes of May 24 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Grafton County Commissioner Omer Ahern addressed the Board and the audience. Commissioner Ahern serves the fifteen towns in District III. He believes the county commissioners should be providing leadership and giving direction to department heads, and that the current mindset regarding spending needs to be reworked as taxpayers want some relief. This need to curb spending was the message that he received from the majority of people who attended the recent county budget hearing. Budget approval is now in the hands of the county delegation which is made up of all the representatives in each district. Groton is in district 8 which is represented by Paul Simard, Jeffrey Shackett and Ed (Skip) Reilly.

Old Business

Building Permit And Guidelines

The new building permit application will include a sentence inquiring if the structure will be heated or cooled. A certificate of approval from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is required for these structures. **Kyle made a motion to sign the Building Permit Guidelines, Miles 2nd, so voted.** Wording in the Building Permit Guidelines has been changed to reflect the current energy codes, requiring PUC approval for structures heated or cooled regardless of the source.

We Log

The Board has not heard back from We Log owner Malcolm Washburn. Kyle agreed to have Miles work with Pam to draft a letter to Mr. Washburn that will be appropriately firm yet diplomatic. This letter will be ready for review next week.

Abatement for Cincotta Map 5, Lot 131

Miles motioned to sign the letter to Ms. Cincotta informing her that her abatement request has been granted, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Copy Fees Comparison

The Board reviewed the fees charged by neighboring municipalities for making various copies. They agreed that the fees Groton charges are in the ballpark with other towns.

Coutu Plan for work on Nedeau Lane

The Board reviewed and accepted the plan submitted by the Coutus for the work they would like to do on Nedeau Lane. They will send a follow up letter to the Coutus informing them of this decision and letting them know that periodically the Road Agent and/or the Select Board will monitor things to insure that the best interests of the public are being accounted for. **Miles motioned to approve the Coutu's request to do work on Nedeau Lane and draft a response letter addressing the issues that are necessary, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** Pam will contact the Coutus by phone to let them know.

Vacant Select Board Position

To date the Board has not received any letters of interest for the vacant Select Board position. Deadline is June 7.

Groton Wind LLC

Groton Wind, LLC has offered the Town two PILOT options: a fixed rate per megawatt with an annual adjustment option (A) and a percentage of revenue option (B). The Board has asked the Company to consider a hybrid option which would give a future Board the choice to switch from one option to the other during a set time period. Ed Cherian had indicated that drawing up this proposal could take some time. Miles would like to suggest using the existing language as an appendix. If the Board chooses to go with option A then option B can be added as an appendix and vice versus. Kyle agreed.

New Business

Intent to Cut for Gordon Coursey, Map 9 Lot 5, Groton Hollow Road

Kyle motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Gordon Coursey, Map 9 Lot 5, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Powell Abatement

Miles motioned to sign the abatement denial letter for Powell, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Monthly Fire/EMS Bills

Pam reported that she has been unable to pay the monthly Hebron fire/EMS bills as they have not been reviewed and signed off on by the Groton Fire Chief. The Board would like her to contact the Fire Chief to let him know that they have been made aware of the situation, and they are asking that he come and review the bills.

Questions and Comments

Pam Yinger thanked all those who were involved in and provided assistance for the Groton Historical Society's Memorial Day event. She reported that about 200 people were in attendance.

Neil McIver asked the Board to look at septic plans he had drawn up for Jason Fields. The Board told Mr. McIver that they had made a decision to abide by the policy that items for the agenda need to be submitted by noon on the Friday prior to the meeting. In the past they have held to this policy and will do so tonight. Mr. McIver was under the impression that Mr. Fields was going to contact the Town last week to ask to be on the agenda. However, he did not. Mr. McIver left the plans for the Board to review for next week's meeting. Should they schedule a work session for some time prior to next week the Board agreed to review the plans at that time.

Miles made a motion to go into non public session at 8:04pm pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant