

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2012**

In Attendance: Kyle Andrews, Christina Goodwin, Miles Sinclair, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of May 1 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle announced that there will be no public comment during the meeting. He will open up the floor for 15 minutes for comment at the end.

OLD BUSINESS

Bryer & Ashley Acknowledgements

Christina motioned to sign the acknowledgements and accompanying letter for both Ashley and Bryer, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit for Eric Woodman, Map 7 Lot 10 Victoria's Mtn. Way

Kyle motioned to sign the Building Permit and Municipal Liability Release for Eric Woodman, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Boat Storage Facility

There has been no change in the status of the property since last fall. Although there is not a lot of clean up left the Board feels the task needs to be completed and that there should be some kind of repercussion if the job is not finished. Initially property owners Fred Sewall and Miles Friend had requested that the partially erected building be allowed to remain. The Board had agreed contingent upon the property being cleaned up. They will send a letter giving Mr. Sewall and Mr. Friend 30 days from the date of the letter to finish the few tasks that remain.

NEW BUSINESS

Groton Part-time Police Officer

Police Chief Joe Pivrotto introduced Groton's new part-time police officer, Andrew Newcomb, to the audience. Mr. Newcomb works for the State Department of Corrections as a criminal investigator.

Radio Bids

The Board reviewed the radio bids submitted by Ossipee Mtn. Electronics, Gary Easson of G & E Security and Granite State Two-Way. Granite State Two-Way was eliminated due to cost. G & E's quote did not include a 110watt digital radio for the Fire Chief. There was some discussion regarding the difference between analog and

digital. Digital is standard for Police/Fire and EMS, and Groton's Police radios are capable of both formats. Most Highway Departments use analog. Fire Chief Roger Thompson and Gary Easson believe there is no need for the Groton Highway Department to have digital radios. The Board agreed to go with analog mobile radios for the Highway Department.

Regarding installation and repairs: Roger Thompson said that in his years working with Ossipee Mtn. he has never been without a radio. They can repair/install on site and they fully back their products. If the bid is awarded to G & E he does not know if Ossipee Mtn. will repair those radios. He has never had to deal with this as he has always purchased from and worked with Ossipee Mtn.

Gary Easson said that although he used to do installations and repairs it has been a number of years since he has worked with these radios. He does not consider installations complicated. There is no certification required to install them, he has done approximately 30 to 40 and he believes he is qualified. Regarding repairs; depending on the type of repair he might have to send it out to the factory. He would not have a replacement for the Town to use during the repair. For this reason, on quote this size he recommends that a few extra radios be purchased in case one needs repair.

Kyle motioned to table this for 2 weeks in order to have an opportunity to compare the two quotes, Miles 2nd, so voted. Gary asked if he could submit a quote for a 110 watt digital radio. The Board gave him until next Tuesday.

Building Permit for AT&T, Map 8 Lot 2-1, Tenney Tower

AT & T has received site plan approval and a special exception. **Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for AT&T, Christina 2nd, so voted.** They will be adding additional antennas and an equipment shed to the tower site on Tenney Mountain.

Veteran's Credit

Kyle motioned to table the veteran's credit application until they get some clarification on one of the medal/ribbons listed on the DD214, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Emergency Operation Plan Annual Concurrence

Kyle motioned to sign the Emergency Operation Plan Annual Concurrence, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Current Use Workshop

Pam will attend the Current Use workshop being held in Dorchester on May 22 from 9-12.

Transfer Station Position

There is an attendant's position open at the Transfer Station. The job will be posted in the Penny Saver for one week. Dead line for applications is May 25.

Septic Plans for Morgan, Map 6 Lot 12, North Groton Road

Miles motioned to sign the septic plans for Morgan, Map 6 lot 12, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Set up Work Session with Frank Tolman

The Board set up a work session with Frank Tolman for 5pm on Friday.

Timber Tax Warrant for Gordon Coursey, Map 9 Lot 5

Christina made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Coursey, Map 9 Lot 5, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Select Board Summer Schedule and Administrative Assistant Vacation

The Board set their meeting schedule for the summer:

- June 5, 19 & 26
- July 10 & 24
- August 7 & 21

The Board will return to weekly meetings beginning September 4. However should the work load require it, they are prepared to schedule additional meetings during the summer. Their office will be closed May 31, June 1 and July 30 through August 6.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Meetings:

- Library Trustees are meeting Wednesday, May 9 at 5:00pm.
- Road Committee meeting Monday, May 14 at 5:30pm.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:29pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant