

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 3, 2012
7:00 PM**

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

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of December 27 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining as he was not present for that meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Paul Hatch from the Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management presented the Board with the paperwork for a \$5,000 Federal grant to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was first drafted in 2007 and is good for 5 years. Once the current plan is updated it will be submitted to FEMA for approval and then returned to the municipality for adoption by the Select Board. Having an up-to-date Hazard Mitigation Plan also makes the Town eligible for other grant opportunities for projects identified in the plan. **Miles motioned to accept the Hazard Mitigation Plan grant, Ron 2nd, so voted.** This is a 75/25 match grant, and the Town's portion will be met by in-kind services mostly consisting of committee work. The next step once the award letter is received is to put the committee together and meet with the contractor. The Town has contracted with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions to do the work.

UPDATES

Boat Storage Facility

Fred Sewall reported that he is waiting upon Bill Robertie to burn the wood piles once the ground is covered with snow. He said the Board may do a site visit any time they wish. The Board agreed to view the property on their own rather than as a Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Day Work Session

The Board agreed to post a work session for 4pm to 7pm to cover any issues that may come up.

Kirk Junkyard Site Visit

George Kirk has applied for a junkyard license. The Board agreed to conduct a site visit with Mr. Kirk on Thursday, January 5 at 10 am. They would like Ken Knowlton to review the license application.

Letter to Attorney Glavey re McClain survey

Miles motioned to sign the letter to Attorney Glavey, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit for US Cellular/SBA Tower, Map 8 Lot 2-1

US Cellular has received their special exception and gone before the Planning Board for Site Plan Review. **Ron motioned to sign the building permit for US Cellular/SBA Tower, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

We Log

The Town has not received any payment from We Log for the damage done on Sculptured Rocks Road. The next step is to file a Motion for Periodic Payments. **Miles motioned to file the Motion with the court to advise them that the Town has not received payment and wishes to pursue the matter, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Andover Geologic Contract

The Board noticed a \$500 increase in this year's contract. **Kyle motioned to table this until Pam contacts Suzanne Wall regarding the increase, Ron 2nd, so voted.**

Current Use (CU) Application for the Mary B. Brown Revocable Trust, Map 7, Lots 12-18, Halls Brook Road & Victoria's Mt. Way

Ron motioned to sign the CU application for the Mary B. Brown Revocable Trust, Map 7 Lots 12-18, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Edgar Albert Road Logging Operation

Miles reported that he had received a call from an Edgar Albert Road resident inquiring whether or not the Town has an ordinance addressing logging hours of operation. He was concerned about the amount of noise early in the morning. Miles reviewed the Town's ordinance which for the most part mirrors the disorderly conduct statute under the State criminal code with a few added provisions. The provisions do not address these circumstances, and the provisions in the state criminal code talk about loud, unreasonable noises that would disturb a person of average sensibilities. The resident mentioned that the noise began at about 6:30am and in Miles' opinion that would not violate the statute. However, this is a police issue to make that determination. No one in the audience was aware of a Town ordinance that deals with this. Chuck Stata mentioned that there is a noise provision for munitions, gun fire, etc. in the health ordinance but that does not apply in this case.

The Board does not believe that they should overreact to this by looking to adopt a new ordinance; however they will keep this in the back of their mind.

Kyle reported that Glen Hansen has had a discussion with the loggers about using the road when it is soft and damaging it. Glen told the loggers they are not allowed to use the road if it is not frozen. He will be monitoring this.

Veteran's Credit Application

The Board reviewed the Veteran's credit application for Jeffrey Bailey. **Kyle motioned to grant the Veteran's credit, Ron 2nd so voted.**

QUESTION AND COMMENTS

Chuck asked about getting a gas testing exemption at the land fill. Pam reported that Suzanne Wall has been advocating for this reduction. The State has denied her requests, telling her that they would like to see a longer track record before making a decision. Last year the State added an additional test. In response Ms. Wall advocated having that decision reversed. However, with the submission of the 2011 report the State will be two years behind in reviewing reports and thus has not acted upon her request.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant