

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Audience Members Present

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

Miles announced the locations, dates and times that Hurricane Disaster Relief Centers will be open. Individuals who sustained property damage as a result of Tropical Storm Irene can speak with someone regarding assistance.

Miles motioned to approve the minutes of September 13 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

We Log

The notice the Court sent to We Log was not returned to them as undeliverable thus the assumption is that the Company received it. Mr. Washburn did not file a response. As a result the Court is in the process of issuing a default judgment against him which will include a deadline to pay. If he does not comply with this there may be an opportunity for him to make scheduled payments.

OLD BUSINESS

William Jolly, Maintenance of Orange Road

Ron motioned to sign the letter to Mr. Jolly giving him permission to do routine maintenance work on Orange Road, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Miles stated that he feels he has competing interests regarding the ditch on Orange Road. The reason he is in that area pertains to snowmobile issues, and an argument could be made that he has a conflict of interest on this subject. Because of this he has chosen to recuse himself from any future discussions on what actions the remaining Board members choose to take regarding that ditch. Ron visited the site last week. Kyle stated that he will take a ride out sometime in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Newfound School District Budget Committee Request to Use Hall

Kyle motioned to grant the Newfound School District Budget Committee permission to use the Town Hall on Thursday, October 13 for a Budget Committee meeting, Miles 2nd, so voted. This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Land Use Change Tax Warrant for Upper Birch Holdings

Miles motioned to sign the Land Use Change Tax warrant for Upper Birch Holdings, map 6 Lot 63 RD, Ron 2nd, so voted. This land use change is for the road being built in the Upper Birch Holdings subdivision off North Groton Road.

Spectacle Pond Association (SPA) Emergency Action Plan Update

Miles motioned to table this until all Board members have had an opportunity to view it, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Pam will contact the SPA regarding a possible missing page (in appendix D) and phone number in the document.

Elderly Exemption Verification

The Board asked Pam to verify the income/asset information received from those property owners who currently qualify and receive the elderly exemption. Should she discover any concerns over a particular applicant this will be brought to the Board's attention

Primex Quote Request

Pam asked the Board if they would like to solicit a quote from Primex for Workers Comp and Property/Liability coverage in preparation for 2012 budget discussions. The Town currently has a contract with the Local Government Center (LGC).

Miles motioned to table this until they confirm the circumstance of their contract with LGC, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

James Cross

In a telephone conversation with the Administrative Assistant Mr. Cross asked if he had to remove the TV dumped on the Class VI portion of Coolidge Woods Road or if the Town was going to remove it. The Board discussed and concluded that they would pick up any appliance that was dumped on a public way. Pam will contact the Rumney Transfer Station to see if an arrangement can be made for them to take the TV without charging the normal 'out of Town' fee. **Miles motioned to ask the Road Agent to remove the TV and see if the Town of Rumney will work with the Town on its disposal, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Mr. Cross also asked if the Board was considering a warrant article to discontinue Coolidge Woods Road or if he should petition this. Regardless of the Board's personal opinions on the status of the road, they agreed that he should petition this.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Jo O'Connor asked the Board if she could advertise the use of the Hall in her column. The Board agreed to her suggestion.

Pam Yinger stated that she had received a call from Delores Stewart who reported that Fuller Fuel will not deliver oil to her home because there is an issue with the culvert at the bottom of her driveway (where the driveway meets the road). Ms. Yinger asked what if anything can be done. The Board responded that if a property owner is required install a culvert as a part of their driveway, its maintenance is the owner's responsibility. As such this is a private matter between the property owner and the Company.

Miles was called out of the meeting to pick up his daughter.

Ron motioned to adjourned at 7:48pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant