

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
November 22, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of November 15 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted, Ron abstaining as he was not present at last week's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Junkyard: Faucher

Miles reported that as of today Mr. Faucher is finished with snowmobile work for the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club. He had the opportunity to visit Mr. Faucher's property on Bailey Hill Road and reported that there is no change in status. The Board will send a letter to Mr. Faucher regarding the removal of the trailers.

Transfer Station Lighting

Kyle reported that he believes it is the box at the light not the conduit that leaks. He feels that for right now it is easier to drill weep holes in the switch box when the switch is replaced, and if they decide to change the light in the future the problem can be fixed at that time. The Board agreed to this.

Offsite backup

The Board reviewed four offsite backup options. Carbonite allows the Town to have multiple users and passwords for one price allowing each department security. The other options either charged for each desktop or each user/password thus making them more expensive in the long run. **Kyle motioned to do the free 30 day trial with Carbonite, and if the program meets the Town's needs then continue with it, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Letter to Attorney Glavey

Miles motioned to sign the letter to Attorney Glavey, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The letter explains the Board's position regarding the survey work recently submitted by Lee McClain for his property on Sculptured Rocks Road. The survey shows that two unknown properties that were deeded by Tax Collector's deed in 2006 are a part of Mr. McClain's property. The Board has enlisted some outside help to review the matter.

Welfare Guidelines

The Board will discuss the guidelines in a future work session once they have completed more of the 2012 proposed budget.

Newfound School District Select Board Representatives

Bridgewater Select Board member Terry Murphy contacted Miles and asked that he attend the public review of the findings of the Newfound School District's Data Task Force on December 7 at the high school. The following day one Select Board representative from each town in the district will meet to discuss these findings and school budgeting concerns. Several months ago Miles volunteered to be Groton' Select Board representative. He confirmed that he is willing to attend both meetings. Kyle and Ron thanked him for his willingness to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Rumney Select Board

The Rumney Select Board would like to meet with the Board to discuss Fire/EMS coverage for the Wind Farm area. Miles' recollection is that Fire Chief Roger Thompson had brought this up last year's budget work session indicating that Rumney might be looking for additional money. Mr. Thompson had clarified that Rumney has always been responsible for that area. The Board is willing to meet with Rumney, and they would like the Groton Fire and Police Chiefs to be a part of the discussion. They would prefer to discuss this in a work session dedicated to this topic only.

Letter of Support for North Country Council Solid Waste Technical Assistance Grant

Kyle motioned to sign the letter of support for North Country Council, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Safety Committee Meeting

A Safety Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, at 6:00pm.

Budget Work Session

The Board set Tuesday, Nov 29 at 6:30 to meet with the Moderator, and Thursday, December 1 at 6:00pm to meet with the Fire Chief followed by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Memo to Department Heads re 2011 Town Report Submissions

Submissions for the Groton 2011 Annual Report are due by December 30.

Memo to Treasurer re :Capital Reserve Transfers

Kyle motioned to sign the memo to the Treasurer regarding the availability of funds for transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Memo to Trustees of the of the Trust Fund re: Capital Reserve Transfers

Kyle motioned to sign the Memo to the Trustees authorizing them to transfer the funds appropriated at the 2011 Town Meeting to the Capital Reserve Fund, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Transfer Station Employees

Kyle announced that there are two new employees at the Transfer Station. Dan Cadigan has been hired as

an attendant and Joe Koslow as the new supervisor.

QUESTION AND COMMENTS

Slim Spafford thanked those who prepared the excellent Thanksgiving dinner for seniors on Saturday. He also commented on the nice Groton Historical Society photo display in the Hall.

Mr. Spafford announced that Groton's School Budget Committee representative Sharon Nelson has been diligently working with the other committee members to come up with a reasonable budget. They have asked the School Board to decrease the budget to \$20,000,000 which represents about a \$3,000,000 reduction. The Committee will be meeting once a week this month.

Miles stated that he was able to locate the pin on the common corner of Hebron, Groton and Alexandria. The marker is an iron stake with a flat stone next to it. On the stone are etchings of the years that they have been out there perambulating the line. Most of the dates are in the 1800s.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 7:57pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant