

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2012**

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

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of February 7 as written, Ron 2nd, so voted.

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

The following candidates for office addressed the audience:

- Ann Joyce: Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 year term
- Dave LaBar: Planning Board, 3 year term
- Marilyn Lieto: Library Trustee, 3 year term
- Jiri Hajek: School Board, 3 year term
- Lou Lieto: School Board (3 year term) and Town Moderator (2 year term)
- Ron Madan: Select Board, one year term
- Sharon Nelson: School Budget Committee, 3 year term
- Christina Goodwin McClay: Select Board, one year term
- Bill Jolly: Local Auditor, one year term
- Stephen "Slim" Spafford: Planning Board, 3 year term
- Pamela Hamel: Cemetery Trustee, 3 year term
- Miles Sinclair: Select Board, three year term.

UPDATES

House Bill 1428

Miles reported that he spoke on behalf of the Board at a hearing to discuss the renewable portfolio standard. He was able to address the committee regarding the benefits of the Groton Wind Farm project to the Town of Groton.

Newfound Area School District Deliberative Session

Miles reported that voters will see a reduction in the school budget on this year's ballot. Lou Lieto stated that 525 people attended the deliberative session. Dialogue was vigorous but polite. The School Board and Budget Committee are in agreement on the proposed budget.

Sharon Nelson reminded the audience of the following:

1. A public hearing to discuss the petitioned warrant articles which will appear on the school ballot this year will be held in the Groton Library on Saturday, February 25 at 10:00am.
2. Groton voters will also have the opportunity to cast votes for School Board and Budget Committee candidates running for positions in Hebron and Danbury.

OLD BUSINESS

Avitar Software & Third Party Access to Application Data Waiver

Kyle announced that the Board met with the Town Clerk to discuss the waiver, and signed it during the work session.

Town Clerk Cabinets

Additional floor bracing will be needed before the fireproof cabinets currently located in the Library can be moved to the closet. Miles and Helen Santoro each have a lally column that they are willing to donate for the project. The Board will take another look at the area to determine the materials needed and discuss this again next week. **Kyle motioned to table this until Tuesday, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Account Numbers

Instead of working on the accounting system on Monday Pam would like to close the office at 10:00am on Friday to work on the project. The Board is fine with this and asked that she post the closing.

Meeting With Plymouth Select Board

The Monday, February 27, 6:00pm meeting with the Plymouth Select Board is scheduled for the same time as the Hazard Mitigation planning meeting. As the Select Board representative on the planning committee, Kyle stated that he would prefer to not reschedule the Plymouth meeting. Instead he will arrive late for the Hazard Mitigation meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Warrant/Budget

Kyle motioned to sign the 2012 Warrant and Table the MS-6 until next Tuesday, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Hardy Country Road Notice

Maxam NE has petitioned the Select Board to alter the intersection of Hardy Country Road and Sculptured Rocks Road to allow for a T intersection. The alteration involves discontinuing a portion of the existing Class VI road and laying out a new section of Class VI road. This will be discussed at Town Meeting. The notice is to inform the abutters (in this case the State of New Hampshire) and the petitioner of the date for the hearing. **Ron motioned to sign the Hardy Country Road Notice, Miles 2nd so voted.**

March 13 Select Board Meeting

There will be no Select Board meeting on March 13 due to the elections. The Board will have a work session from 4pm-7pm to address any necessary business.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant