

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 25, 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 7:08pm.

Miles motioned to approve the minutes of October 18 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

UPDATES

Boat Storage Facility

In a telephone conversation Fred Sewall reported that according to Bill Robertie the wood and Ford fenders have been removed and the blue tarps are still there. Mr. Sewall was not sure about the junk boats. He is planning a site visit on Sunday.

Tenney Site Visit

Kyle and Miles hiked up Tenney Mountain and located the tower. It appears as though a minor amount of brush was cleared from old skidder roads in an attempt to get to the tower. No large trees were taken down thus there is no need for an Intent to Cut. No new roads were cut. The Board does not see any reason for Jesse Bushaw to visit the site. Although everything is very wet they do not believe there are any wetlands violations. Two of the three open containers were marked water and they believe the third container had also had water in it. The Board is speculating that the water was brought up there in order to pour some concrete footings. The fence is 3/4 erected, and it appears as though it was disconnected to do some work there.

OLD BUSINESS

Military Affidavit re: Town of Groton vs. Malcolm Washburn

The court was unable to provide much assistance regarding the Military Affidavit as they have never had anyone sign it indicating the defendant was not in the military only to discover later that he/she was. They said the affidavit is signed by the plaintiff indicating military status to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Reasons given for this belief would be the approximate age of the defendant, place of residence and/or business, etc. **Miles motioned to sign the Affidavit of Military Service with respect to Malcolm Washburn, Ron 2nd, so voted.** Mr. Washburn is approximately 68 years old, owns a logging company in Colebrook, NH and resides there as well.

Spectacle Pond Site Visit/Letter from the Spectacle Pond Association

The SPA sent a letter to the Board looking to correct some statements that were made during a recent Select Board meeting. The comments the Board made at that meeting were relaying/reporting what they had been told by Jiri Hajek. For this reason they had scheduled a site visit to both Tenney Tower and the Spectacle Pond Dike project area. They found that the road was not 40 feet wide as had been reported but closer to 20 feet wide and for the most part constructed on the original logging road, only widening it and

altering course when necessary to avoid ledge. This is all on private property and not a Town issue. The temporary culvert will be removed once the project is complete. Jesse Bushaw had also visited the site and not found any issues that he was concerned with. No new roads were made. What was originally reported to the Board was not verified by their observations. A letter of response to the SPA will be drafted for the Board's review.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Matthews

Ron explained that Mr. Matthews has offered to sort, weigh and remove the metal at the Transfer Station. Mr. Matthews stated that he pays the Town \$20 or \$30 less per ton and \$.10 less per pound than the going price. He said he makes his money on volume and combines each material with what he picks up at other sites. He currently picks up metals at the Plymouth dump, 15 garages and from other regular customers. He will sort and weigh on site, and leave a slip with the amount of each metal listed. **Ron motioned to hire Mr. Matthews to sort, weigh and remove the metals from the Transfer Station at no cost to the Town, and split the revenue with the Town, and make himself available to open the Transfer Station to give Mr. Matthews access when necessary, Miles 2nd, so voted.** The Board would prefer that Mr. Matthews submit the Town's portion of revenues with a check instead of cash.

Building permit for Kevin Maass, Map 7 Lot 35

Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Maass, Map 7 Lot 35, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Request for Speed Limit Change for River Road

Four residents of River Road submitted a letter to the Dorchester and Groton Select Board's requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 25 miles per hour. They stated that recently there was a 'near fatal' accident on the road. Miles stated that typically the speed limit for rural residential areas is 35. The problem is usually not the limit but adhering to it. **Miles motioned to refer this to the Police Chief to obtain some background information on the accident referred to and get his opinion and recommendation, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Avitar Map Maintenance Renewal Agreement

Kyle motioned to table this until they receive and review bids for assessing as some might include a software change, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Groton Historical Society (GHS) Request to Use The Town Hall

The GHS requested to use the Town Hall on Sunday, November 13 from 2:00-4:00pm to complete their annual business meeting. **Kyle motioned to allow GHS to use the Hall on November 13, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Budget Work Sessions

The Board set up budget work sessions for November 3, 8 and 10 at 6:00pm at the Town House. The November 3 meeting will be with the Road Agent.

Schedule Interviews for Transfer Station Positions

Interviews for the Transfer Station positions will begin on November 1 at 6:00pm.

Flush Heating System

The Board discussed whether or not to flush the heating system in the Town House. They have several questions including heat output with antifreeze in the lines vs. just water, shelf life of the antifreeze, whether or not it is possible to have one zone with antifreeze and not the others, etc. **Miles motioned to table this until they get the answers to these questions, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Miles announced that Groton Police Officer Tim Vincent apprehended Chris Patton who had been hiding from the law.

Miles motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:31pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to return to public session at 9:04pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

The Board agreed to award letters of commendation to Officer Vincent for apprehending Chris Patton and the Highway Department for the hard work they did during Tropical Storm Irene and its aftermath. Pam will get Chief Pivrotto's input on the Vincent commendation.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:07pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant