

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Audience members present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Appointment of Part-Time Police Officers

Miles made a motion to appoint Timothy Vincent and John (Jack) Foley as part-time police officers for the Groton Police Department, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Officers Vincent and Foley were sworn in by Town Clerk Laura Hauser. **Miles motioned to sign Forms A and I for John Foley to satisfy the requirements of Police Standards and Training, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** The Board had previously signed these papers for Officer Vincent.

Minute Approval

Miles made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Old Business

Disposal Agreement

Ron verified that the Road Agent can deliver fill to a property prior to obtaining the Select Board's signature as long as the owner has signed the disposal agreement. He carries disposal agreements with him in the truck as there are occasions when the road crew is on site when a nearby property owner requests fill. **Ron made a motion to sign the disposal agreement for Andrews, Miles 2nd, so voted, Kyle abstaining.**

Sewell/Friend Property

Miles reported that the Planning Board has received a letter from Attorney Ray regarding the Sewell/Friend property. In his letter Mr. Ray states that Mr. Robertie is committed to having all items removed by August 1, 2011. The Junkyard Dog recently visited the site and reported that there are about 85 boats and 3 storage trailers still on site, as well as a number of boat parts, etc. The owners are requesting to maintain the metal building frame in its existing condition with no improvements, and should they choose to do something with the building in the future they would go through the proper procedures. Normally the enforcement and decisions regarding building permit violations falls under the authority of the Select Board, but Planning Board member Deb Johnson feels that the Planning Board should have the opportunity for involvement in this particular situation as certain things have happened in this case that should have been brought before the Planning Board and were not. Thus she feels that maybe they should play a role in this decision. The Board agreed to attend the June 29 Planning Board meeting to discuss this issue. Should they decide to allow the building to remain it will be subject to taxation.

New Business

Groton Wind PILOT

The Board has been in negotiations with Groton Wind LLC for a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) for the wind farm project. The Board is pursuing an offer of a fixed rate per megawatt with an annual adjustment. Initially the Company offered a 2% annual adjustment. The Board conducted some research on inflation going back 50 years, and recognized that this percentage was not going to be sufficient. The Company then agreed to 2.25%. Inflation over the last 15-20 years has averaged about 2.59% (not compounded). The Board gave a counter proposal of 2.75%. The Company responded with two options: a 2.5% annual adjustment for 15 years or

incremental adjustments beginning at 2.25% and increasing .25% every five years. The difference in the two proposals at the end of the 15 years is that the 2.5% fixed adjustment amounts to approximately \$23 more. **Miles made a motion to opt for the 2.5% fixed adjustment for the 15 year term, Ron 2nd, so voted.** The Board would also like the company to clarify their response regarding some wording changes that the Board has requested. At some time in the near future a public hearing will be held to discuss the entire proposed PILOT agreement.

List of Possible Unlicensed Dog Owners

The Town Clerk provided the Board with the list of possible unlicensed dog owners. **Kyle motioned to forward this list to the Animal Control Officer (ACO), Ron 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining (as ACO).** The ACO will contact owners for follow-up.

Quote for Printing Inventory Penalty Notice Postcards

The Board reviewed the three quotes for printing the Inventory Penalty Notice post cards. **Kyle made a motion to purchase 1000 cards from True Colors, Ron 2nd, so voted.** The quote was for \$55.

Inventory of Taxable Property Form (PA-28) for 2012

Miles motioned to complete and return the form to the Department of Revenue indicating they will be using the PA-28 form in 2012, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Intent to Excavate for Ethier, Map 5 Lot 47

The Board reviewed the Intent to Excavate submitted by Mike Ethier. Last year the Board had determined that if Mr. Ethier can provide evidence to the Town that he filed a report with the regulator between 1989 and 1991 as required by statute then he would be grandfathered and not required to obtain a permit from the Planning Board. The Town has no record of this report. Pam spoke with Mary Pinkham-Langer from the Department of Revenue who stated that she had visited Mr. Ethier's gravel pit last week. She reported that he is currently excavating, and he does not have an Alteration of Terrain permit. She also indicated that he might be excavating within the 250 ft. shoreland protection area. This is something that is handled by the State. **Miles motioned to have the Town's attorney contact Mr. Ethier's attorney regarding the issues with the apparent failure to have filed that report and what it implicates and means, and table the Intent to Excavate until the Board hears back from them, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Junkyard

The Board reviewed the Junkyard Inspections and recommendations submitted by Ken Knowlton. They concur with these recommendations. One case will be turned over to the Town attorney. The Board would like Pam to draft any necessary remaining letters for their review. She will also send them to Mr. Knowlton for his review, and ask if he knows of any companies that will dismantle and remove trailers free of charge.

Map Cabinet

Dawn Lemieux of Venture Print has offered a free map cabinet to the Town if someone will pick it up in Plymouth. Pam said she can probably make use of the cabinet but she would like to look at it before committing. She does not know if any other Boards (Planning, etc) would have a need for it. She will take a look at the cabinet the next time she is in Town.

Intent to Cut for Morrow, Map 2 Lot 86-1, Edgar Albert Road

The logger who filled out the Intent failed to include any numbers on it. **Miles motioned to table this until the paperwork is complete, Kyle 2nd, so voted.** Dave Leone asked if the property owner had gotten a driveway permit. Pam responded that he has not. She will contact him.

Everett Hobart Memorial Park

Miles reported that the soccer nets at the park are no good and the bases need to be replaced. There are some funds in the Groton Recreation Committee's revolving fund for this. Since there is no committee the Board will look into getting these items. Kyle agreed to do some research for the next Select Board's meeting.

Signature Cards

Kyle asked about getting signature cards to add Ron as an authorized signer on the Town's bank account. Pam reported that she has left a note with the Treasurer for this.

Non public minutes

Miles asked Kyle to review some non public minutes from last week. **Miles made a motion to sign these non public minutes, Kyle 2nd, Ron abstained as he was not present at the meeting.**

Kyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant