

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
September 27, 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 7:10pm and reported that the Board had conducted a site visit for the potential addition of Town cemetery space.

**Miles motioned to approve the minutes of September 20 as written, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES**

Hazardous Tree Removal

During the last two Saturdays John Faucher and Miles resumed work on Hazardous Tree Removal and are making progress on this project which was begun last year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Spectacle Pond Association (SPA) Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

The Board had their questions regarding the SPA EAP answered. The Town's phone number will be added to the document and there were no pages missing. The SPA requests that the Board sign an annual acknowledgement that they have received the plan. **Miles motioned to sign the acknowledgement form of the SPA EAP, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Primex Quote Request

The Town does have a multi-year agreement with the Local Government Center for Property/Liability (2014) and Workers' Comp (2013) insurance. For this reason they feel no need to get a quote from Primex.

Structured Guarantee for Decommissioning

Groton Wind has accepted the last changes to the Structured Guarantee for Decommissioning submitted by the Board and sent a draft copy for their review. Some additional language was added at the end clarifying that once this agreement is signed by the Town the prior agreement issued on September 1 is void. **Kyle motioned to accept the Structured Guarantee for Decommissioning, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** Miles stated that he is agreeing to this based upon the reliance that these are the only changes that have been made to the document. Pam will convey this in her email to Ed Cherian.

Set Date to Discuss Welfare Guidelines

The Board set up a work session to review the Welfare Guidelines for October 11 at 6:00pm.

Set Date to Continue Discussions on the Disposition of Town Property

The Board set October 18 at 6:00pm for a work session to continue their discussion regarding the disposition of Town property. During the last work session they discovered that many of the properties taken by tax deed were from 'unknown prior owners', and this can present its own set of problems. However there are other properties where this issue does not exist.

#### Budget Work Session

The Board set Thursday, October 20 at 6:00pm for a budget work session with the Police Chief.

#### Assessing Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Board discussed whether or not to have assessing data verification done on ¼ of the properties in Town each year with a complete revaluation done in the 5<sup>th</sup> year or to take one year off from data verification (the year after a revaluation which in this case is next year), do ⅓ of the properties for the following three years with a complete revaluation in the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Kyle would like to keep it the way that they have been doing it which is data verification for 4 years. Miles stated that doing data verification on ¼ of the properties each year is more equitable and there is a greater chance to pick up any discrepancies sooner than the 3 year plan. Pam will inquire whether or not there is a cost benefit one way or the other. **Miles motioned to table this until they get this answer, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Stan Newton

Mr. Newton stated that he did not know that agenda items needed to be submitted the Friday before the weekly Select Board meeting. He has a question regarding the inventory penalty notice he received. The Board explained that in order to be consistent with their policy, unless there are extenuating circumstances they will wait until next week to discuss this issue. Mr. Newton will be on the agenda for next week.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Ground Rod for Repeater

When the electrician was here to connect the ground wire from the repeater to the main electrical ground in the electric panel he inquired as to why the ground is so far from the repeater, and why a separate ground rod was not installed. Ron stated that currently it is hooked to the multi ground system of the electric company. The Board asked Pam to contact Ossipee Mtn. Electronics as they are the ones who installed the repeater.

#### Memo to Trustees of the Trust Fund re: Old Home Day Deposit

**Kyle motioned to sign the memo to the Trustees of the Trust Funds regarding the deposit of proceeds collected on Old Home Day, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Shampoo Carpet

The Board agreed to investigate the cost of having the carpets in the Town House cleaned. Betty Smolinsky and Marina Chase volunteered to do the work if the Town will rent a carpet shampooer. Kyle will investigate rental costs.

#### Groton Historical Society (GHS)

Several weeks ago the Board gave permission to the GHS to hang some pictures in the Hall, and requested that they let the Board know how they propose to hang the pictures prior to doing so. Pam Yinger presented the manner in which they propose to hang these pictures. The pictures would rest on a strip of molding, and picture hanging strips would be used to attach the frames to the wall. After looking at the molding in the Hall the Board feels that in order to have a better idea of how this will work they need to see it firsthand. Arrangements were made for Kyle to meet with Roland Bixby (who will have a picture with him) on Friday. Ms. Yinger stated that after seeing the molding she realizes that it is not as wide as was first thought.

Ms. Yinger reported that 32 people who were visiting the Mary Baker Eddy House last week also stopped by the GHS Museum.

#### Police Chief Pivirotto

Chief Pivirotto stated that he has replaced a number of bulbs in the PD but it appears as though there might be a problem with the ballasts. The Board asked Pam to contact Gary Easson and ask him to take a look at the lights in the building as there are lights in the library that do not work as well.

The Chief would like to use the closet in the hallway to store some supplies. He is running out of space and currently has them in the evidence closet. He stated that he needs to separate Town supplies from evidence. The Board is willing to consider this. However, there is limited space. Other options were discussed including adding a storage area in the basement and installing a lock on the door. The Board will revisit this once the new filing cabinet has been installed in the hallway closet.

The Chief asked permission to use the Hall to host the Grafton County Chiefs of Police meeting in November. The Board is fine with this as long as the Hall is available.

The Board granted the Chief's request to have the Town House cleaning woman dust and vacuum the Police Department.

#### Junkyard Violations

**Miles motioned to sign the Affidavit in Support of Motion for Entry of Final Judgment and Attorney's Fees and the Affidavit As to Military Service for Peter Newton, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** By signing these affidavits he is swearing that to best of his knowledge and belief everything contained in them is true.

Ken Knowlton suggested that the Town send a letter regarding the removal of the demolished trailers on Bailey Hill Road. Miles reported that the property owner has said that once he has finished doing some trail work for the snowmobile club he is planning to take a piece of equipment to the site and remove the debris. As this person has been making some progress the Board is willing to allow him more time to get the debris removed. They will revisit this issue in the middle of November.

Since a mediator cannot be found to mediate the case between Kirk and the Town, the Attorneys involved would like to meet with Mr. Kirk, Ken Knowlton and at least one member of the Board to see what can be negotiated. The Board's suggestion is to do a conference call instead. Pam will contact Attorney Spector with this suggestion.

#### Sewall/Friend

Miles announced that Mr. Sewall agreed to pay the legal fees (which amounted to \$455.20) that the Town

incurred in their attempt to bring the property into compliance, and the Town has received the check. Cleanup of the property continues.

**Miles motioned to go into non public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b, e) (hiring and litigation exceptions) at 8:25 pm, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:26pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant