

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 22, 2012**

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

Audience Members Present

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of May 15 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted, Kyle abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Bids

Gary Easson of G & E Security is not able to provide the 110 watt radio for the Fire Chief. This bid will go to Ossipee Mt. He is able to supply the analog radios for Highway Department at a lower cost. The Board believes he has the expertise to install these and will stand by his work. **Miles motioned to award the radio bid for the Fire Chief's equipment to Ossipee Mt. and the Highway Department equipment to Gary Easson of G & E Security, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

Groton/Plymouth Perambulation

Plymouth has chosen to not perambulate the Town line. The Groton Board will walk the line and re-mark the boundary. Chuck Stata donated the use of his GPS for the project. Miles and Kyle are planning to meet June 2 at 8:00am at Town House to proceed with the project.

Office Computers

The Board does not believe the old computers are worth putting money into and it is too costly to install internet at the garage. Christina will ask the Library Trustees if they are interested in one for the Library. The Board is willing to let the Town's computer technician have these old units for donation to Goodwill in exchange for stripping the hard drives.

Relocate Town Garage Grant

Paul Hatch from New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management is meeting with Pam on June 11 at 9:00am to work on the radio grants. He suggested meeting with Lance Harbour and Beth Peck afterwards to go over the mitigation grant for relocating the Town Garage. Mr. Harbour is an expert on the Cost/Benefit Analysis portion of the grant application. The application deadline is in late July. There is still a lot of leg work to do involving project costs before the application can be submitted. A representative of the Select Board will be involved in each step of the process. Bob Berti on behalf of Green Acre Woodlands has asked the Board to discuss among themselves how much land across from the Transfer Station that they are interested in and then meet with him to discuss their proposal. Chuck Stata suggested a possible land swap as the Town has a 50 acre lot off Old Rumney Road that Green Acre Woodlands might have an interest in. A work session was scheduled for Thursday, May 24 at 3 pm to look at the lot with the Road Agent.

Veteran's Credit Application for Taylor/Michalski

Christina motioned to sign the credit application denial and letter for Taylor/Michalski, Kyle 2nd so voted. Miles stated that a former Board had allowed this credit but further review shows that they do not qualify thus it will be revoked. Kyle and Christina agreed that Miles could contact Ms. Michalski to let her know about this prior to her receiving the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Work Session: Welfare Guidelines

The Board will continue to discuss the Welfare Guidelines after the Transfer Station position interviews on Tuesday, May 29.

Schedule Interviews: Transfer Station

Interviews for the Transfer Station position are scheduled for Tuesday at 6:00pm and 6:15pm. Joe Koslow will participate in the interviews if he is available. He asked the Board to take into consideration whether or not an applicant has their own transportation and if they are a resident.

Door/Overhang Bid Proposals

No bid proposals were submitted. Kyle believes that Matt Fysh's initial proposal was his bid. Pam will contact him. If he considers his initial proposal his bid then the job is his.

Junkyard Reports

Ken Knowlton, the Junkyard Dog, submitted the following reports;

- Bixby: in compliance. Will be visited prior to junkyard license renewal.
- Faucher: properties no longer in a violation.
- Evans: send a letter of introduction with regard to un-roadworthy vehicles on the back of the property.
- Fleming: send a letter of introduction. Ask Mr. Knowlton to contact him with the information for We Haul it Away and More. This company might haul away the dilapidated trailer.
- Hansen: property still in violation. Take the next step in the process. Pam will research the file.
- Kolomick: property was in compliance but is no longer. Mr. Knowlton should revisit the property. Letter will be sent.
- Newton: the Board would like Mr. Knowlton to make contact with Mr. Newton and revisit the property. They want to know what is under the tarps. Letter will be sent.
- Greenwood/Spaulding: property still in violation. Mr. Spaulding addressed the Board. He asked what he needs to remove from the front of the house. Miles explained that Mr. Knowlton has been working with Mr. Spaulding for two years letting him know what needs to be removed. Mr. Spaulding claims that he was told by a former Board "out of sight, out of mind," that Mr. Knowlton has given him conflicting responses to what he has to do, that he cleaned the front of the property last year, and that the box trailer is being used as a screen fence and he will get it registered. He stated that he was previously a business; Spaulding and Son Auto Sales. The Board explained they know of no business being operated from that location, that they are not bound by comments made by a prior Board as those comments do not satisfy the statute, that Mr. Knowlton's reports have been consistent (there has been some clean up but there is still a number of items that need to be removed), that the box trailer cannot be used for a screen fence and registering a vehicle does not make it road worthy or in compliance. Miles read Mr. Knowlton's most

recent Inspection Report. Out back there are seven junk vehicles, scrap metal, vehicle parts and a tire pile. Mr. Spaulding's options are to come into compliance and or get licensed. The Board has been working with him and the Greenwoods (the property owner and Mr. Spaulding's sister) for two years. They need a commitment regarding how much time it will take to get this cleaned up. Mr. Spaulding stated that because of health reasons he could not commit to a time frame. The Board is willing to give him 90 days from today (May 22) to come into compliance. If he is not in compliance they will be looking for the Town's attorney to take action. They will ask Ken Knowlton to contact Mr. Spaulding and discuss exactly what needs to be removed.

- Kirk: Pam spoke with Mrs. Kirk about a month ago. She reported that they have ordered the fencing and gate. The Board is looking to get this wrapped up and the license issued. Pam will contact Mr. Kirk.
- Tolman: Kevin Maass has been cleaning up the property. They will contact Mr. Knowlton and have him arrange an appointment to meet with Mr. Tolman and inspect the property.

Library Trustees

Christina clarified that although the Library budget is through the town and the employee would be a town employee, it is the Trustees who do the hiring. She asked if the Board wanted to be involved in the process. The Board will leave this to the Trustees to take care of.

Timber Tax Warrant for Morrow

Kyle motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Morrow, Map 2 Lot 86-1, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Intent to Cut for Smith

Miles motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Smith, Map 10 Lot 31 Groton Hollow Road, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Intent to Cut for Yankee Forest

Christina motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Yankee Forest, Map 9 Lot 1 Groton Hollow Road, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Main Security Surveillance 2012/2013 Lease Agreement

Miles motioned to table this until next week as he was not able to finish reading the agreement, Christina 2nd, so voted.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Library Trustees are meeting Wednesday at 5:00pm.

Kyle motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A3: II (b) at 8:58pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to return to public session at 9:22pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles motioned to adjourn at 9:23pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant